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Happy holidays! We wish you all the best, and we hope that 2026 is easier on LA than 2025 was, which is why we work on so hard on all these issues. Please read on, and please consider joining one of our [committees](#).

**Parking Minimums THIS Sunday, December 14, at 6:30**

Please join us for a conversation THIS Sunday at 6:30 via Zoom with experts about parking minimums (required minimums for the number of off-street parking spaces). In 2021 the Sustainability Alliance took a position against the motion in [Council File 21-0002-S106](#) (Koretz), which sought to maintain parking-minimum requirements near transit. Now there is a motion in [Council File 25-0642 \(Blumenfield, Raman\)](#) that explores extending the elimination of parking minimums citywide. Our two speakers are in support of eliminating parking minimums (those opposed who we have invited are either unavailable or have not responded), but we hope to have a robust conversation regardless. Learn more and RSVP at [ncsa.la/parking\\_minimums\\_12-14\\_2025](https://ncsa.la/parking_minimums_12-14_2025).

**Last month**, we honored environmentalist **Melanie Winter** at the **Rio de Los Angeles State Park**, which she was instrumental in creating. To view City Council's adjournment in memory of Melanie, visit [here](#) at the time stamp 3:51:18. You can still contribute to the Alliance, the repair of the tile bench at the park, and the maintenance of [The River Project](#) website at [ncsa.la/2025\\_11\\_22\\_melanie\\_winter](https://ncsa.la/2025_11_22_melanie_winter).

**LA Zoo settlement is approved, and excessive expansion will not be executed**

In this work, we win some and we lose some. This time, we won! City Council

approved a settlement with Friends of Griffith Park and Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust, and the changes that we found deeply troubling, such as the creation of a Condor Canyon and significant disruption of a **natural ridgeline**, will not be executed. Learn more at [ncsa.la/advocacy\\_la\\_zoo\\_expansion](https://ncsa.la/advocacy_la_zoo_expansion).

### **SoCalGas is encouraging folks in the Palisades to rebuild using gas**

SoCalGas is leveraging incentives enabled by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to promote **gas appliances** in the Palisades. Learn more at [insideclimatenews.org/news/03122025/la-wildfire-all-electric-rebuild/](https://insideclimatenews.org/news/03122025/la-wildfire-all-electric-rebuild/). You can submit your comments to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) [here](#), mentioning proceeding number R2504010.

### **LA28 leadership is changing**

[LA28 has recently brought on board members who have ties to President Trump](#). This is especially important given [concerns about undocumented immigrants and the role that ICE might play during the Olympics and Paralympics](#).

### **LA Metro moves the gondola forward, despite City Council's objections**

LA City Council, via [Council File 25-1295 \(Hernandez and Jurado\)](#), voted 12 to 1 to urge LA Metro to deny reapproval of the gondola project. (Initially, both **Councilmembers Hutt** and **Lee** opposed, but later Hutt changed her vote to yes.) Learn more in this [LA Times article](#). **Mayor Bass** did not sign the resolution, but passed it on to the City Clerk, and it was deemed approved. At the following LA Metro vote, which was a requirement due to litigation and agendaed on the consent calendar, Supervisor Janice Hahn was the lone *no* vote. Metro board members Mayor Bass and **Councilmembers Padilla** and **Yaroslavsky**, who were appointed by Bass, voted yes and had recused themselves from the City Council vote. The gondola still requires approvals from the California State Park and Recreation Commission, Caltrans, the Federal Highway Authority, and, yes, the City of Los Angeles.

### **Policymaking Under Uncertainty: Zone 0 and Vegetation Clearance**

As the Zone 0 conversation continues, **UCLA's Sustainable LA Grand Challenge** will be hosting a three-part series about research-informed

policymaking for **fire resilience**. The first in the series will be this Friday, the 12th, at noon. Learn more and register [here](#).

### **Composting workshop**

Join LA Compost for a **composting** workshop this evening in Studio City. Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

### **Remembering Donte Woods**

Activist Donte Woods, who did a lot to help bring more than 40 neighborhood councils on board to support the STAND-LA effort against **neighborhood oil drilling**, died recently of a heart attack. He and his loved ones are in our hearts.

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