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WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

❖ **What is the Westside Neighborhood Council & Why Should You Care About It?** ❖

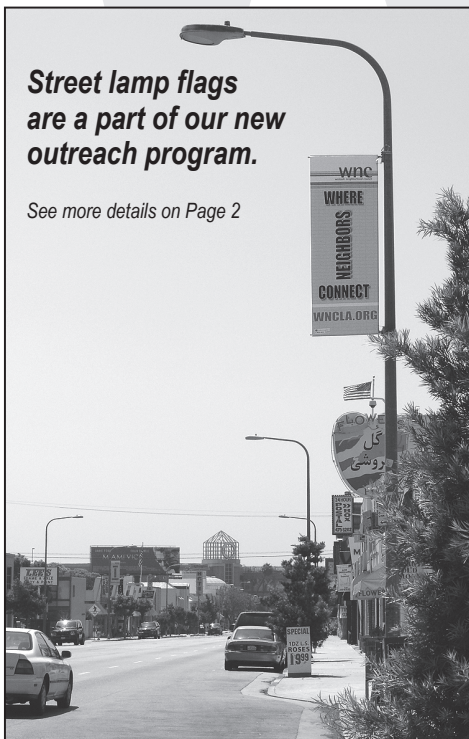
In 1999 a revised Los Angeles City Charter directed the formation of Neighborhood Councils throughout the City.

The goal was to give citizens greater access to City Hall and a more effective voice in City affairs.

A WNC stakeholder, briefly defined, includes anyone who, within the boundaries of a neighborhood:

- **Lives**
- **Works**
- **Attends school**
- **Worships, or**
- **Participates in a community group or in the work of a non-profit institution**

Visit WNCLA.ORG for a more complete description of WNC stakeholder



Street lamp flags are a part of our new outreach program.

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Where Neighbors Connect

Neighborhood Councils operate with a board of elected and appointed members drawn from each category of stakeholders.

The Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) covers roughly an area bounded by: Santa Monica Blvd. on the north, the San Diego Freeway on the west, National Blvd. on the south, and Cheviot Hills and Century City on the east. For more information, visit WNCLA.ORG.

Its Governing Board members are volunteers who give their time out of concern for the quality of life in our neighborhood. A representative from the police and fire departments and the local City Council office (CD5) also sit on our Board as non-voting members.

The WNC can succeed only with the participation of the people whose lives are affected by its decisions. Stakeholders have the right to run for a seat on the Board, to participate in the work of its committees, and to bring an issue to the Board's attention.

In this newsletter, you will see a sampling of the issues that our Board deals with at its monthly meetings. They include a mix of issues related to our neighborhood

Ten issues addressed by the WNC Board -

Took action to decrease noise from the Santa Monica Airport.



Supported a request to DWP to reroute wires away from the Moreton Fig Tree on National Blvd.



Supported Councilman Weiss' "Off-Site Sign Inspection Program" to address billboard trailers on the public right of way.



Worked with the Department of Environmental Affairs to plant trees in our area.



Worked with city agencies to address parking issues on residential streets



Worked with the Rancho Park Golf Course to address noise issues



Supported the Marshall P. Riddick Youth Center renovation project



Supported Overland Ave. Elementary School "Wonder of Reading Library"



Supported Westwood Charter Elementary School



Supported Memo of Understanding between Neighborhood Councils and City Agencies.



Reviewed several projects in Century City

The Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) brings the community together by providing a forum for stakeholders to share their neighborhood concerns.

The WNC has had many successes but the most important achievement has been bringing representatives of the local homeowner associations, businesses, schools, non-profits, religious institutions, LAPD and LAFD to reach compromises and consensus on issues raised by stakeholders.

City agencies and others respect the position reached by the WNC because they know it represents the stakeholders and not individual groups.

Stakeholders have used this forum to bring their concerns and issues to the WNC.

Overland Avenue Elementary School made the board aware of the need for help with the Overland Ave. Wonder of Reading Program. WNC funds helped purchase a showcase/bulletin board.

The WNC supports the LAPD and LAFD in their efforts to provide a safer environment for our community. Our funds have improved the efficiency of the front desk operation at the West LAPD Station and purchased a laser speed gun for the officers to encourage motorists to respect the speed limit in our residential areas. Our funds have also improved the physical plant at Fire Station #92.

Residents that were vying with commuters for parking on residential streets brought their concerns to the board. The WNC board worked with our city council office to set up a meeting with the city's on-street parking programs office so that the residents were able to understand and pursue preferential-parking solutions to their concerns.

A sample of our Outreach Program:

WNC Land Use Committee (LUC) Actions -

The WNC LUC reviews projects that impact our area and make recommendations to the governing board.

Each applicant is given guidelines of what they need to do before they give their presentation to the committee.

The applicant notifies stakeholders most impacted by the project. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the project and share their concerns.

Outreach Committee Actions -

To reach more of our stakeholders we have placed WNC banners on light posts and posters in the bus kiosks in our area. Our agendas and minutes are on our website: wncla.org. We welcome the opportunity to speak before groups.

Please contact us at 310.474.2326 for more information.

Public Safety and Traffic Committee (PSTC) Actions -

The WNC PSTC retained Traffic Consultant Tom Brohard to correlate the results of 464 questionnaires that were returned by stakeholders identifying Westside traffic issues.

Mr. Brohard cited the location of Century City with its high density as a major problem. He recommended focusing on major arterial streets like Pico and Olympic and replacing missing street signs.

He suggested traffic would flow better if maintenance of the trash cans and tree trimming were done during off-peak hours.

He noted that a number of intersections have been selected for the installation of right turn signal lights in the next four years.

He mentioned the possibility of one-way streets on Olympic and Pico Boulevards with each street moving in the opposite direction of the other. He added that two lanes would be devoted on each Boulevard to reversible bus lanes to avoid forcing people to walk the long distance between the Boulevards to catch a bus.

The next step in this study would be to update the dynamic listing of problem areas and identify current LADOT/Caltrans efforts to address these issues and to conduct field reviews of problem locations that are not being addressed to identify location for further study and evaluation.

What's in the Traffic Study?

Visit Our Web Site to find out!

Rancho Park Village

In May the WNC began a six-month pilot program to enhance the local businesses and encourage pedestrian traffic in the Pico/Westwood Corridor.

The program includes steam cleaning the sidewalk and washing windows facing Pico quarterly and maintaining the trash cans twice a week on the north side of Pico Blvd. between Veteran Ave. and Westwood Blvd.

If this six-month program is successful, the WNC will work in partnership with stakeholders to create "Rancho Park Village" along the Pico Blvd. and Westwood Blvd Corridor a place -

"Where Neighbors Connect".

Where Neighbors Connect

WNC Theme- Logo & Colors Where Neighbors Connect



Street Lamp FlagS



Bus Stop Posters



All New Web Site: www.wncla.org



Computer Screen Sweeps and Magnets

Step by Step how to run for a seat on the Governing Board of your Westside Neighborhood Council

Step 1. Election Information Meeting

Westside Pavilion - Community Room 'A' (behind food court)

The purpose of this **meeting** is to inform stakeholders about the WNC and the election process. The official Candidate Declaration Forms will be distributed at this meeting. If you are interested but unable to attend and need forms, please e-mail the election committee c/o **CorrespondingSecretary@wncla.org**.



Date:

Thursday,
October 12
at 6:30PM
(before the
October WNC
meeting)

Step 2. Candidate Information Session

Westside Pavilion - Community Room 'A' (behind food court)

Candidates will receive guidelines for campaigning for office and suggestions for reaching their constituencies. We will also review the geographic boundaries for each seat and other rules governing the election.



Date:

Monday,
November 6,
7:00 PM
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Candidate Declaration Forms must be filed no later than 9:00 PM on November 15th with Jerry Kvasnicka, an Independent Election Administrator (Fax 866-636-4441 Toll Free) in order for the candidate's name to be printed on the ballot. Candidate Declaration Forms received after that time but before 5:00 PM November 30 will be accepted as Write-In Applications. Deadline for Write-In Applications is November 30, 2006 5:00 PM



Step 3. The WNC Election Day

Westside Pavilion - Community Room 'A' (behind food court)

Polls will be open from 4:00-8:00 PM.

The election will be supervised by

Jerry Kvasnicka, an Independent Election Administrator.

(you may contact Jerry at 323-256-6330 or at jkvas@earthlink.net)



Date:

Thursday,
December 7
4:00-8:00 PM

Election information will be posted in community information locations at Westside Pavilion, Palms Park, Palms-Rancho Park Library, Cheviot Hills Park, and www.wncla.org.

Step 4. Election Results

Results will be posted on our Web site, **WNCLA.ORG**, and at all locations where WNC information is available.

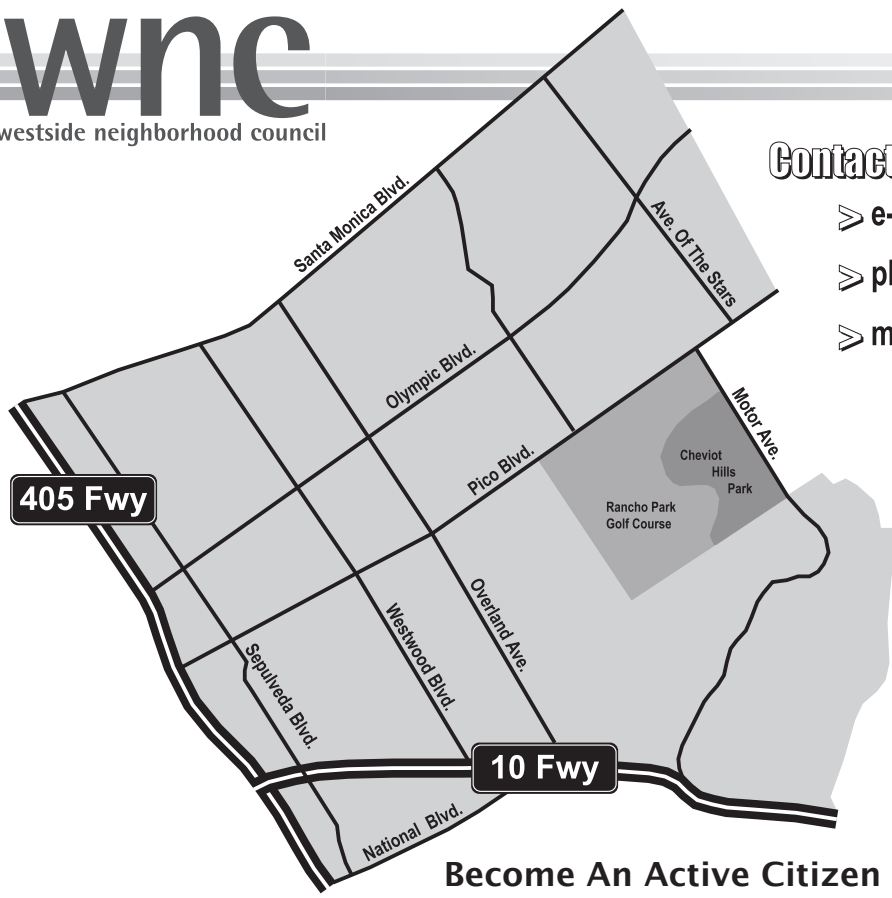
Challenges to any election issue will be resolved by a neutral final decision maker, designated in our election procedures and approved by the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

The new WNC Board will be sworn in at the January 11, 2007 meeting.



Date:

Friday,
December 8



Contact Us:

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The Westside Neighborhood Council ("WNC") Board is composed of seventeen seats representing homeowners, renters, businesses, non-profits, schools, religious institutions, and community groups (visit www.wncla.org for more details).

Our primary goal is to improve the quality of life for all in our neighborhood.

The Westside Neighborhood Council wants YOUR input.

Monthly meetings are at Westside Pavilion and all Stakeholders are welcome.

The WNC meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Westside Pavilion Meeting Room A (3rd floor behind the food court).

Become An Active Citizen – Support Your Neighborhood Council

WNC ELECTIONS SET FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006

The all-important election of the new WNC Governing Board for 2007-2008 will take place Thursday, December 7, 2006, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in Community Room A at Westside Pavilion.

Every seat is up for re-election. Seven seats represent residents in various sub-districts, six represent business owners, operators, and employees. One seat is at-large and represents the entire district. Three non-elective seats represent the schools, religious, and non-profit organizations in our community. Upon election, each Board member appoints an alternate. Board members are elected for two-year terms. In order to vote in the WNC election, you must be a WNC stakeholder.

Serving on the WNC Board is an ideal way to participate in the life of your community. We need the participation of the community's members to keep the WNC vital and growing.

Candidates for all seats are needed.

If you have ever considered getting more involved in serving your community, now is the time.

**This is your neighborhood.
Do your part.
Don't leave it to others
to improve it and
keep it safe and clean.**

