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Green Committee**

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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Green Committee SPECIAL Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 25, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.
Fire Station 43 – 3690 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034**

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
- II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)**
 - a. Limited to non-agenda items – subjects related to green committee issues
- III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
 - a. **Debrief:** Irina's experience at PLUM Committee Meeting
 - b. **DISCUSSION and possible action:** Decide on date and amount of time for the "green/sustainability campaign"
 - c. **DISCUSSION:** Begin list of events and campaign messages for the "green/sustainability campaign"
 - See attached draft of green business certification
 - See attached posters for ditch the straw campaign and ditch disposables campaign
 - d. **DISCUSSION:** Figure out how we can partner with the Transportation Committee and use the tap cards at our events
 - e. **DISCUSSION and possible action:** Decide if we should participate in the annual Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept. 15th (see attached flyer)
- IV. Adjournment**

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. 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 that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

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SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la



PNC Green Committee



Palms Neighborhood Council Green Certification Program for Restaurants

**GET PROMOTED FOR YOUR GREEN EFFORTS WITH THE HELP OF THE
PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL!**

Please find the enclosed outline for the PNC Green Certification Program.

We are working to promote Palms as a leader in sustainability, and we are reaching out to the restaurants in Palms to be part of this important effort. Using best practices from other communities, we've put together criteria for a green certification program that will prove cost effective, achievable, and most importantly, the responsible thing to do for better urban sustainability.

Participating restaurants will be promoted throughout the community and will receive the logo below for display:



Actual Size

Palms Neighborhood Council Green Certification Program for Restaurants

Participation: Restaurant and Food Service operations within the borders of Palms are eligible to participate in this program.

Certification: Participants are verified via inspection by a member of the Palms Green Committee. Once certified, businesses completing the program will be a Palms Green Committee Certified Establishment, entitling the participant to:

1. Possess and Display the PNC Green Committee Decal.
2. Possess and Display a similar electronic version of this logo for online promotion and use in printed advertising.
3. Be listed in a promotional section of the PNC website and featured in promotional and educational materials regarding the program.
4. Be a preferred vendor for PNC meetings.

Certification is for two years. There is no fee to participate in this program!

Application: In order to obtain a PNC Green Committee Certification, a business must do all of the following:

- ____ • Stock and use only compostable, recyclable, and/or reusable packaging, utensils, and kitchenware for on-site, take-out, and delivery services. Participants must not use polystyrene (#6 plastic), whether foam or clear.
- ____ • Participants may not use point-of-sale single-use plastic bags for on-site, take-out, or delivery services.
- ____ • Recycle all glass, plastic, aluminum, steel, newspapers, junk mail, and non-food-contaminated paper (cardboard boxes broken down/flattened).
- ____ • Pledge to purchase products with the highest amount of recycled content reasonably available.
- ____ • Post the PNC Green Committee Certification Decal in a location highly visible to patrons.

In order to obtain a PNC Green Committee Certification, a business must also either maintain certification in the Los Angeles Certified Green Business Program, OR do at least **1/3 of the following options, as applicable to your business:**

- ____ • Participate in the City of Los Angeles Food/Organic Waste Recycling Program.
- ____ • Eliminate disposable dishes and utensils for dine-in customers. Stock reusable kitchenware.
- ____ • Eliminate individual plastic bottles of water.
- ____ • Offer incentives to customers who bring in their own coffee mugs, to-go dishes, reusable beverage containers, or reusable bags.
- ____ • Recycle all fryer oil for donation to a biodiesel program.
- ____ • Provide receptacles for collecting electronic and hazardous waste items that are prohibited from the normal waste stream (batteries, CFL bulbs, e-waste, paint, etc.) and devise a schedule for periodic transfer to a hazardous waste collection center.
- ____ • Replace all lighting with high efficiency LED bulbs or fixtures.
- ____ • Eliminate single-use plastic straws for all beverages.
- ____ • Install a solar water heater or preheater.
- ____ • Install a solar electric system.
- ____ • Clean all outdoor areas with a broom and damp mop instead of a hose.
- ____ • Install water-free urinals.
- ____ • **Utilize** California native plants and/or trees **to replace non-native landscaping, if applicable.**
- ____ • Stock at least one non-toxic, biodegradable, Green-Seal certified cleaner. Educate staff of your eco-friendly preference to use these cleaners as a first choice in all applicable situations.
- ____ • Eliminate the purchase of endangered seafood and purchase seafood from sustainable sources as defined by the Monterey Bay Aquarium's most current Seafood Watch Guide, eliminating service of all seafood from the "Avoid" column.
- ____ • Provide a secure location for staff to store bicycles, or install a bike rack in or near facility.

_____ • Provide an employee bulletin board with information on bicycle paths, ride sharing, and public transit options, including Metro, Culver City Bus, and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus.

_____ • Participate in an incentive program to encourage customers to arrive by foot, bicycle, or public transportation.

- Other applicable sustainable practice not listed pending PNC Green Committee approval

Processing: A representative of the Palms Neighborhood Council Green Committee will arrange to meet with you and certify your successful participation in the program. When ready for certification, or for further information, contact the Palms Green Committee via: Green@PalmsLA.org. Program participation subject to renewal every 2 years from commencement.

For more information about the PNC, visit: www.palmsla.org

Hi Palms Neighborhood Council,

My name is April and I am an intern at Heal the Bay, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making Los Angeles's oceans and watersheds clean, safe, and healthy. I know how important social activism is to Palms Neighborhood Council, so I wanted to invite you to volunteer at Coastal Cleanup Day, on September 15th!

Coastal Cleanup Day is a world-wide day of cleanups, and one of the largest international efforts to protect our environment. Heal the Bay is the L.A. County Coordinator of Coastal Cleanup day, we're in charge of setting up cleanup sites and engaging volunteers. There are a few ways to participate in Coastal Cleanup Day:

1. [You can host a public cleanup site](#) OR
2. You can host a private cleanup on your site OR
3. You can participate at one of our cleanup sites

This would be an awesome opportunity for the Palms Neighborhood Council to show the LA County, the California Coastal Conservancy, and the Ocean Conservancy, the true impact that our neighbors can have on the world. I will be reaching out to many neighborhood councils in the LA region, but if you know of other leaders who are potentially interested, please direct them to me or to www.healthebay.org/ccd!

Best,

April Vernon



Coastal Cleanup Day 2018 | CCD Site Captain Training

Join us and learn how to lead a site on Coastal Cleanup Day 2018!



DESCRIPTION

The Coastal Cleanup Day "CCD" **Site Captain Training** is designed to teach you everything you need to know about Coastal Cleanup Day on September 15, 2018, in order to ensure that you are well prepared to serve as a leader for your site.

Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer day on the planet! Heal the Bay coordinates more than 50 coastal, inland, dive, and kayak cleanup sites in L.A. County.

The training session is geared for both new and returning site captains.

We have four trainings scheduled:

- Wednesday, June 20, 2018; 9am-12pm @ Heal the Bay: 1444 9th St, Santa Monica
- Saturday, July 14, 2018; 9am-12pm @ Manhattan Beach Library
- Wednesday, July 18, 2018; 6pm-9pm @ Heal the Bay
- Thursday, August 2, 2018; 9am-12pm @ Heal the Bay

Let's tackle this awesome day of service together!

Please contact Isabel Cardenas, Coastal Cleanup Day Manager, with any questions:
(310) 451-1500 ext. 148 or ccd@healthebay.org

120 BILLION

disposable cups are used by Americans each year.²



Placed end to end these could circle the equator almost 333 times!



PAPER: 54 billion



PLASTIC: 38 billion



FOAM: 26 billion²

Impact of the annual disposable cup habit in the U.S.



Generates
2.2 Billion lbs. of waste
enough waste to fill
78,571 garbage trucks!



35 Billion Gallons
of water
enough to fill almost 53,000
Olympic size swimming pools!



4 Billion lbs. of
CO₂ equivalent
equal to the annual
emissions of 366,384 cars!



11+ Million Trees!

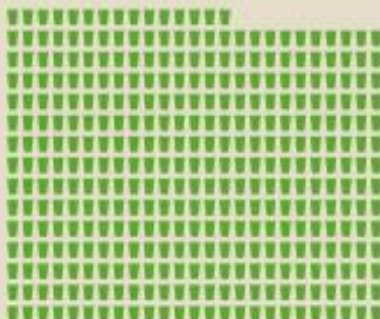


MOST CUPS AREN'T RECYCLED: almost all disposable cups are made of hard-to-recycle materials like plastic-coated paper or foam.^{4,5,6}

*Data on waste, water, and CO₂ impacts sourced from a Franklin Associates Report prepared for the Plastic Foodservice Packaging Group, 2011. Tree data quantified using the Environmental Paper Network calculator.^{3,3}

It's time to break the disposable cup habit.

By replacing one disposable cup a day for one year with a reusable mug you prevent:



OR



23 lbs. greenhouse gas emissions



281 gallons water usage



16 lbs. of solid waste



1 tree from being chopped down



and Save \$91

¹assumes 25¢ discount per use

*Cup impacts data sourced from Franklin Associates Report, 2011. Tree data sourced from Environmental Paper Network.^{3,3}



ReThink Disposable is a program of Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund conducted in partnership with local businesses and government agencies. Generous support is provided by public and private funders. To learn more about the program, its partners and funders, visit www.rethinkdisposable.org



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JUST SAY **NO** TO STRAWS!

THE U.S. CONSUMES
500 MILLION
STRAWS A DAY.²

End to end, straws used **DAILY** in the United States could circle the planet more than two-and-a-half times.



That's over **182 BILLION** straws a year!



Straws are made from petroleum, a toxic and polluting non-renewable resource.^{3,4,5}



Toxic additives such as colorants, plasticizers, antioxidants, and UV light filters threaten health and the environment.⁵



Emissions equivalent to 8.3 million miles driven by an average passenger vehicle every year.⁶



Generates 342 million pounds of waste annually.



Straws are one of the top 10 marine debris items found on our beaches.¹



There will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050. At least 690 wildlife species have encountered marine debris.^{7,8}

↓ TAKE ACTION!

- Just say **NO** to straws or use a reusable straw.
- Ask your local food businesses to stop using them.
- Tell your local elected officials to ban straws.



ReThink Disposable is a program of Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund conducted in partnership with local businesses and government agencies. Generous support is provided by public and private funders. To learn more about the program, its partners and funders, visit www.rethinkdisposable.org.



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