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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Environmental & Sustainability
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, April 2, 2026 5:30 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)
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Multiple Vacancies

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ambiente y sostenibilidad -
Agenda de reunión ordinaria*

***In conformity with the January 1, 2026 enactment of California Senate Bill 707 (Durazo) and LA City Council File 23-1114, this
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)

B. **Roll Call** (MJ Anderson)

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Approval of Minutes** from prior Sustainability Committee meetings:

i. Special meeting on 3/2/2026

B. **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-For-m.pdf>, send signed copy to secretary@greaterwilshire.org.

ii. **Ethics** – Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>

III. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Pesticide Use in Los Angeles

- i. Report on Meetings being set up with CD 2, Adrin Nazarian and his staff, and CD 14, Ysabel Jurado and her staff, respectively on Pesticides, their impact on human and ecosystem health, and their use on LA City Property. These meetings were recommended by the staffers for CD 5 and CD 13 whom we spoke to in the past month or so.
- ii. Update on GWNC ESC Presentation to CD 2 and CD 14 and strategy discussion on next steps.

B. **Report on John C. Fremont Public Library Landscaping Project.** This work was proposed by the Hancock Park Garden Club, under Leah Fischer's leadership, and was accepted by the LA City Public Libraries for completion. The GWNC ESC proposed putting in a butterfly garden along the steps leading up the library patio from the parking lot.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Earth Day and Earth Day Related Activities in Los Angeles.

- i. Earth Day 2026 will be on Wednesday April 22nd. The theme is "Our Power, Our Planet." The website is: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/> to find general activities and for registering your event.
- ii. Los Angeles will be holding a Climate Week from April 8 - 15, 2026 - with a few events starting on Sunday March 29th. It is being organized by a decentralized group of organizations including UCLA Center for Climate Science, Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative Climate Action and Sustainability and many more.

See laclimateweek.com for event list. Events are organized along themes, contents or geography.

Some that may be of interest are:

- [Wildfire Resilience Workshop: Explore Resilience Investment Through Game-Based Learning](#) - 4/8/2026, 9 = 11:30 AM - Organizer Optivide.
- [Why the 2026 Midterms are the most important Climate Action Opportunity of the Decade](#) - 4/8/2026 12 - 1 PM, organizer: American Sustainable Business Network
- [Walking Tour of the East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project](#) - 4/9/2026, 10 - 11 AM, Organizer: LA County Chief Sustainability Office.
- [Let's Not Die! Open Mic](#) - 4/11/2026, 6 - 7 PM, Frogtown, Organizer: Yellow Dot Studies
- And many more, beach cleanups, tree planting, bird watching events...

B. **What would the GWNC ESC want to do for Earth Day?** Would we want to go to any of these events as a group? Work with GWNC Outreach team to advertise Climate Week and other events on GWNC Website?

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Report on any other sustainability or environmental issues not on the agenda.

B. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Events:

- i. **The NCSA held a City Attorney Candidate Forum on 3/22/2026.** Challengers Marissa Roy and Aida Ashouri to the city attorney seat participated in a candidate forum with a focus on sustainability. The current city attorney, Hydee Feldstein Soto, had agreed to participate, but then withdrew. Her campaign did not provide a reason. The other contender, John McKinney, joined the race after we had first invited the other candidates. He ultimately was invited to participate but was unavailable. Recording of NCSA forum can be found [here](#).
- ii. **Tour an Athens Services Material Recovery Facility**, ie See what happens to what you put in your blue bin. Monday April 13th in Irwindale. [RSVP here](#). You will likely to be put on wait list but they will organize another visit if there is sufficient interest.

C. Los Angeles Climate Reality Project Chapter Events of interest:

- i. San Fernando Valley Climate Reality March Chapter Meeting will be on Tues, March 10 from 7 - 8:30 PM. They have a very well respected Weather & Climate Scientist, [Dr. Daniel Swain](#), from the CA Institute for Water Resources speaking on “Weather and Water Extremes in a Warming California.” Dr. Swain also also authors the widely-read Weather West blog ([weatherwest.com](#)), which provides real-time perspectives on California weather and climate. ***This will be a very clear talk relevant to our water availability in Southern CA.*** [RSVP here](#).
- ii. Los Angeles Climate Reality Picnic and Botanic Garden Tour at the CA Botanic Garden in Claremont, Sunday, April 26th at Noon. [RSVP here](#).

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Next Regular Committee meeting date:** Thursday, June 4, 2026, 6:30 PM. via Zoom. *Note: regular meetings are held in even-numbered months, alternating between Zoom and in-person.*

VII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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The GWNC shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate any member of the public that requests an accommodation to participate in the meeting, by providing a publicly accessible physical location for the member of the public to participate from, providing access to technology necessary to participate in the meeting, or identifying locations or resources available that could provide the member of the public with an opportunity to participate in the meeting.

To address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes action on that item, the public is requested, when prompted by the chairperson, to dial *9 (if connecting by phone) or press the “raise hand” button (if using the Zoom app). Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda but which are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. The Board is prevented from acting on a matter brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, it may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the chairperson.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body’s control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).**

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

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A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A).**

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).**

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