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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Environmental & Sustainability
SPECIAL Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom:

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

Phone: (669) 900-6833 or (877) 853-5257,

Meeting ID 928 2781 1179, then press #

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GWNC Sustainability Committee:

Chair - Polly Estabrook (Area 14)
Secretary - MJ Anderson (Area 12)
Aysie Bowers (Area 13)
Julie Dalton (Area 4)
Julie Kim (Area 15)
Andy Galan (Area 12)
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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:**
August 6th, 2026 and September 30, 2026. Drafts in committee docs.

- 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-For-m.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. **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

IV. **OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. **A. Reconsideration and Revision of the September 30, 2026 Recommendation re: CF 26-1332 (Padilla – Blumenfield) – Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) / City Median Conversion Program / AB 1572 Compliance.** The Highland Avenue median is Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument No. 94 (designated 1972), running approximately 1.25 miles from Melrose Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard.
Possible Motion: That the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommend that the GWNC Board submit a Community Impact Statement in support of CF 26-1332 (Padilla – Blumenfield), relative to the conversion of non-functional turf medians and AB 1572 compliance, and request that any conversion of the Highland Avenue median, Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument No. 94, (1) preserve the historic palms and continue the irrigation they need, (2) be reviewed by the Office of Historic Resources and the Cultural Heritage Commission, and (3) include community input, including from the Hancock Park Homeowners Association, which helps maintain the median.
- B. **Letter re: Reducing Cosmetic Pesticide Use on City Property**
Possible Motion: That the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommend that the GWNC Board approve sending a letter to Councilmembers Katy Yaroslavsky (CD 5) and Hugo Soto-Martinez (CD 13) recommending that the City (1) minimize cosmetic (non-essential) pesticide use on City-owned and -maintained property within the GWNC, including parks, medians and parkways, in favor of integrated pest management and non-chemical methods where practical; and (2) make information on pesticide applications by City departments and contractors readily available to the public, including advance notice of where and when applications occur.
- C. **Informational Handout on Gas-Powered Garden Equipment (Aysie Bower).**
Possible Motion: That the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommend that the GWNC Board approve an informational handout on City and State rules for gas-powered garden equipment and South Coast AQMD rebate programs (draft in committee docs), for distribution through GWNC email communications, the GWNC website, and at GWNC event tables, and approve the expenditure of up to \$30 for printing.
- D. **Letter re: Compost and Mulch for City Street Trees and Planting Sites.**
Possible Motion: That the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee (1) approve a list of City-owned tree sites and barren planting sites within the GWNC in need of compost and mulch; and (2) recommend that the GWNC Board approve sending a letter to Councilmembers Katy Yaroslavsky (CD 5) and Hugo Soto-Martinez (CD 13), with a copy to the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA), requesting that the City apply and maintain compost and mulch around City-owned street trees, tree wells, medians, and barren parkway planting sites within the GWNC, as identified in the attached list of locations, consistent with any requirements applicable to designated historic resources, to improve soil health, stormwater absorption, and tree survival.

E. **Motion re: Modern Organics Processing and Composting Master Plan / Increase Local Composting Capacity / Recycle Service Providers (Blumenfield - Nazarian - Hernandez, Yaroslovsky, Harris-Dawson) CF 26-0925.**

Possible Motion: That the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommend that the GWNC Board submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the Motion CF 26-0925 (Blumenfield et al) relative to a Modern Organics Processing and Composting Master Plan, and support prioritizing local use of City-generated compost and mulch, including around City street trees and medians.

V. **NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. None

VI. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

VII. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **Next Regular Committee meeting date:** Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026, 6:30 PM. via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179> . *Note: regular meetings are held in even-numbered months, alternating between Zoom and in-person.*

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

IX. **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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