



# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER/PLAYA

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## SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR PLAYA VISTA

After hearing testimony from many Playa Vista and Westchester community residents, the Los Angeles School Board voted on February 10, 2009 to approve construction of a new K-5 elementary school at Playa Vista. School district staff believes that the new school could open its doors as early as September of 2012.

The overwhelming demonstration of support by Playa Vista residents and longstanding community members from Westchester and other neighboring areas was critical to gaining approval of the school. This community enthusiasm, along with the backing of Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl and the hard work of our area School Board member Marlene Canter, brought the Playa Vista school across the finish line.

LAUSD has designed Playa Vista's new 650-seat school to be a model of green building and educational development within the District. The school will take advantage of its location within walking distance of the Ballona Freshwater Marsh and the Riparian Corridor, with a curriculum focused on the environment. The school site, totaling four acres, is located adjacent to the Playa Vista sports park, which students from the school will be able to use. The school is a short walk from the Playa Vista Library, which will be another resource for students. An educational partnership with Loyola Marymount University is also in the works.

The next step for the school is for the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to approve the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the site. The DTSC will circulate a draft RAP for public comment, and a DTSC hearing – likely at Playa Vista – is expected this spring.



An artist's rendering of what the new elementary school in Playa Vista would look like.

According to school district staff, construction is expected to begin early next year in order to meet the opening date in 2012. The new school is another important piece of the remarkable community that is being created at Playa Vista.

## NCWP INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS SPRING GENERAL MEETING

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa invites you to its Spring 2009 General Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Westchester Seniors Center, located at 8740 Lincoln Boulevard in Westchester.

This is an opportunity for all stakeholders, including residents, business owners and employees and others who are active in the parameters of the Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista communities to join us in an open forum discussion. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet their representatives on the Neighborhood Council.

April's meeting will focus on Community Improvement Projects for our area. The Neighborhood Council is funded by tax dollars through the City of Los Angeles. Your Neighborhood Council is looking for your input to help guide the projects that will be

undertaken and funded by the NCWP.

Have a good idea? We invite you to bring it to the Neighborhood Council meeting on April 7.

Please join us for this important semi-annual community meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Westchester Seniors Center (corner of Lincoln & Manchester), beginning at 6:30 pm.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to meet with local law enforcement officials and elected legislative representatives.

Questions regarding the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa, or our meetings, may be directed to (213) 473-7023 or our email at [inquiries@ncwpdr.org](mailto:inquiries@ncwpdr.org).

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Q. What was the original name of Orville Wright Middle School?**

**A.** Westchester High School. Yes, the original campus of Westchester High was at the current Orville Wright Middle School site on 80th Street.

**Q. What was the name of the airfield first built on Sepulveda Boulevard?**

**A.** Mines Field. The current site of Los Angeles World Airport was called Mines Field.

**Q. How much did the original Kaiser Built Homes cost?**

**A.** \$6,000.

**Q. How many stakeholders does NCWP have?**

**A.** 7,729. Right now, the NCWPDR has 7,729 registered stakeholders, who by their participation, help influence the direction of our community. To register to become a

stakeholder, please visit [www.wpdr.org](http://www.wpdr.org) to download the form.

**Q. What is a stakeholder?**

A stakeholder is defined as any person living in, working in or owning real property within the boundaries of the NCWP.

**Q. How many people serve on the NCWP?**

There are 31 members on the Board of Directors, representing the various stakeholders in the Westchester-Playa neighborhood

**Q. When does the NCWP meet?**

The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of each month and general meetings of NCWP will be held at least twice a year. The public is invited to attend all meetings of the board, its committees and the general meetings.

## STANDING MEETING SCHEDULE

**Airport Relations:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6 p.m.

LAX Soundproofing Office, 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd.

**Board Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

**Budget & Finance:** As Needed at 5:30 p.m.

Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

**Bylaws:** As Needed

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**Communications:** As Needed

Loyola Village Library, 7714 Manchester Blvd.

**Education:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

**Elections:** As Needed

Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

**Governmental Affairs/City Services:** 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

8740 La Tijera Blvd.

**Membership/Marketing:** As Needed

Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.

**Planning and Land Use:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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**Public Safety:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m.

8740 La Tijera Blvd.

**Lincoln Streetscape:** As Needed

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**Sepulveda Streetscape:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.