

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA



## Attend NCWP Committee Meetings

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa has eight standing committees that discuss various topics of interest to our community. To learn about these issues in more depth, please take the time to attend our committee meetings, and let your voice be heard.

### Airport Relations

Third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Clifton Moore Administration Building, LAX

### Budget and Finance

First Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.  
7166 W Manchester Ave., Community Room

### Education

Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Westchester Loyola Village Library

### Government Affairs/City Services

Meets as needed  
Please check website for time and location

### Homelessness & Vehicular Living

Meets as needed  
Please check website for time and location

### Outreach

Meets as needed  
Please check website for time and location

### Planning & Land Use

Third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Westchester Loyola Village Library

### Public Safety

Meets as needed  
Please check website for time and location

### BOARD MEETING

First Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Community Room @ Westchester Municipal Building

## Meet the NCWP Board of Directors

Over the next several pages, you will find brief profiles of the men and women who have been elected by the community to serve on the board of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa. They represent nearly every aspect of our community and volunteer their time to serve on the quasi-governmental agency created by the City of Los Angeles. A schedule of board and committee meetings can be found to the left or on the website at [www.ncwpdr.org](http://www.ncwpdr.org).

### CYNDI HENCH, AT-LARGE (PRESIDENT)



**Our community's best hidden gem is...**  
My little-known walk path. I can't say any more about that, I like that it is little-known!

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Like to see a Neighborhood Watch group on every block.

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I wanted to help make our community better and stronger. I think that the Neighborhood Council is a good place to focus on doing that.

**I live by the motto ...**  
"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain."

### GEOFF MALEMAN, BUSINESS 90045 (VICE PRESIDENT)



**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
working together to improve our everyday quality of life and fighting to encourage the city to do the same

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I think it is every person's duty to give back to the community. Unless you are willing to be part of the solution, you don't have a right to gripe about how to fix the problem.

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
That there are some kind of mementos from the Oscars buried in the entry area of the Paradise Building. Let's open them up and see what's inside!

**I live by the motto ...**  
"It's amazing what you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit." – Harry S Truman

### NORA MACLELLAN, AT-LARGE (RECORDING SECRETARY)



**Our community's best hidden gem is...**  
Our close access to the Beach and the Ocean, the Wetlands, and even LAX!

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Maintaining our sense of community and that would include supporting the notion of LAX – Modernization-YES; Expansion-NO

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Get an off-leash dog park and or a dog beach

**I live by the motto ...**  
Is it the Truth?

### ALEX EYCHIS, DISTRICT 14 (TREASURER)



**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Build an upscale shopping center to attract businesses

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I wanted to make a difference in the community

**My favorite place to eat in our community is**  
Sweetfish **and you have to try the** Uni (sea urchin)

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
The strength of our ability to unite to support causes

### JOHN CASEY, DISTRICT 9 (CORRESPONDING SECRETARY)



**Our community's best hidden gem is ...**  
The Ballona Wetlands

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Controlling environmental impacts (wetland preservation, noise and traffic control, etc) of the airport, developments, and other projects

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
They used to sound air raid sirens every Friday morning during the cold war and you could hear them all over the neighborhood; as a child it gave me the creeps.

**I live by the motto ...**  
"One raindrop raises the sea"

## Join the Board

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa currently has several vacancies.

If you are interested in joining the board and qualify to fill a vacant seat, please contact President Cyndi Hensch at (213) 473-7023 or via email at [kentwoodnw@aol.com](mailto:kentwoodnw@aol.com).

For more information, please visit the Neighborhood Council website at [www.ncwpdr.com](http://www.ncwpdr.com).

# executive committee

*The purpose and role of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa is to serve as the voice of your community to City Council and to provide a forum for discussion and review of issues that concern our stakeholders. We can assist and make recommendations when appropriate to government and private agencies.*

# residential representatives

**CHERYL BURNETT, DISTRICT 1**



**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Community building, so that everyone feels ownership of public safety, education, development, traffic issues, etc. If we all worked together, and in coordination with our neighboring communities, we could make a huge difference.

**A book everyone should read ...**  
I've spent the summer re-reading Jane Austen's novels. Does it get any better?

**On my iPod right now ...**  
A playlist I made for my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. It brings back all the memories of growing up.

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Wave a magic wand and get some real public transportation in Los Angeles.

**ALAN QUON, DISTRICT 5**

**Our community's best hidden gem is ...**  
I think our whole neighborhood is a gem. From its friendly small town feel inside a big city to its proximity to pretty beaches to name a few.

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Persevering a home town feel to our community while change and adapt to our modern times.

**The fad I never bought into is ...**  
Twitter. I don't believe everyone needs to know what I'm doing on a consistent basis.

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I grew up in Westchester and am grateful for the upbringing and community afforded me. I felt a desire to preserve that for future generations and help to make this community a better place.

**CRAIG EGGERS, DISTRICT 3**



**Our community's best hidden gem is...**  
The whole beach vibe – untouched for years.

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Stewardship – securing the well being of our community for future generations.

**The thing no one knows about our community is...**  
Its history.

**I live by the motto(s)...**  
Be honest – so you don't have to remember what you said, treat people with the respect they deserve and then something about people in glass houses.

**ALEX EYCHIS, DISTRICT 14 (TREASURER)**

**IOAN TRIMBLE, DISTRICT 2**



**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Building ties with one another to ensure that we continue to collectively press for the health, happiness, safety, and prosperity of our community

**A book everyone should read...**  
Sun Tzu's The Art of War

**On my iPod right now ...**  
I listen to a wide variety of music. The last three albums I purchased were by Cults, The Antlers, and Jay Z and Kanye West's Watch the Throne.

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
We have great shopping. Between the Westchester Triangle and Howard Hughes Center you can find everything you need from designer shoes to kitty litter.



**VACANT**

**JOHN LOIZEAUX, DISTRICT 6**



**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Safety

**A book everyone should read ...**  
"The End of Prosperity" by Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Make LAX clean up the property they own and get mass transit all the way into the airport.

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I want to keep this area a great place to live.

**TONY SCHAFFER, DISTRICT 7**

**Our community's best hidden gem is ...**  
The beach ... Everyone sees it, nobody goes.

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
optimizing the best qualities of our area.

**Books everyone should read ...**  
The Federalist Papers and Fountainhead

**On my iPod right now is ...**  
The Wall by Pink Floyd and Words for Free

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
figure out how to improve cell reception without bringing in a tower



**PAUL RADKE, DISTRICT 11**

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Creating jobs for the unemployed

**A book everyone should read ...**  
Atlas Shrugged, and Animal Farm

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I was hoping to have a greater insight on local government and perhaps a small influence on political outcomes.

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
The level of effort a few good people spend on a daily basis working in the background to preserve and improve the quality of life for those who live here.



**JOHN CASEY, DISTRICT 9**  
**(CORRESPONDING SECRETARY)**

**DENNY SCHNEIDER, DISTRICT 12**

**Our community's best hidden gem is ....**  
The people who consist of four to six generations of caring and sharing values.

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Keeping the small home town feel within our giant megalopolis.

**My favorite place to eat in our community is ...** Italy's Little Kitchen **and you have to try the ...** chapino and home made bread

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
That we have a strong survival mechanism that brings out the best in our community when we are threatened.



**LORI KUHN, AT-LARGE**

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
continuously working together to make Playa/Westchester area the highest quality location to live on the Westside. To be the best community to live in, raise a family, enjoy friends and enjoy our gorgeous surroundings as a cohesive group requires everyone's commitment, time and focus.

**The fad I never bought into is ...** NEON

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
It "IS" by far, the best place to live in all of L.A.!

**I live by the motto ...**  
"Be the change you want to see in the world" – Mahatma Gandhi



**VACANT**

**TED KROEBER, DISTRICT 15**

**Our community's best hidden gem is ....**  
Westchester Parkway as a Tour de France-esque biking course

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
All of us working to help our conversations as a community on issues to be fact-based and not shrill

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I wanted to be more aware of the issues in our community and to represent my demographic well (prematurely balding young Westchester homeowners who are LMU alums and their spouses)

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
You can save on future purchases of golf balls by just going by 88th Street and Emerson on a Sunday evening and collecting what's there.

**THOMAS FLINTOFT, DISTRICT 8**

**Our community's best hidden gem is ...**  
The little league baseball field at the Del Rey Lagoon. I suggest you pack a picnic or grab some delicious take out from the local restaurants and sit in the outfield one Sunday in the spring and enjoy a great community and family tradition.

**The fad I never bought into is ...**  
social networking via the internet. Sometimes it's best not to know too much about each other and it's more fun sharing stories in person and over a great meal.

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
it is important to participate in your community and being on the NCWP is one of the more significant ways to contribute. But in reality I'm the one benefiting the most from the experience – It helps me feel more a part of our community.

**My favorite place to eat in our community is** Catalini's in Playa del Rey **and you have to try** the eggplant parmesan.



**CLARENCE GRIFFIN, LMU**



**Our community's best hidden gem is ....**  
LMU (though the LMU letters on the Bluff might give us away just a bit)

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Integrating seniors into every aspect community activity

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
Opportunity to work with people who are making their community better.

**My favorite place to eat in our community is ...** OLIVE IT **and you have to try the** Sun-Dried Tomato Olives and anything else that Leslie makes

**ANDY KAMM, EDUCATION**

**DAVID VOSS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**



**Our community's best hidden gem is...**  
The Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Our children

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Move LAX to Palmdale

**I live by the motto ...**  
If something is worth doing, it's worth doing right!

**CHRIS LYNCH, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**



**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Rejuvenating our local High Schools: Westchester High and St. Bernards High

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Get a lighted facility for our local High School Baseball games to be played at night.

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
Of my long-standing involvement with youth sports our the community

**My favorite place to eat in our community is ...**  
Tower Pizza, what a great, local establishment!

**JOHN-DAVID WEBSTER, RELIGIOUS**



**Our community's best hidden gem is ...**  
The growing arts community: Otis College Gallery, Canterbury Art Shoppe (in the Triangle); & Fine Arts by Lona (corner of Manchester & Lincoln Blvd) and the two galleries in the parking lot south of Tritons' and the Mexican Restaurant. Good stuff in each one.

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Create a greater awareness of the improving educational opportunities in our community

**The fad I never bought into is ...**  
The Pet Rock and tattoos. I have no problem with people who have one or both — I just don't see me getting one.

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I wanted to contribute to the community in a capacity that was beyond my professional life. The opportunity to meet and work with individuals and groups I might not otherwise know has been a most enriching personal and professional experience.

**BOOKER PEARSON, SENIOR CITIZENS**



**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Improving quality of life for all citizens

**One book everyone should read is ...**  
Eating Animals

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Find permanent housing for our homeless veterans and families with kids

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
It is extremely quiet — except for the planes.

**JACK TOPAL, SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**



**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Coming together and understanding and supporting the problem solving of our community

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I wish to be involved and act on behalf of our community. I care for the needs of my neighborhood

**My favorite place to eat in our community is** Truxtons **and you have to try the** Brisket

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
Limited to what we read in our local paper

**SIBYL BUCHANAN, BUSINESS 90094**



**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Public safety. If our stakeholders do not feel safe, the community cannot thrive on any level.

**A book everyone should read is ...**  
90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper. It is a quick read that provided me with great comfort after the loss of my parents.

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Make our community and our entire City cleaner — I am particularly so tired of seeing the graffiti.

**I live by the motto ...**  
"Spend less than you make"

**LANCE WILLIAMS, BUSINESS 90293**



**Our community's best hidden gem is ...**  
The Ballona Wetlands ... Well worth a tour

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Helping the people and the community at-large and keeping the area beautiful and safe.

**I ran for the NCWP board because ...**  
I want to make a difference and keep in better touch with the community and the people who live here

**I live by the motto ...**  
Be kind to others including animals

**PATRICIA LYON, INCOME PROPERTY**



**Our community's best hidden gem is...**  
87th St... We have a wonderful shopping district that is supported by the neighbors. Every store on this street is individually owned and operated. We have several merchants who have been in business over 40 years.

**Our community's primary focus should be on ...**  
Quality of life — Clean air, good schools and safety

**One book everyone should read...**  
Tuesdays with Morry... it puts life in perspective and gives us a focus of the importance of our relationships

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would...**  
Find the resources to clean up the streets, fix the sidewalks and trim the trees

**SHERYL THOMAS-PERKINS, LAX**



**Our community's best hidden gem is...**  
Not necessarily hidden, but may not be valued or utilized by as many people as it should be. It's the Los Angeles Public Library system, in both Playa Vista and Westchester. Where else may you obtain countless information and entertainment for free?

**One book everyone should read is ...**  
The Holy Bible, because it has answers to every conceivable question and provides solutions to all problems.

**If I could make one thing happen in our community, I would ...**  
Reform the racists

**The thing no one knows about our community is ...**  
That it is home to one of our nation's finest high school a Capella choirs, or at least it used to be. The Westchester High School a Capella choir of 1975-1977 consisted of the most talented singers in the history of the school, under the direction of the illustrious Robert Woods. I sang second soprano in that great choir and recorded an album with fellow choir members.

# group representatives