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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Green Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 7:00pm**

Zoom Meeting Online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87285653948>

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I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. [New Committee Community Standards and Ground Rules](#)
- B. New [LADWP rebates](#)
- C. Expect to hear more on [SB1383](#) in March
- D. Recent City Council Motions on phasing out oil and gas ([CF 17-0447](#))
 - 1. [Los Angeles moves to end oil drilling in the city](#)

III. INTRODUCTIONS (10 MIN)

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 MIN)

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES (10 MIN)

- A. EV Pilot Seminar (recap, feedback, and next steps)
- B. Tree Planting Initiatives
- C. [NC Green Biz](#)
- D. [Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance](#) (NCSA)
 - a. Cool Blocks Challenge
- E. [Dog Waste stations](#)
 - a. **FUNDING MOTION:** Order 5 boxes of bags for \$659.85 + \$58.73 in shipping for a total of \$718.58 from [Dog Waste Depot](#). These 5 boxes will help make up for the lag in filling the stations and support filling them until the regular funding of this project is integrated into the Palms NC budget (to happen in July of 2022).
 - b. DONE GIS tool for Palms NC
- F. Non-Profit Liaison: Natasia Gascon
- G. New Potential Park Updates

VI. NEW PROJECTS/BUSINESS (30 MIN)

- A. **MOTION:** The Palms NC urges the Los Angeles City Council to support [The Ocean Clean-up Interceptor](#). Support letter in supplementals.
- B. Greening of Palms Elementary School
- C. Brianna sewing circle mending clothes idea
- D. Del Rey NC Green Committee Coordination
- E. LADWP Treatment of Bees
- F. Plant Swap and Master Gardeners Update

VII. Identify next steps (if time allows)

VIII. Next meeting: Tuesday March 8th, 2022

IX. Adjournment

SUPPORT LETTER

Dear Councilmember Koretz,

The Palms Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council support The Ocean Clean Up Interceptor trash diversion pilot project as approved by [Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2019](#), to proceed as planned in Ballona Creek in 2022.

Originally initiated by Supervisor Janice Hahn's (District 4), it has since moved with boundary changes to Supervisor Holly Mitchell District 2. This project is expected to divert more than 50% of the approximately 10-40 tons of trash per year that flow into the ocean through the mouth of the creek.

Our ocean's fragile ecosystems are about 75% of the planet's surface, and critical to the function of our planet and ultimately human's existence as we know it. Every measure

to protect our oceans is urgent at this critical moment in time as we face a climate crisis that has already taken too many human lives.

Palms is located just a short walk and quick bike ride from Ballona Creek, and we recognize the value of this creek to our local community and environment. Additionally the Palms NC takes single-use plastics and pollution very seriously, leading projects on local clean-ups, working with the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation on expanding their Green Business program, and also participating in the #skipthestuffcampagin. We want to note the importance of focusing on upstream solutions, and going to a reusable versus disposable economy, to ensure that less plastic enters the environment in the first place. But we recognize the importance of also working on downstream solutions is urgent to protect our oceans *now* with such solutions as the Interceptor.

We want to ensure the County, City, and Neighborhoods are doing their part to protect the oceans and that is why we are calling on you to support this project on behalf of CD5 and all of Los Angeles. We thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

CC: Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell

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