

Title: Motion for Neighborhood Council to Join Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance		Item No. _____
Meeting date: November 2, 2021		
Agendized by: Cord Thomas		
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Committee Vote (if appropriate):		
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? ____ Yes __x__ No		
Additional documents attached? ____ Yes __x__ No		

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa (NCWP) become a member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) and that Cord Thomas act as a representative of the NCWP to the NCSA.

BACKGROUND:

The NCSA, formed in 2015, is an alliance of over 60 neighborhood and community councils of Los Angeles that advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action.

It holds regular public forums and events, and collaborates with neighborhood councils, public agencies, and environmental and other community organizations to support effective engagement on LA’s Green New Deal, climate action, and other timely sustainability issues.

NCWP became engaged with the NCSA 2 years ago and Cord Thomas has been regularly attending meetings, sharing back information relevant to the NCWP. With the urgency of climate-related actions affecting all stakeholders in our neighborhood council, the NCWP should become a member of the alliance.

<https://www.ncsa.la/>

DISCUSSION:

The alliance does not directly take positions on many topics, instead relies on its membership to engage their council districts and related City agencies directly where appropriate. In the rare cases where the alliance would take a position, the NCWP would need to agendize the position in advance for its member to vote on the matter. That vote and the subsequent action by the alliance is public record, just like any matter before the neighborhood council.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

n/a

MOTION:

That the Neighborhood Council:

Request membership in the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) and that Cord Thomas act as its representative on that alliance.