

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA



Neighborhood Council Election Set – May, 2014

On Sunday, May 18, 2014, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa will hold its board elections along with a number of other Neighborhood Councils on the Westside.

This is your opportunity to get involved, select those candidates who will serve on your Neighborhood Council and make a difference in your community.

Think of your Neighborhood Council as a group of local residents and representatives of local businesses, churches and schools, etc., working together to address important issues in our neighborhood.

As part of the city's Charter, Neighborhood Councils are an integral part of how local government operates, providing elected officials with a direct line to the community and how it stands on all issues.

The election for the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa board of directors will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Westchester Municipal Building Community Room at 7166 West Manchester Avenue in Westchester.

The election is open to any member of the community who is at least 18 years of age on the date of the election and lives, works or owns property in Zip Codes 90293, 90045 or 90094.

The following seats will be on the ballot (incumbents in parentheses): Business 90094 (Sibyl Buchanan), Residential District 1 (Cheryl Burnett), Residential District 3 (Craig Eggers), Residential District 5 (Vacant), Residential District 7 (Alan Quon), Residential District 9 (John Casey), Residential District 11 (Paul Radke), Residential District 13 (Kathryn Evans), Residential District 15 (Ted Krober), At-Large Seat 2 (Vacant), At-Large Seat 3 (Cyndi Hensch), Income Property Owner (Patricia Lyon), Senior Citizen (Booker Pearson), LAX (Sheryl Thomas-Perkins), and Religious (John-David Webster).

Information about how to apply as a candidate for one of the seats above will be available on the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa website at www.ncwpdr.org and at www.empowerla.com as soon as that information is available from the City.

Planning and Land-Use Committee Busy Reviewing Local Projects

Once again it was another busy year for the Planning and Land Use Committee of your Neighborhood Council. Many interesting and some controversial projects have come before the committee, and we expect the trend to continue through the new year. One of the busiest categories of projects for this year was the category of restaurants. Ayara Thai Cuisine is in the process of a renovation that will create more space for their customers, and along with the renovation they are seeking a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages. In addition to Ayara Thai, McDonald's, Chick-fil-A, and Buffalo Wild Wings have all come before the committee with proposed projects in our neighborhood.



Thanks to the Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association ("WSIA"), in addition to new restaurants our neighborhood will be the recipient of new foliage. WSIA has been hard at work, and has been before the committee to ask support for improvements along Sepulveda and Manchester. Trees along Manchester that are in poor health will be removed and replaced, and the medians along Sepulveda will also be improved as they are being adopted by the WSIA.

Of course the committee also heard from developers seeking to build in our community. The committee heard from developers and community members regarding several projects this year, including a project at 138 Culver Boulevard that brought out many members of the community. Legado Companies is seeking consideration of support for proposed mixed use project consisting of 72 apartments and retail space along the first floor. The project has been the subject of much discussion both before the committee and before the full board, with both community and board members voicing their concern about issues pertaining to parking, traffic, construction mitigation, and environmental concerns. Other proposed



construction projects before the committee include a proposed twelve home project at Emerson and Manchester, as well as a lot split and construction of single family homes on property owned by Loyola Marymount University.

The committee appreciates the passionate members of the community who have appeared to voice their support and concerns for the projects happening in Westchester - Playa, and looks forward to another busy year.

