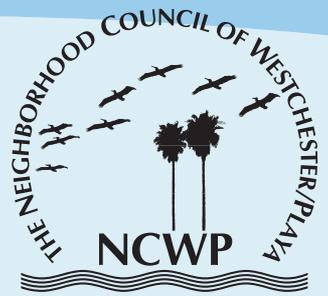


NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA

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

Get Involved! *Run for A Seat on* *Neighborhood Council*

The Neighborhood Council system evolved out of the reform of the Los Angeles City Charter in 1999, as a means of making local government more accessible and representative of the communities that make up the city. The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa was among the first to be certified in 2001 after a two-year organizational process. There are 31 members on the Board of Directors, representing the various stakeholders in the Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista community. Stakeholders who serve on the Neighborhood Council Board or participate as committee members, help influence the direction and shape the future of our community.

There are many ways to get involved with your Neighborhood Council, whether as a board member or by joining a committee as a stakeholder. Board members are selected by election or appointment. Elections occur every two years, and half of the board seats are on the ballot. Once elected, board members serve for four years. Board members are expected to complete all required training, attend monthly board meetings, actively serve on at least one of the NCWP committees and proactively participate in matters within our community. Fifteen of the NCWP board seats are reserved for residents and property owners while the others are reserved for other segments of our community, e.g., clergy, youth, seniors, community and fraternal organizations, and others.

The upcoming Neighborhood Council election will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 10am – 4pm and will be held in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Building at 7166 Manchester Ave. in Westchester 90045. Stakeholders who are interested in serving on the NC board can learn more about neighborhood councils and the election at the upcoming NC Congress of Neighborhoods, which will be on September 22, 2018 at City Hall in downtown Los Angeles. More information can be found through our website, www.ncwpdr.org, or the NC Congress website, www.nccongressla.com.

Candidate applications will be accepted by the Los Angeles City Clerk in mid-February to mid-March 2019.

The Scooters Are Coming ...

On September 4, the Los Angeles City Council approved draft regulations for new dockless bike and scooter sharing companies. The city's Transportation Committee, chaired by Councilman Mike Bonin, and the Public Works Committee have both vetted these rules extensively.



Link to public CD11 fact sheet:
<https://11thdistrict.com/news/scooter-rules/>

Link to Council File:
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1125>

Key Points:

1. Bikes and scooters are a clean and flexible mobility option for people who live and/or work on the Westside. They help people connect to transit as well as get around their neighborhoods without getting into their cars.
2. CD11 did an online survey of constituents and found overwhelming support for shared bikes and scooters generally, but people want to see them regulated to address safety and clutter issues.
3. Councilman Bonin has been clear about the need to make these new devices work for our neighborhoods by imposing strong requirements to address concerns regarding riding on sidewalks, unsafe parking, lack of user education, and the need for outreach to local stakeholders.
4. Throughout the pilot period, LADOT will be evaluating compliance with the rules and companies won't be allowed to expand their fleets unless they are performing well.

Pilot Program Elements:

- **Safety** – All vehicles will be required to adhere to California safety standards and submit a record of reported collisions on a monthly basis. The city will also require bikes to have a taillight (California law only requires headlights for bikes) and scooters to have a minimum 48-point font notice not to ride on sidewalks. Scooters will be limited to a top speed of 15 mph.
- **Parking** – Operators are required to maintain a 24-hour hotline and respond to improperly parked or inoperable devices within two hours, from 7 am to 10 pm daily. Not meeting this two-hour standard subjects companies to having their permits revoked.

Additionally, the city will add the ability to report an inoperable or improperly parked scooter via 311, which will create a service request for the company and allow the city to track their responsiveness. In the future, operators will be required to use technology that can tell if a device is parked upright. In high traffic areas, the city may designate parking zones and require that devices only be left in them.

Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 6

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



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