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***GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL***

**Environmental & Sustainability
Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 4, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>

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Webinar ID: 928 2781 1179

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GWNC Sustainability Committee:

Chair - Polly Estabrook (Area 14)
Secretary - MJ Anderson (Area 12)
Julie Dalton (Area 4)
Julie Kim (Area 15)
Andy Galan (Area 12)
Anders Waalen (Area 5)
Multiple Vacancies

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*Concejo Vecinal de Greater
Wilshire - Comité de medio
ambiente y sostenibilidad -
Agenda de reunión ordinaria*

Pursuant to the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) and LA City Council approval on November 1, 2023, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted virtually.

The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an elected advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, made up of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

- A. **Call to Order** (Polly Estabrook) 18:33
- B. **Roll Call** (MJ Anderson, Anders Waalen, Polly Estabrook, Julie Dalton, William Funderburk, Member of the Public)

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. **Stakeholder Committee Member Required Training:** All Committee members have completed required training. Any new non-GWNC Board members on the ESC would need to complete the following training:
 - i. Code of Conduct – available at <https://greaterwilshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2023-1-Code-of-Conduct-Form.pdf>, send signed copy to secretary@greaterwilshire.org.
 - i. Ethics – Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>
- B. **Approval of Minutes** from prior meetings:
 - i. Special Sustainability Committee meeting on 10/16/2025 Approved by Unanimous Consent

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Upcoming Meetings with CD-5 & CD-13 City Councilmember staff on Pesticides and their use on LA City Property.** Board Pres. J. DeVore sent ESC letters and Chairwoman Estabrook is contacting them for a pending January meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Discussion of Public Bank LA and relationship to LA Sustainability.** See [Council File 19-1235-S1](#) and also to [Council File 25-0600-S16](#), a secondary file focused on discretionary funds to support the feasibility study.

i. Background for this topic can be found at [ncsa.la/public_bank_la_10-12_2025](#)

B. **Discussion of the LADWP's Equity Strategies.** William Funderburk, former Vice Chair of the LADWP and Founder of the GWNC ESC, will speak to us on this topic.

i. Presentation notes: LADWP has ties interstate as one of the largest public public utility providers in USA. When Mr. Funderburk was on the LADWP board, he stressed equity and noted departmental opacity. He stressed precedent setting data based Equity Metrics from his tenure. It focused on age, ethnicity, income, veterans and the formerly incarcerated. This is important to promote accountability and fairness. GWNC is one of the wealthiest boards in the city and relatively diverse. Geography is one of the largest indicators for inequality. His previous efforts were placed on the back burner. He mentioned advocating for equity reports as part of LA 100 (energy renewability effort at LADWP). The issue was it not being on the city radar.

C. The [City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee](#) is conducting a 10-to-15-minute survey to better understand the needs and priorities of **bicyclists** across the City of Los Angeles. You can take the survey in either [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. The Polluter's Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025, CA Senate Bill 684 / Assembly Bill 1243 which would have assessed compensatory fees on the largest fossil fuel polluters proportional to their fossil fuel emission from 1990 to 2024, was being discussed in the CA legislature in Sacramento. LA City Council passed a resolution, as did several other CA cities, supporting the bill. LA County is considering supporting this bill at their Dec. 2025 meeting.

B. MJ Anderson Report on Transit Day: Metro will be Extending the D Line in 2026 before March. Efforts will commence by the ESC February Meeting.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Regular Committee meeting date: Thursday, February 5, 2026, 6:30 p.m. in person at the Memorial Branch Library. *Note: regular meetings are held on even-numbered months, alternating between Zoom and in-person.*

VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT 19:28

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Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting. Only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, or if members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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