Attend NCWP Committee Meetings
The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa has eight standing committees that discuss various topics of interest to our community. To learn about these issues in more depth, please take the time to attend our committee meetings, and let your voice be heard.

Airport Relations
Third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Clifton Moore Administration Building, LAX

Budget and Finance
First Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
7166 W Manchester Ave., Community Room

Education
Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Loyola Village Library

Government Affairs/City Services
Meet as needed
Please check website for time and location

Homelessness & Vehicular Living
Meet as needed
Please check website for time and location

Outreach
Meet as needed
Please check website for time and location

Planning & Land Use
Third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Loyola Village Library

Public Safety
Meet as needed
Please check website for time and location

BOARD MEETING
First Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Community Room @ Westchester Municipal Building

Meet the NCWP Board of Directors
Over the next several pages, you will find brief profiles of the men and women who have been elected by the community to serve on the board of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa. They represent nearly every aspect of our community and volunteer their time to serve on the quasi-governmental agency created by the City of Los Angeles. A schedule of board and committee meetings can be found on the left of the publication or on the website at www.ncwpdr.org.

GEORGE MAULMAN, BUSINESS DISTRICT 9 (VICE PRESIDENT)
Our community’s primary focus should be on ... working together to improve our everyday quality of life and fighting to encourage the city to do the same
I ran for the NCWP board because ... I think it is every person’s duty to give back to the community. Unless you are willing to be part of the solution, you don’t have a right to gripe about how to fix the problem.
The thing no one knows about our community is ... that there are some kind of mementos from the Oscars buried in the entry area of the Paradise Building. Let’s open them up and see what’s inside!
I live by the motto ... “It’s amazing what you can accomplish when you don’t care who gets the credit.” – Harry S Truman

JOHN CASEY, DISTRICT 9 (RECORDING SECRETARY)
Our community’s primary focus should be on ... Controlling environmental impacts (wetland preservation, noise and traffic control, etc) of the airport, developments, and other projects
Our community’s primary focus should be on ... Maintaining our sense of community and that is stronger. I think that the Neighborhood Council is a good place to focus on doing that.
I ran for the NCWP board because ... I wanted to help make our community better and stronger.
I live by the motto ... “If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, change your attitude. Don’t complain.”

JOHN CASEY, DISTRICT 9 (CORRESPONDING SECRETARY)
If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ... Get an off-leash dog park and/or a dog beach
I live by the motto ... Is it the Truth?

NORA MACLELLAN, AT-LARGE (VICE PRESIDENT)
Our community’s best hidden gem is ... Our close access to the Beach and the Ocean, the Wetlands, and even LAX!
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I live by the motto ... “One raindrop raises the sea”

Join the Board
The Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa currently has several vacancies.

If you are interested in joining the board and qualify to fill a vacant seat, please contact President Cyndi Hench at (213) 473-7023 or via email at kentwoodnw@aol.com.

For more information, please visit the Neighborhood Council website at www.ncwpdr.com.

The purpose and role of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa is to serve as the voice of your community to City Council and to provide a forum for discussion and review of issues that concern our stakeholders. We can assist and make recommendations when appropriate to government and private agencies.
CRAIG EGGERS, DISTRICT 3

Our community’s best hidden gem is... The whole beach vibe – untouched for years.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Stewardship – securing the well being of our community for future generations.

The thing no one knows about our community is... Its history.

I live by the motto(s)... Be honest – so you don’t have to remember what you said, treat people with the respect they deserve and then something about people in glass houses.

CHERYL BURNETT, DISTRICT 1

Our community’s best hidden gem is... The whole beach vibe – untouched for years.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Community building, so that everyone feels ownership of public safety, education, development, traffic issues, etc. If we all worked together, and in coordination with our neighboring communities, we could make a huge difference.

A book everyone should read... I’ve spent the summer re-reading Jane Austen’s novels. Does it get any better?

On my iPod right now... A playlist I made for my parents’ 50th wedding anniversary. It brings back all the memories of growing up.

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Wave a magic wand and get some real public transportation in Los Angeles.

JOAN TRIMBLE, DISTRICT 2

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Building ties with one another to ensure that we continue to collectively press for the health, happiness, safety, and prosperity of our community.

A book everyone should read... Sun Tzu’s The Art of War

On my iPod right now... I listen to a wide variety of music. The last three albums I purchased were by Cults, The Antlers, and Jay Z and Kanye West’s Watch the Throne.

The thing no one knows about our community is... We have great shopping. Between the Westchester Triangle and Howard Hughes Center you can find everything you need from designer shoes to kitty litter.

JOHN LOIZEAUX, DISTRICT 6

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Safety

A book everyone should read... “The Kind of Prosperity” by Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Make LAX clean up the property they own and get mass transit all the way into the airport.

I ran for the NCWP board because... I want to keep this area a great place to live.

ALAN QUON, DISTRICT 5

Our community’s best hidden gem is... I think our whole neighborhood is a gem. From its friendly small town feel inside a big city to its proximity to pretty much anywhere. We have great neighbors, food, higher education, and beaches to name a few.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Persevering a home town feel to our community while change and adapt to our modern times.

The fad I never bought into is... Twitter. I don’t believe everyone needs to know what I’m doing on a consistent basis.

I ran for the NCWP board because... I grew up in Westchester and am grateful for the upbringing this community afforded me. I felt a desire to preserve that for future generations and help to make this community a better place.

ALEX EYCHIS, DISTRICT 14

Our community’s best hidden gem is... I think our whole neighborhood is a gem. From its friendly small town feel inside a big city to its proximity to pretty much anywhere. We have great neighbors, food, higher education, and beaches to name a few.

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Tony Schaffer, District 7

Our community’s best hidden gem is... The beach... Everyone sees it, nobody goes.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Optimizing the best qualities of our area.

Books everyone should read... The Federalist Papers and Fountainhead

On my iPod right now is... The Wall by Pink Floyd and Words for Free

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Figure out how to improve cell reception without bringing in a tower.

Paul Radke, District 11

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Creating jobs for the unemployed.

A book everyone should read... Atlas Shrugged and Animal Farm

I ran for the NCWP board because... I was hoping to have a greater insight on local government and perhaps a small influence on political outcomes.

The thing no one knows about our community is... The level of effort a few good people spend on a daily basis working in the background to preserve and improve the quality of life for those who live here.

Denny Schneider, District 12

Our community’s best hidden gem is... The people who consist of four to six generations of caring and sharing values.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Keeping the small hometown feel within our giant megalopolis.

My favorite place to eat in our community is... Italy’s Little Kitchen and you have to try the chapino and home made bread.

The thing no one knows about our community is... That we have a strong survival mechanism that brings out the best in our community when we are threatened.

John Casey, District 9

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Continuously working together to make Playa/Westchester the highest quality location to live on the Westside. To be the best community to live in, raise a family, enjoy friends and enjoy our gorgeous surroundings as a cohesive group requires everyone’s commitment, time and focus.

The fad I never bought into is... NEON.

I live by the motto... “Be the change you want to see in the world” – Mahatma Gandhi

Ted Krueber, District 15

Our community’s best hidden gem is... Westchester Parkway as a Tour de France-esque biking course.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... All of us working to help our conversations as a community on issues to be fact-based and not shrill.

I ran for the NCWP board because... I wanted to be more aware of the issues in our community and to represent my demographic well (prematurely balding young Westchester homeowners who are LMU alums and their spouses).

The thing no one knows about our community is... You can save on future purchases of golf balls by just going by 88th Street and Emerson on a Sunday evening and collecting what’s there.

Lori Kuhn, At-Large

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Continually working together to make Playa/Westchester area the highest quality location to live on the Westside. To be the best community to live in, raise a family, enjoy friends and enjoy our gorgeous surroundings as a cohesive group requires everyone’s commitment, time and focus.

The fad I never bought into is... NEON

The thing no one knows about our community is... It “IS” by far, the best place to live in all of L.A.!

I live by the motto... “Be the change you want to see in the world” – Mahatma Gandhi

Thomas Flintoft, District 8

Our community’s best hidden gem is... The little league baseball field at the Del Rey Lagoon. I suggest you pack a picnic or grab some delicious take out from the local restaurants and sit in the outfield one Sunday in the spring and enjoy a great community and family tradition.

The fad I never bought into is... Social networking via the internet. Sometimes it’s best not to know too much about each other and it’s more fun sharing stories in person and over a great meal.

I ran for the NCWP board because... It is important to participate in your community and being on the NCWP is one of the more significant ways to contribute. But in reality I’m in the one benefitting the most from the experience – it helps me feel more a part of our community.

My favorite place to eat in our community is... Catalini’s in Playa del Rey and you have to try the eggplant parmesan.
Our community’s primary focus should be on keeping the area beautiful and safe. Helping the people and the community at-large and providing me with great comfort after the loss of my parents.

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Make our community and our entire City cleaner – I am particularly so tired of seeing the graffiti.

I live by the motto... “Spend less than you make”

LANCE WILLIAMS, BUSINESS 90094

Our community’s best hidden gem is... The Ballona Wetlands. Well worth a tour.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Our community's primary focus should be on... Improving quality of life for all citizens.

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Get a lighted facility for our local High School Baseball games to be played at night.

I ran for the NCWP board because... Opportunity to work with people who are making our community better.

My favorite place to eat in our community is... Tower Pizza, what a great, local establishment!

CLARENCE GRIFFIN, LMU

Our community’s best hidden gem is... LMU (though the LMU letters on the Bluff might give us away just a bit)

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Integrating seniors into every aspect community activity

I ran for the NCWP board because... The Pet Rock and tattoos. I have no problem with people who have one or both — I just don’t see me getting one.

Create a greater awareness of the improving educational opportunities in our community

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Find permanent housing for our homeless veterans and their families with kids

Our children

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Move LAX to Palmdale

I live by the motto... If something is worth doing, it’s worth doing right!

LANCE WILLIAMS, BUSINESS 90093

Our community’s best hidden gem is... The Battina Wetlands. Well worth a tour.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Helping the people and the community at-large and keeping the area beautiful and safe.

I ran for the NCWP board because... I want to make a difference and keep in better touch with the community and the people who live here

I live by the motto... Be kind to others including animals

LANCE WILLIAMS, BUSINESS 90094

PATRICIA LYON, INCOME PROPERTY

Our community’s best hidden gem is... 87th St. We have a wonderful shopping district that is supported by the neighbors. Every store on this street is individually owned and operated. We have several merchants who have been in business over 40 years.

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Quality of life – Clean air, good schools and safety

One book everyone should read... Tuesdays with Morrie... it puts life in perspective and gives us a focus of the importance of our relationships

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Find the resources to clean up the streets, fix the sidewalks and trim the trees

SHERYL THOMAS-PERKINS, LAX

Our community’s best hidden gem is... Not necessarily hidden, but may not be valued or utilized by as many people as it should be. It’s the Los Angeles Public Library system, in both Playa Vista and Westchester. Where else may you obtain countless information and entertainment for free?

One book everyone should read... The Holy Bible, because it has answers to every conceivable question and provides solutions to all problems.

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Reform the racists

The thing no one knows about our community is... That it is home to one of our nation’s finest high school a Capella choirs, or at least it used to be. The Westchester High School a Capella choir of 1975-1977 consisted of the most talented singers in the history of the school, under the direction of the illustrious Robert Woods. I sang second soprano in that great choir and recorded an album with fellow choir members.

DALLAS WEBSTER, RELIGIOUS

Our community’s best hidden gem is... The growing arts community: Otis College Gallery, Canterbury Art Shoppe (in the Triangle); & Fine Arts by Lona (corner of Manchester & Lincoln Blvd) and the two galleries in the parking lot south of Titons’ and the Mexican Restaurant. Good stuff in each one.

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Create a greater awareness of the improving educational opportunities in our community

The fad I never bought into is... The Pet Rock and tattoos. I have no problem with people who have one or both — I just don’t see me getting one.

I ran for the NCWP board because... I wanted to contribute to the community in a capacity that was beyond my professional life. The opportunity to meet and work with individuals and groups I might not otherwise know has been a most enriching personal and professional experience.

SIBYL BUCHANAN

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Quality of life – Clean air, good schools and safety

One book everyone should read... A book everyone should read is... 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper. It is a quick read that provided me with great comfort after the loss of my parents.

Our community's primary focus should be on... Our community’s primary focus should be on... Our community's primary focus should be on... Improving quality of life for all citizens.

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Find the resources to clean up the streets, fix the sidewalks and trim the trees

Find permanent housing for our homeless veterans and their families with kids

The thing no one knows about our community is... It is extremely quiet – except for the planes.

SHERYL THOMAS-PERKINS

BOOKER PEARSON, SENIOR CITIZENS

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Improving quality of life for all citizens

One book everyone should read... One book everyone should read is... Eating Animals

If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would... Find permanent housing for our homeless veterans and their families with kids

The thing no one knows about our community is... It is extremely quiet – except for the planes.

JACK TOPAL, SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Our community’s primary focus should be on... Coming together and understanding and supporting the problem solving of our community

I ran for the NCWP board because... I wish to be involved and act on behalf of our community. I care for the needs of my neighborhood

My favorite place to eat in our community is... Truxtons and you have to try the Brisket

The thing no one knows about our community is... Limited to what we read in our local paper

CLARENCE GRIFFIN, LMU

ANDY KAMM, EDUCATION

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