

Title: LAUSD Board of Education District 4 Run-Off Candidates Forum	Item No. _____
Meeting date: April 4, 2017	
Agendized by: Education Committee	
Contact person: Dr. Michele Cooley-Strickland	Phone number:
Committee Vote (if appropriate): Unanimous	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Additional documents attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation that the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa **hosts a Westside Community Meeting with LAUSD Board of Education District 4 Run-Off Candidates** in April 2017 for Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista families and stakeholders – and larger Westside community via live streaming the event on social media outlets -- to understand the two final candidates’ platforms and plans for our local publicly-funded schools. The two candidates are Nick Melvoyn and incumbent Steve Zimmer.

This would permit the NCWP to:

- 1) Provide residents and stakeholders in the Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista communities, and beyond with an opportunity to hear directly from their final District 4 candidates regarding issues that affect our communities.
- 2) Engage local parents (with and without school-aged children), child-free community members, and concerned stakeholders (e.g., realtors, business owners) to be active and informed voters in the May 16, 2017 election.

Invited officials will be the final two LAUSD Board of Education District 4 candidates (Nick Melvoyn and Steve Zimmer).

Potential locations could be Otis College of Art and Design or the Westchester Municipal Community Room.

The date and location of the event depends on the availability of the two candidates and moderator, but is expected to be held on a weekday evening in the final two weeks of April 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The NCWP Education Committee successfully hosted an education forum for our community in October 2015 and the LAUSD District 4 Board of Education Forum co-sponsored by the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce and hosted by LMU in February 2017. The February event was well attended, but the **larger success is indicated by over 2,300 views** of the Forum on social media. Through outreach and collaborative endeavors, our understanding of the need for such a follow-up LAUSD District 4 Board of Education Run-Off candidate event has evolved into the one proposed above for this Spring.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee believes this collaborative education event is timely and meritorious, and will provide a forum to enhance and inform the larger community in actively electing and supporting the education officials responsible for our local publicly-funded schools.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Costs for advertising the event, brochures, and programs would be part of the NCWP Outreach Committee budget at a cost not to exceed \$200.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

MOTION:

Subject to the approval of the event budget, that the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa **host a Westside Community Meeting with LAUSD Board of Education District 4 Run-Off Candidates** in April, 2017 for Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista families and stakeholders -- and larger Westside community via live streaming the event on social media outlets -- to understand the two final candidates' platforms and plans for our local publicly-funded schools. The two candidates are Nick Melvoin and incumbent Steve Zimmer.