Neighborhood Council Election Set – May, 2014

On Sunday, May 18, 2014, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa will hold its board elections along with a number of other Neighborhood Councils on the Westside.

This is your opportunity to get involved, select those candidates who will serve on your Neighborhood Council and make a difference in your community.

Think of your Neighborhood Council as a group of local residents and representatives of local businesses, churches and schools, etc., working together to address important issues in our neighborhood.

As part of the city’s Charter, Neighborhood Councils are an integral part of how local government operates, providing elected officials with a direct line to the community and how it stands on all issues.

The election for the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa board of directors will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Westchester Municipal Building Community Room at 7166 West Manchester Avenue in Westchester.

The election is open to any member of the community who is at least 18 years of age on the date of the election and lives, works or owns property in Zip Codes 90293, 90045 or 90094.

The following seats will be on the ballot (incumbents in parentheses): Business 90094 (Sibyl Buchanan), Residential District 1 (Cheryl Burnett), Residential District 3 (Craig Eggers), Residential District 5 (Vacant), Residential District 7 (Alan Quon), Residential District 9 (John Casey), Residential District 11 (Paul Radke), Residential District 13 (Kathryn Evans), Residential District 15 (Ted Krober), At-Large Seat 2 (Vacant), At-Large Seat 3 (Cyndi Hench), Income Property Owner (Patricia Lyon), Senior Citizen (Booker Pearson), LAX (Sheryl Thomas-Perkins), and Religious (John-David Webster).

Information about how to apply as a candidate for one of the seats above will be available on the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa website at www.ncwpdr.org and at www.empowerla.com as soon as that information is available from the City.

Nextdoor.com Provides New Way to Communicate with Neighbors

For local residents looking for a free way to connect with their neighbors, Nextdoor.com provides a whole new platform to discuss what’s happening in your own backyard and throughout the Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista area.

Nextdoor is a free and private social network for neighborhoods. On Nextdoor, neighbors create private websites for their neighborhoods where they can ask questions, get to know one another, and exchange local advice and recommendations.

Thousands of neighborhoods across the country are already using Nextdoor to:

• Find trustworthy local resources, such as babysitters, plumbers, and dentists
• Report suspicious activity and local crime
• Organize neighborhood events, such as garage sales and block parties
• Get assistance in finding lost pets and missing packages
• Sell or give away items, like an old kitchen table or bike

Nextdoor’s mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods. The inspiration behind Nextdoor was to give people a social network to connect them to one of the most important communities in their lives - the neighborhood. Nextdoor believes that when neighbors start talking, good things happen.

Nextdoor is headquartered in San Francisco and was founded by a group of entrepreneurs who have a passion for creating meaningful online communities. Nextdoor is funded by Benchmark, Greylock Partners, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Tiger Global Management, Shasta Ventures, Comcast Ventures, DAG Ventures, Bezos Expeditions, A-Grade Investments, Google Ventures, Allen & Company, and Pinnacle Ventures, as well as other investors and Silicon Valley angels.

To sign up and begin using Nextdoor, please visit www.nextdoor.com/la, select your neighborhood from among the 11 neighborhoods in the NCWP footprint and start learning about what’s happening next door!