



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER/PLAYA

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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CONTINUES TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY

Neighborhood Councils are designed to give all individuals: residents, business owners, property owners, renters, youth, non-profit providers and others a more effective way to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Through Neighborhood Councils, all stakeholders will have a better way to understand the issues that divide them, and find common solutions through the bonds of friendship and community. Those who are more organized will win.

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) is governed by a board of directors elected by our community that meets monthly. NCWP's goal is to increase public participation in government and advocate at City Hall and elsewhere for our community. Our Neighborhood Council has the ability to build our community and nourish the democratic spirit of individuals through shared values such as compassion, tolerance and equality.

Since its inception, our Neighborhood Council has focused on doing what it can to improve our community. From projects that impact public safety to beautification efforts, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa continues to make a difference.

Over the past several months, we have approved the expenditure of thousands of dollars that have gone directly to benefit those who live in the area we serve.

Among those expenditures were:

Funding to assist the Westchester Business Improvement District in lighting the trees along Sepulveda Boulevard;

Funding to support the LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce's Youth Summit that exposed local Middle School students to a variety of career opportunities and anti-drug and anti-gang messages;

Funding to provide needed school supplies to students at local LAUSD elementary schools;

Funding for the Westchester Senior Center to make repairs to its pool table and purchase a Wii-Fit system to encourage seniors to be more active;

Funding for the repair of Little League field dugouts and assistance with the purchase of a tractor that will be used for field maintenance to benefit our local youth athletes;

Funding for all three local Los Angeles Fire Department Stations (Nos. 5, 67 and 95) to make repairs, purchase furnishings, gym equipment, tools and more;

Funding to support the Los Angeles Police Department's Pacific Area Explorers and DAPS (Deputy Auxiliary Police Service) programs, which provide local youth with law enforcement training, sporting accessories as well as extracurricular outings and competitive field trips;

Funding for the purchase of tables and chairs for the LAPD break room as part of a community project that included getting the

city to replace the broken-down cabinets and asbestos floor tiles and paint the walls; and

Funding of the SafeTProof Earthquake trailer for the annual LAPD Open House.

In addition to providing money for our community in various ways, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa has also taken seriously its role as an advocate for our community.

Whether it is advising our elected officials about where the community stands or taking the bull by the horns to help our community directly, NCWP has been successful.

Among some of NCWP's efforts to engage our community directly are the following:

Organization of safety meetings focusing on burglary prevention with LAPD detectives and senior lead officers, as well as organizations of Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness meetings with LAFD;

Organization of Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes twice a year for the last three years to help local citizens be prepared in the event of an emergency affecting our community;

Organization of a women's self-defense class; and Organization of a Candidates Forum for candidates in the March 3 citywide election, where members of the public could meet and ask questions of those running for office.

On the policy side, NCWP has also taken an active role in advocating for the best interests of our community.

NCWP demanded that an Environmental Impact

Report be undertaken by developers trying to develop property at Toes Beach, Egret Park and the Westchester Bluffs.

NCWP actively opposed Culver City's Entrada office tower, and pushed the developers of the tower at Howard Hughes Center to reduce the proposed height of that building by six stories.

NCWP has continued to be a strong community voice in opposition to airport expansion at every turn.

NCWP also authored a proposed governance model for Westchester High School that would have given the community a larger say in how that school operates. And while that proposal was defeated by teachers at the school, NCWP continues to play a key role in improving our local schools.



STOMP OUT GRAFFITI Graffiti Removal Program

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OUR BOUNDRIES ARE: MULHOLLAND DRIVE (TO THE NORTH), LAX (TO THE SOUTH), LA BREA (TO THE EAST), COAST LINE (TO THE WEST) AND INCLUDES COUNCIL DISTRICTS 11, 5, PART OF 10 & 4. (EXCLUDES BEVERLY HILLS, COLVER CITY, SANTA MONICA AND UCLA)

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Did you know...?

It was brought to our attention by Michael Roberts that our answer to "What was the original name of Orville Wright Middle School?" was only partially correct. Westchester High School and Westchester Junior High School shared the same campus for a period of time while the Westchester High School campus was being completed at its present site on Manchester. The schools were on split session with morning and afternoon classes.

STANDING MEETING SCHEDULE

Airport Relations: 4th Thursday at 6 p.m.
LAX Soundproofing Office, 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd.
Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.
Budget & Finance: As Needed at 5:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.
Bylaws: As Needed
Visit www.ncwpdr.org for location
Communications: As Needed
Loyola Village Library, 7714 Manchester Blvd.

Education: 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.
Elections: As Needed
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.
Governmental Affairs/City Services: 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
8740 La Tijera Blvd.
Membership/Marketing: As Needed
Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.

Planning and Land Use: 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.
Public Safety: 4th Monday at 6:30 p.m.
8740 La Tijera Blvd.
Lincoln Streetscape: As Needed
Visit www.ncwpdr.org for location
Sepulveda Streetscape: 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.