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Well, this has been a bumpy start to the new year! If you have not read George Orwell's *1984*, now might be the time, because the Trump administration does not seem to want you to believe what you can see with your own eyes. **ICE** has not left Los Angeles, and [this video](#) provides a helpful breakdown, using a real-life Minneapolis example, of what you might be faced with and how you can respond. Meanwhile, [we wait to see LA28's "human rights strategy."](#)

City Attorney candidate forum Sunday, February 22

Join [City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto](#) and challengers [Marissa Roy](#) and [Aida Ashouri](#) Sunday, February 22 at 6:30 for a candidate forum, with a focus on sustainability. RSVP and submit potential questions at nca.la/city_atty_candidate_forum_2-22_2026.

Last month, Steve Baule of the Mayor's Office of Energy and Sustainability shared with us the City's draft **Climate Implementation Plan** and heard ideas about how to improve upon it. You can check out the recording, chat, and slides at nca.la/climate_implementation_plan_1-11_2026.

The climate crisis and Councilmember Traci Park

At the recent *They Let Us Burn* rally commemorating a year since the Palisades fire, **Councilmember Park** told a cheering crowd, "[It wasn't an act of nature. It wasn't some 'storm of the century.' And it wasn't climate change, and don't let anybody try to tell you otherwise.](#)" See the [video](#) at 34:00. Many other comments could and should be made about this rally, but for the moment, let us remind the councilmember that, as is the case with many horrific events, the **Palisades fire** has a complex set of causes—the **climate crisis** being one of

them, and that, as a leader of her community, she has a lot of influence, and that with such influence comes great responsibility. We ignore the role of **climate change** at our peril.

Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project moves forward

The Metro Board voted to approve the proposed Modified Alternative 5 as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Sepulveda Corridor, which includes a direct on-campus UCLA station and a seamless connection to the Purple/D Line station in Westwood, **meeting the goals** of the [STC4All coalition](#), of which we are a member. This would be a heavy rail line, with a projected 18- to 20-minute ride from the Expo/Sepulveda Station on the E line to the Van Nuys Metrolink Station. There are many more steps in the process to follow. For more information, visit [this site](#) and [this site](#).

Lawn to Habitat Saturday and Sunday, March 7 & 8

We are bringing back our popular **Lawn to Habitat** program, this year to Exposition Park, Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8. Join us to help us transform a conventional yard into a **native plant habitat oasis**! Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/lawn_habitat_3-7_8_2026.

Western monarch butterfly population remains at a historic low

The Xerces Society reports a disturbing trend in the [western monarch butterfly population, which remains at a historic low](#), driven by **habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change**, rendering the entire population vulnerable. People who want to help in their individual capacities can avoid pesticides and plant **native plants**, especially **native milkweed**. You can also read about this in the [LA Times](#).

Santa Monica leaves the door open for no more artificial turf

The Santa Monica City Council, instead of voting to replace existing **artificial turf** with more of the same (like for like), [voted instead to consider natural alternatives](#) at the end of the artificial turf lifespan, when more research should be available.

Landscape Efficiency Assistance Program (LEAP) for disadvantaged communities

Through LADWP's Landscape Efficiency Assistance Program (LEAP), LADWP customers living in disadvantaged communities might qualify for free services to replace **traditional lawns** with sustainable, drought-tolerant landscapes. Learn more at laddwp.com/leap, and to find out if your property is in a qualified disadvantaged community, visit the [FAQs page](#).

Charter reform to support trees? Not at this time

The [Charter Reform Commission](#) decided not to take up the [Community Forest Advisory Committee](#)'s proposal, supported by the Sustainability Alliance through our [trees committee](#)'s recommendation, that a chief forester who is also an urban ecologist head the [Office of Forest Management](#) and that the City also hire an urban biologist, and that these two have the authority to oversee the tree policy of all the various siloed departments that manage **trees** in the city.

Listening sessions from the Office of Public Accountability

Do you care about your **electricity** and **water** costs and **affordability** overall? The [Office of Public Accountability \(OPA\) / Ratepayer Advocate](#) is hosting a series of **listening sessions** across the city to better understand Angelenos' perspectives on their LADWP utility bills and broader challenges with affordability. They are in person, and the next two will be February 5 and 11. [See here for more details](#).

Fight sportswashing Tuesday, February 17 at Dodger Stadium!

Are you tired of the Dodgers being sponsored by **oil giant** Phillips 66? Come out to Dodger Stadium and support the [Dodger anti-sportswashing campaign](#) Tuesday, February 17, from 8:30 to 9:30 am and demonstrate at exactly the same time as folks at 10 stadiums across the country. Each protester needs one friend to take their photo in front of their respective stadium. Please find more details and sign up [using this form](#).

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