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Help us create the City's Heat Action and Resilience Plan

We are working with the City of Los Angeles to develop a Heat Action and Resilience Plan, and invite you to be a part of the process! Join us for our first workshop Thursday, August 27 from 6 to 7:30 via Zoom: ncsa.la/heat_awareness_8-27_2026.

Join us for a Mayoral Environmental Educational Forum

We are excited to be cohosting a mayoral environmental educational forum Thursday, September 3 from 6 to 8 in Historic South Central LA. Learn more and RSVP at [this page](#).

Last month, we hosted a conversation about the controversial proposed **Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project**. You can see the recording at ncsa.la/arroyo_seco_water_reuse_7-12_2026.

Following the meeting, we submitted [this letter](#).

Climate Action Plan

Here are [our comments](#) on the [Mayor's Climate Action Plan](#).

Lawn to Habitat applications open!

We are launching our fourth annual Lawn to Habitat transformation! 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% native plant yard with water capture features**, this could be your

opportunity. Please visit [ncsa.la/lawn to habitat call](https://ncsa.la/lawn-to-habitat-call) to learn more. Applications are due October 1.

Artificial turf webinar

Here is a good [webinar on artificial turf](#) from [New Jersey Sierra Club](#).

Clean leaf blowers?

The Trump EPA wants to undermine California's authority to protect its residents from **gas-powered leaf blowers**. The EPA has refused to act on California's pending authorization for its Small Off-Road Engine (SORE) emissions standards and instead sent the authorization to Congress for review under the Congressional Review Act. Congress and Trump could disapprove the authorization, threatening California's ability to enforce these important clean-air standards. In the interim, South Coast AQMD provides significant incentives to make the switch to **electric alternatives**. Here is information for [residences](#), and here is information for [businesses](#).

Scattergood

How viable is **hydrogen** as a **clean fuel**? This question is at the heart of a debate about the Scattergood power plant. City Council voted to deny the appeal that we [had supported](#) and ask LADWP to continue settlement discussions with the objective of reaching a resolution within 45 days. Visit the [council file](#) to see how they voted. If the involved parties do not come to a resolution, it is expected that the issue will go to court.

Support a reusable future for Los Angeles and sign this petition

Please sign and share [this petition](#) in support of a new local law requiring **reuse** for onsite dining at local restaurants and food establishments and **reuse** at stadiums and venues in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Gondola funding

LAist [reports](#) that former Dodgers owner Frank McCourt's real estate company has donated \$25,000 to a committee working to reelect Mayor Bass. Bass

chairs LA Metro, and McCourt, who co-owns the parking lots around Dodger Stadium, is seeking support for the gondola from LA Metro.

Congress of Neighborhoods

Have you taken on a sustainability project such as **adopting a median, installing bioswales, planting native plants and trees, or getting bike lanes installed**, and encountered any bureaucratic hurdles along the way? Are you open to sharing your experience at the Congress of Neighborhoods, Saturday, September 26, at a workshop we will host? If so, please reach out to Lisa Hart at lisahart@ncsa.la.

Charter reform

Check out this [synopsis of the charter reform process](#) written by someone who served on the commission.

Remembering Steve Appleton, Marilouise Morgan, and Eric Washington

Steve Appleton, founder of LA River Kayak Safari, [died of cancer at the age of 65](#). Marilouise Morgan, trees committee member and former representative from the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council, died July 17 at the age of 96. Community activist Eric Washington was shot and killed during a Fourth of July celebration at the age of 37.

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