

Title: Host LAUSD Facilities Forum for the Westchester/Playa Community Item No. _____
Meeting date: November 5, 2017
Agendized by: Education Committee
Contact person: Dr. Michele Cooley-Strickland Phone number:
Committee Vote (if appropriate): Unanimous
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Additional documents attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation that the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa **host a LAUSD Facilities Forum for the Westchester/Playa Community** in the Fall of 2017. This community meeting would be for Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista parents and local stakeholders – ideally including neighboring Westside communities -- to have Q&A with local LAUSD officials to understand their plans for investing in facility maintenance and improvements in the publicly-funded elementary, middle, and high school campuses located in Westchester/Playa.

Hosting a community meeting on facilities would permit the NCWP to:

- 1) Provide residents and stakeholders in the Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista communities as well as surrounding areas with an opportunity to hear directly from education officials from Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) regarding their plans to make facilities improvements to the campuses located in Westchester/Playa.
- 2) Engage local parents (with and without school-aged children), child-free community members, and concerned stakeholders (e.g., realtors, business owners) to understand the process involved in maintaining and improving the publicly-funded elementary, middle, and high schools.
- 3) Provide an opportunity to partner with LAUSD in engaging the Westside community.

Potential locations could be a local public school auditorium, the Westchester Senior Center, Otis College of Art and Design, or Loyola Marymount University.

The date and location of the event will be set by LAUSD, but is expected to be held on a weekday evening before the end of 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The NCWP Education Committee has been working over the past years with LAUSD and LMU to strengthen the publicly-funded educational opportunities for families within Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista. We also successfully hosted several large education forums for our community. Through outreach and collaborative endeavors, we believe that hosting another large community event would assist in achieving the Committee’s longer-term goals to: 1) Attract more families with school-aged children into the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista communities; and 2) encourage residents of our communities not to move outside of our district to areas with more perceived quality publicly-funded school options.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee believes this collaborative education event is timely and meritorious, and will provide a forum to enhance the larger community’s engagement and investment in our local publicly-funded schools. We would be able to involve Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista families and stakeholders beyond those currently enrolled in the LAUSD schools.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Costs for advertising the event, brochures, NCWP branded give-aways, and programs would be part of the NCWP Outreach Committee budget and would not exceed \$500.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

MOTION:

Subject to the approval of the event budget, that the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa **host a LAUSD Facilities Forum for the Westchester/Playa Community** in the Fall of 2017. This community meeting would be for Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista parents and local stakeholders – ideally including neighboring Westside communities -- to have Q&A with LAUSD officials to understand their plans for investing in facility maintenance and improvements in the publicly-funded elementary, middle, and high school campuses in Westchester/Playa.