

WWW.WNCLA.ORG **SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION** Election Day: December 7 WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL This is News about Your

What is the Westside Neighborhood Council & Why Should You Care About It? Image with 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



Think globally Act locally



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 Shcool

Supported Memo of Understanding between Neighborhood Councils and City Agencies.

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Reviewed several projects in Century City



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From Our Bylaws -

ARTICLE III Sec. 1. REPRESENTATION AND NUMBER.

WNC membership is open to all Stakeholders. The Governing Board of the WNC is intended to provide representation of the diverse interests of all Stakeholders. The initial Governing Board is based on good faith efforts to identify such Stakeholders interested in participating. It is acknowledged that representation of additional Stakeholders, as well as changes to existing representations of Stakeholders, may be determined by the WNC to be appropriate and may be effected by amendment of these bylaws as the WNC evolves.

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The Governing Board shall consist of 17 voting Board Members and 3 non-voting ex officio Board Members as follows:

A. Business:

Seats One and Two:

an owner, operator or an employee of a business located within the boundaries of San Diego Freeway (405), Century Park West, Santa Monica Boulevard, and Pico Boulevard;

Seats Three and Four:

an owner, operator or an employee of a business located south of Pico Boulevard in the Westside Neighborhood

Seats Five and Six:

an owner, operator or an employee of a business located within the boundaries of Century Park West, Santa Monica Boulevard, Pico Boulevard and the Beverly Hills border.

B. Residential:

Seat Seven: a resident residing within the boundaries of San Diego Freeway (405), Beverly Glen Boulevard (homes on the west side of the street), Santa Monica Boulevard and Pico Boulevard.

Seat Eight: a resident residing within the boundaries of San Diego Freeway (405), Kelton Avenue, Pico Boulevard and National Boulevard. Seat Nine; a resident residing within the boundaries of Midvale Avenue, Overland Avenue (excluding homes which are both on the east side of the street and north of Northvale Road), Pico Boulevard and National Boulevard or residing on Dunleer Place or Coventry Place east of Overland Avenue.

Seat Ten: a resident residing within the boundaries of Beverly Glen Boulevard (homes on the west side of the street), Fox Hills Drive, Santa Monica Boulevard and Pico Boulevard.

Seat Eleven: a resident residing within the boundaries of Century Park West, Century Park East, Santa Monica Boulevard and Pico Boulevard. Seat Twelve, a resident residing within the boundaries of Overland Avenue (homes on the east side of the street) (except homes on Dunleer Place and on Coventry Place between Overland Avenue and Dunleer Place), Pico Boulevard, Motor Avenue (between Pico Boulevard and Lorenzo Place), Monte Mar Avenue, Anchor Avenue, Dannyhill Drive (excluding all homes on Dannyhill Drive), Club Drive, Forrester Drive (excluding homes on the south side of the street between Queensbury Drive and Cavendish Drive), Queensbury Drive (homes on the west side of the street), Patricia Avenue (homes on the north side of the street), Motor Avenue (between Patricia Avenue and National) and the Santa Monica (10) Freeway.

Seat Thirteen: a resident residing within the boundaries of Queensbury Drive (homes on the east side of the street), Forrester Drive (homes on the south side of the street), Cavendish Drive, Bridlevale Drive, Danalda Drive, Club Drive, Dannyhill Drive, Anchor Avenue, National Reviewed, Seate Manice (10) Freeway.

Boulevard, Santa Monica (10) Freeway, Motor Avenue (homes on the west side of the street) and Patricia Avenue (homes on the south side of the street), which Seat Thirteen Area is depicted on Exhibit A-1 attached to these Bylaws and incorporated by this reference.

Other Stakeholders:

- 1) Seat Fourteen: a representative of Synagogues, Churches and other Religious Institutions in the Westside Neighborhood;
- 2) Seat Fifteen: a representative of Schools in the Westside Neighborhood;
- 3) Seat Sixteen: a representative of Non-Profit Organizations in the Westside Neighborhood; and
- 4) Seat Seventeen: a representative of "At Large" Stakeholders

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Board Members:

Police Department in the Westside Neighborhood; Fire Department in the Westside Neighborhood; and Los Angeles City Council District Office(s) serving the Westside Neighborhood.









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

YOUR VOTES COUNTS !

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.

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



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.

each month at the Westside Pavilion

Meeting Room A (3rd floor behind the food court).

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.

