

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA

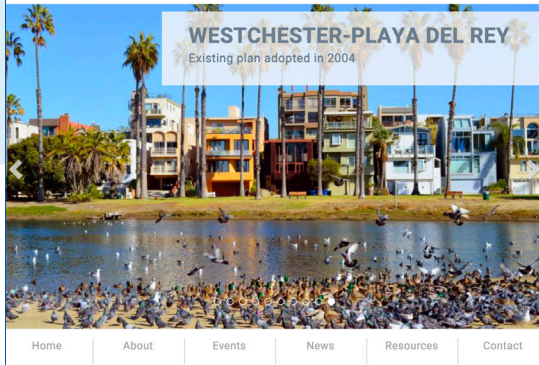
Working together to improve our communities!

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government,  
then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools."

CWP~ Plato



Planning the Westside



## Comments on Draft Community Plan Due by October 15

The city's Westside Planning Team presented draft land use concepts online for each of the four Community Plan areas: West Los Angeles, Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey, Venice, and Westchester-Playa del Rey. Webinars took place in July and are available on-line at [planning4la.org/planningthewestside](http://planning4la.org/planningthewestside)

The plan for Westchester-Playa del Rey includes a variety of up-zoning (new rules that would allow for higher density) in R-1 and R-2 residential areas. The deadline to submit your comments to the city is October 15. Comments may be submitted via email at [planning.thewestside@lacity.org](mailto:planning.thewestside@lacity.org).

The General Plan serves as a blueprint for the future, prescribing policy goals and objectives to shape and guide the physical development of the city. In the State of California, all cities are required to develop a General Plan. A General Plan is a comprehensive policy document that informs future land use decisions. It establishes land use designations and policies that identify a range of zoning options that can be applied to property. These policies assist decision makers as they review planning approvals for a new project or consider a proposed ordinance or policy. By identifying land use categories and corresponding zones, the General Plan is the legal basis for all local land use decisions and the vision for how the city will evolve, reflecting the values and priorities of its communities.

## Make Your Plan to Vote! Don't Miss the October 19 Deadline to Register

Take the first step to make your voice heard: register to vote. Even if you think you're registered, check your status and make sure your information — such as your current home address — is correct. Every registered voter in California will receive a Vote by Mail ballot. Register or update your information before October 19 to receive your ballot in the mail. Or register in-person at any Vote Center up until Election Day on November 3.



Whether you're voting by mail or in-person, make a plan to do it as early as possible. Vote by Mail ballots will be sent to all registered voters beginning October 5, and can be immediately returned via mail or official drop boxes — or at all Vote Centers, which begin opening on October 24.

### Important Deadlines:

**October 5:** Vote by Mail ballots mailed out to all registered voters and can be returned by mail or at official drop boxes

**October 19:** Last day to register to vote to get a Vote by Mail ballot  
If you miss this deadline, you can still register and vote in-person at any Vote Center

**October 24:** Some Vote Center locations open for safe in-person voting and registration

**October 29:** All Vote Center locations open for safe in-person voting and registration

**November 3:** Election Day – LADOT rides will be free; last day to mail back Vote by Mail ballots (must be postmarked by November 3)

*Note: If your ballot is postmarked by Election Day and received within 17 days by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, it will be processed, verified, and counted.*

## LUNAFEST Set for October 18

Despite the large number of female graduates, the percentage of women in STEM jobs is only ~28%. Minorities form an even smaller percentage. Research shows that girls as young as 6 already feel that intelligence is a male trait. To change this, Boundless Brilliance brings FREE, empowering science lessons to elementary school students across Los Angeles. LUNAFEST is a virtual film festival featuring short films by and about women. Participants will receive a login code to view seven short films between on October 18-19. All proceeds from this fundraiser will help Boundless Brilliance continue to provide free science supplies and presentations to local elementary schools. Buy your tickets and get info at: [www.boundlessbrilliance.org/lunafest](http://www.boundlessbrilliance.org/lunafest)



Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2020

via Zoom



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