

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA



## Your Chance to Run for Neighborhood Council: Election Set for Oct. 28

The City of Los Angeles has selected Sunday, October 28, 2012, for the next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa election. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Westchester Municipal Building Community Room.

About half of the board seats will be on the ballot, and each board seat has specific qualification requirements. This may be your opportunity to get involved and help your community.

Getting your name on the ballot is easy.

- 1) Just select the seat for which you qualify and for which you want to run.
- 2) Fill out the candidate filing form found at: [empowerla.org/ncwp/nc-of-westchesterplaya-elections/](http://empowerla.org/ncwp/nc-of-westchesterplaya-elections/)
- 3) Submit your form and supporting documentation online, via U.S. mail, email or fax. **Candidate filing period is between August 29 and September 28, 2012.**

It's just that easy!

The board seats that are open for the 2012 election are:

- Seven (7) Residential seats - even numbered Residential seats 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14
- One At-Large seat
- One At-Large Affirmation seat
- Two Business seats - zip codes 90045 and 90293
- One Community Organizations representative seat
- One Education representative seat
- One LMU representative seat
- One Service Organizations representative seat
- One Youth Organizations representative seat

**Please visit the website –[www.ncwpdr.org](http://www.ncwpdr.org) – for specific qualification and residential district boundaries, and look at our October ad in the HomeTown News for profiles of all the candidates running in the October 28 election.**

## Westchester Babe Ruth Team Nabs Third Place at World Series

*By Chris Lynch, NCWP Board Member*

In the past 55 years, Westchester Babe Ruth Baseball had sent only one team to the Babe Ruth World Series – the 2008 13-year-olds. Manager John Lopatto chose 15 boys to represent this year's 14-year-old All-Star team. Last year, as 13-year-olds, the Westchester team had advanced to the Regionals but were eliminated by the eventual World Series champions from Northern California. This year's journey began, like last year, with Westchester taking the District flag by beating Torrance once and El Segundo twice. In the championship game, Westchester rallied from a nine-run deficit enroute to winning the district title.

Westchester then swept the Southern California State Tournament by beating teams from Heartwell and La Crescenta (twice), and advancing to Surprise, Arizona for its second straight appearance at the Pacific Southwest Regional Championship.

The Pacific Southwest Region tournament included Westchester, defending World Series champion Tri Valley (Northern California), Central California (San Benito), Arizona (Tucson), Utah (Taylorsville), Nevada (Fallon), Hawaii and host Surprise, Arizona. Westchester opened up by knocking off defending World Series champions from Tri Valley. Westchester next defeated Arizona 3-1, but lost to a tough team from Hawaii which pushed Westchester into elimination play. The team stormed back to defeat Utah in a 6-5 cliffhanger and earned a shot at redemption against Hawaii, which confidently waited in the winner's bracket.

The 8:30 a.m. start saw temperatures of 103 in the desert. After jumping out to a 5-0 lead, Westchester fought off multiple Hawaii rallies to win 6-5 and force a rubber game to decide who would travel to the World Series. Westchester kept the momentum and beat Hawaii 4-0 in the afternoon match with the mercury hitting 110 degrees. Westchester's Anthony Chavez and Avery Allen were named to the All-Tournament team, and Carlos Jacobo was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player for World Series-bound Westchester.

The Babe Ruth World Series consists of 10 teams who compete in pool play to down-select the final six teams. Westchester took second place in its pool and won a quarterfinal match against Missouri, but lost to the eventual World Series Champions from New Jersey in the semi-finals 9-8. Westchester finished its incredible run placing third in the nation! Matthew Kanfer (3B) and Anthony Chavez (P) were named to the All-Tournament team, Carlos Jacobo (CF) was named to the All-Defensive team and Angel de la Torre was honored for Tournament Sportsmanship. Matthew Kanfer entered the World Series record book with five hits in one game.



*Representing Westchester were: Avery Allen, Cristian Amador, Jordan Caines, Reggie Castro, Anthony Chavez, Grant Craddolph, Angel de la Torre, Lawrence (LJ) Gilliam, AJ Inatsugu, Carlos Jacobo, Matthew Kanfer, Matthew Kaplan, Ethan Lazar, Mario Morales and Jason Zeidman. The team is managed by John Lopatto, coached by Alex Galaviz and Barry Craddolph.*

## Town Hall Meeting on LAX Set for September 27

The community will hold a Town Hall meeting to discuss the LAX Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS) Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which contemplates moving the airport's northernmost runway further north. The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, in the auditorium at Westchester Enriched Science Magnet School

(aka Westchester High School) at 7400 W. Manchester Ave. The moderator will be former State Assemblyman Richard Katz. LAWA will be asked to give a brief SPAS EIR overview, and the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa will make a presentation as well. Members of the public will have the opportunity to submit speaker cards and comment.