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Honoring Melanie Winter Saturday, November 22

We have lost an environmental champion in **Melanie Winter**, who died of complications related to lung cancer last month. You can read her obituary [here](#). Please join us for an event in her honor **Saturday, November 22** at **Rio de Los Angeles State Park** from 1 to 4. Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/2025_11_22_melanie_winter.

Last month, we talked with Dan Pelegero of [Public Bank LA](#) about their effort, which is gaining momentum, to help establish a **public bank** here. We learned more about the new council files for the public bank effort. Even if your neighborhood council has submitted a community impact statement (CIS) to [Council File 19-1235](#), the old one, please also submit one to [Council File 19-1235-S1](#), a new one, and also to [Council File 25-0600-S16](#), a secondary file focused on discretionary funds to support the feasibility study. You can check out the recording and the chat at ncsa.la/public_bank_la_10-12_2025.

Zone 0 proposal is being rethought

Those who have objected to the original [Zone 0](#) proposals (including the Sustainability Alliance) are being heard, and as a result, it looks like a final decision will take longer than originally planned. Learn more from the LA Times [here](#).

Fire breaks

A parallel debate, and also one [we have also weighed in on](#), is being had about

fire breaks, or fuel breaks. It looks like more conversations are required—check out this [LA Times article](#).

Lawn to Habitat application window closes November 15

The application period for our Lawn to Habitat program closes **Saturday, November 15**. If you live in, own, or are otherwise connected to a multi-family residential property in the city of Los Angeles with a grass lawn and would like to see it converted to a **100% California-native plant yard** with **water capture features**, this could be your opportunity. Visit nca.la/lawn_to_habitat_call to learn more.

New resolution in opposition to the gondola

Councilmembers **Hernandez** and **Jurado**, seconded by **Soto-Martínez**, have introduced a [resolution](#) (in [Council File 25-1295](#)) to oppose the gondola and urge Metro to do the same. We welcome public comments and community impact statements in support of the resolution!

SB 79 signed into law

[California State Bill 79](#), the controversial **housing density** bill, has been [signed into law by Governor Newsom](#). Councilmember **Park** has already introduced an interesting related [motion](#) (in [Council File 25-1083](#)), which was passed.

Help shape the future of biking in LA!

The [City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee](#) is conducting a 10–to–15-minute survey to better understand the needs and priorities of **bicyclists** across the City of Los Angeles. You can take the survey in either [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Charter Reform Commission updates

Check out [this article](#) from LAist about the challenges the [Charter Reform Commission](#) has been undergoing and concerns, given the timeline, about their ability to get much done. That said, the committee whose purview includes neighborhood councils, the Better Government Committee, will meet Saturday (today), November 8 at 10, and the [Department of Neighborhood Empowerment](#), among others, is on the [agenda](#).

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