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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Environmental & Sustainability
Committee Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, August 6, 2026 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom:

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

Or by Toll Free Phone (888) 475 4499

Webinar ID: 928 2781 1179

www.greaterwilshire.org/SCdocs/

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*

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 Environment + Sustainability Committee meetings:**
June 4th, 2026

- B. **Stakeholder Committee Member Required Training:** All Committee members have completed training. Any new ESC stakeholder members need 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.
- ii. **Ethics** – Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>

- C. Possible nomination of new committee members.

- i. Aysie Bowers, a stakeholder in the GWNC and a rising senior at Larchmont Charter School at LaFayette Park, is interested in joining our committee. She attended our

June ESC meeting and wrote an article “Cleaner air starts in your front yard and your back yard,” published in the August 2026 edition of the Larchmont Chronicle. I highly encourage all committee members to read this article.

Possible Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommend that the GWNC Board approve stakeholder Aysie Bowers to be a Member of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

- ii. **Possible Motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommend that the GWNC Board approve stakeholders _____; and approve GWNC Board Directors and Alternates to be Members of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

- D. **New Committee Meeting Day / Time:** Our committee has met in person three times / year and virtually for the other three times. We have been using the Community Room at the Memorial Branch Library. They have told us that they have a group who meets there on Thursdays and hence they cannot promise the room to us. Our next meeting, in two months, was to be Thursday Oct. 1st. The Community Room is not available then. They recommend moving to Wednesdays as there are no meetings scheduled then.

Possible Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee schedule their next meeting for Wednesday September 30th at 6:30 PM in the Community Room at the Memorial Branch Library.

Discussion on optimal days for committee members to meet in person and via zoom for our December, 2026 meeting and thereafter.

Possible Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee schedule their meetings, in person or on zoom, for _____ at 6:30 PM. The in-person meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Memorial Branch Library.

III. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. **Pesticide Use in Los Angeles:** On Thursday 7/30/2026, Polly emailed Ms. Lilly Sarafian, CD 2, and Mr. Steve Diaz, CD 14, to see if we could meet with them to discuss pesticide use on City-controlled properties – and particularly Parks and Recreation properties – and to review the research we have collected and discuss next steps. This is a follow up to several emails in March where it was difficult to find convenient times for all to meet. Let’s strategize on how to meet with CD 2 and CD 14 or to proceed ahead with our GWNC City Councilmembers from CD 5 and CD 13.
- B. **Report on Metro Day:** LAX terminal bus opening June 6th. Metro ride to LAX and back? At our last Committee members, some members preferred staying within the new Wilshire line extension.

- C. **Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing:** Crossing is officially opening on 12/2/2026. I have submitted a request for a tour for 8 - 15 people in December (when they have limited opportunities) or January 2027. Between the GWNC and stakeholders in the community, I think we can easily fill the tour.

Below is an image from the crossing real-time camera on 8/2/2026. The wildlife crossing will allow animals to cross from the Santa Monica mountains to the Simi Hills and to the open space preserves to the north which have been acquired over the last 30 years.



- D. **GWNC Survey Results:** The original survey responses are in the ESC docs folder in an excel spreadsheet. There is also a presentation which captures responses by GWNC area.

Survey comments have been divided into five categories:

1. tree care;
2. maintenance of parks, medians, & sidewalks;
3. access to green space;
4. inefficiencies in trash collection;
5. pesticides & gas powered garden equipment.

We would like to see if it is possible to have one committee member take on each topic, look over what the respondents stated and see if we can address the issue they raised. Over the past month, committee members have volunteered to lead Issues #2 and #5. Let's discuss if we can find leads for Issues 1, 3, and 4.

Committee members please review the three attachments in the [GWNC ESC 08/04 folder](#) if possible in advance of the meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Andy Galan has volunteered to follow the meetings and work of the LA City Council Energy and Environment Committee as best as possible. The E&E Committee meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 3:30 PM. Councilmember Nazarian (CD 2) is the Chair, CM Yaroslavsky, Vice Chair, CM Jurado (CD 14), CM Raman (CD 4), and CM Padilla (CD 6) are on the committee. This committee oversees the work of the LADWP and of LA Clean Water, and deals with many resource and sustainability issues.

All of the Community Impact Statements (CIS) that the GWNC ESC has worked with the GWNC Board to file have been over motions discussed in the LA City Council E&E Committee and therefore it is an important committee for our work.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

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

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

- i. The San Fernando Valley Climate Reality August Chapter Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8/11 at 7 PM. The Fernandeño Tataviam Tribal Resiliency Plan will be discussed. All are welcome to hear Miguel Luna from the Fernandeño Tataviam Tribe of Mission Indians discuss how a local tribe has combined their traditional ecological knowledge with modern data and science to create a blueprint for addressing climate in tribal territory! RSVP [here](#).

C. The US Dept of Commerce & NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) is holding meetings on the Evaluation of the **California Coastal Management Program**.

According to the CA Natural Resources Agency, the Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick ordered the evaluation, accusing California of "environmental extremism" and "environmental terrorism" for delaying projects that the administration considers national priorities, specifically offshore oil and gas development, and others.

The review would impact the startup of the Sable Offshore Corp oil production off the Santa Barbara shore in March, 2026, begun prior to addressing or complying with the environmental concerns and permit requirements raised by the CA Coastal Commission.

The startup raises environmental concerns as the pipeline was the cause of the 2015 Santa Barbara oil spill. This spill, per [NOAA](#), released over 100,000 gallons of crude oil after a corroded underground pipeline ruptured near Refugio State Beach on May 19, 2015. The disaster heavily fouled local shorelines and killed hundreds of marine animals and birds.

If interested, consider attending one of NOAA's virtual meetings on 8/11 or 8/12 from 2 - 5 PM.

- i. NOAA will hold two virtual public meetings on Tuesday, August 11 and Wednesday, August 12, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. PT. NOAA will conduct the virtual public meetings via Adobe Connect. Each person who wants to attend either virtual meeting must electronically register by August 10, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT. Attendance at each virtual public meeting will be limited to 1,000 individuals; therefore, NOAA requests that individuals attend only one meeting, on either August 11 or 12. NOAA will call on speakers on a first come/first served basis through the raised hand function of Adobe Connect. Each speaker will have three minutes to speak. NOAA will adjourn the meeting at 5 p.m. PT or when all participants have spoken, whichever is earlier. NOAA retains discretion to extend the virtual public meetings if appropriate and feasible. To register for either virtual meeting, use the following link: https://noaabroadcast.adobeconnect.com/e23ewcr5d65q/event/event_info.html. Each registered participant will receive an Adobe Connect link for the meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. **Next Regular Committee meeting date:** Wednesday, September 30th, 2026, 6:30 PM. at the Memorial Branch Library, Community Room, 4625 W Olympic Blvd, LA, 90019
Note: regular meetings are held in even-numbered months, alternating between Zoom and in-person.

VII. **REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING INSTRUCTIONS / PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MEETINGS – Every person wishing to address the Board/Committee must dial (669) 900-6833 or (877) 853-5257 and enter 928 2781 1179 then press # to join the meeting. [The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment maintains that this language is required, although it's also possible to address the board or committee using the Zoom app. In other words, it's not true that you "must" dial in. Please see the Zoom instructions below and the link on Page 1 of this agenda.]

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).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5).**

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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