

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA

*Working together to improve our communities!*



- Neighborhood Councils exist to:
- give neighborhoods greater influence on decisions made by local government
    - make government more responsive to local communities
  - unite the local community to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods

## Neighborhood Council to Install New Board Members, Select Officers at August 6 Meeting

The results of the June 2 Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa election have been certified. Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected: Michelle Cooley-Strickland, Zack Siglow, Andrew Watkins, Sylvia Wilson, Cord Thomas, Dennis Miller, Paula Gerez, Sue Fisher, Naomi Waka, Kimberly Fox and Garrett Smith. They will join existing board members when they are installed on August 6. Featured here are the six members of the board who are new to the Neighborhood Council.

### RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR



Zack Siglow

My wife and I have lived in this area for over a decade. You have probably seen me pushing my baby boy (Baxter) in a stroller, walking my Boston Terrier or often times doing both. I am currently a stay-at-home Dad with a toddler. My passion is to make this neighborhood the best possible place for him to grow up. We spend time everyday at the children's park on Hastings, the Park Hill Park and on the bluff walk. If you've seen us, I've waved and said "Hello". We love it here and I am thrilled that my child will grow up as a local. Even in this oasis by the sea, we have a few places we can improve. I would like to move the needle on the quality of our local education, help find solutions for our growing homeless population and join in on efforts to combat crime in our area. I have the time to make a difference. I am motivated. The Westchester Bluffs neighborhood is an amazing and supportive community. As the Residential District 3 Director, I would like to work to keep it this way.

### AT-LARGE DIRECTOR



Kimberly Fox

For several years I have served on our NC's Planning and Land Use Committee as an appointed community volunteer member and Committee secretary. I **\*\*strongly\*\*** believe active participation in democratic processes creates better community outcomes. If you happen to know my work on PLUC, then you'll know I show up, work hard, stay informed, and support Committee activity transparency as the Brown Act requires. I'm running for a seat on the NC Board because I want to help address pressure our NC geography is under: commercial growth, housing evolution, an economically challenged aging population, Ballona Wetlands preservation, and LAX expansion. I support NC Board conduct that is open, inclusive, Brown Act compliant, and free from inappropriate conflicts of interest. I also strongly support strategic NC partnership with Councilman Bonin's office when it comes to getting positive things done at City Hall for our community.

### RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR



Sylvia J. Wilson

I have been a member of this amazing community for the last 9 years. I would like for this community to continue to be successful and I feel the best way for me to help with that goal is to be a part of our neighborhood council. As a Mom and a resident, I know our children's futures are too important to not take an active role in helping our area sustain itself and improve in ways that benefit all of our stakeholders needs. I look forward to the opportunity to represent all of our diverse community while still maintaining what makes Westchester and Playa special.

### RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR



Andrew Watkins

Professional specializing in real estate, business development, and legal services. Track record of business experience combined with Asian legal and cultural understanding. Demonstrated ability to build businesses for clients focused on high-growth areas. Excellent communicator and connector. Proficient in spoken and written Japanese. Licensed by State Bar of California (1997), California Bureau of Real Estate (2005), and California Department of Insurance (2012). Originally from South Pasadena. Have lived in Westchester since 2013 with wife Chelsea, son Chris (age 7) and new baby Alexis (6 months). Currently work with Pacific Playa Realty located in Westchester. Excited to make a contribution and help our local neighbors while balancing the needs of businesses and surrounding communities.

### RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR



Cord Thomas

As a resident of Westport Heights, I have witnessed the transformation of our community driven by development demands in large part due to housing shortages in Los Angeles. The development of multifamily and office buildings has had a significant negative impact on traffic and the quality of residential life. In addition, the LA World Airports improvements, new football stadium, and the 2028 Olympics will all have transformational influences on our neighborhood. As a result, we need to ensure the interests of the stakeholders in Westport Heights and more broadly Westchester / Playa are addressed by the City Council and Mayor. As an engineer working for an LA-based public policy think tank, I understand the challenges faced by urban planners and municipal governments. As a representative of the Neighborhood Council, I would strive to ensure the community strikes an equitable balance between development and the single-family neighborhood many of us moved here to live in.

### RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR



Dennis Miller

I have lived in Westchester's Ladera neighborhood for six years. Having worked for the State of California for more than 20 years at the California Highway Patrol and Department of Toxic Substances Control my life experience and skill set working with government agencies has prepared me to a valuable asset to our community serving on this Council. My focus is on ensuring our neighborhoods are safe and enhancing the quality of life for our residents. Over the years I have volunteered for Neighborhood Watch and several community projects including helping to build a playground for our local elementary school and serving on committees to enhance unity in our community. I will work hard to ensure our community continues to thrive.

Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

**6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 6**

in the Community Room at 7166 W. Manchester Ave. (at Lincoln Blvd.), in Westchester

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