



## Monthly Committee Meeting Agenda

### Environmental Committee Meeting

February 25, 2016

3-4:30PM

Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

Exposition Park District Office, 700 Exposition Park Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90037

**Committee Co-Chairs:** Scott Chan and Carla Truax

**Second District Staff:** Lacey Johnson and Karly Katona

- Welcome & Introductions
- Second District Update – tabled
- Empowerment Congress Youth Summit, January 16, 2016
  - Recap, attendance, sign in sheets, evaluations. Waiting on the documents for attendance and evaluations. Recap: it went well, and we would like to do this again next year. The speakers were great, and it seemed like the youth felt their opinions mattered.
  - Letter to Supervisor and Parks and Rec with the information. Also asked that this be included in the report the county is putting together. For the supervisor, request tree planting, partnering with stakeholders, and developing community gardens in the parks.
    - \*A draft of this letter is attached, please review and send any suggestions.
  - Keep involved with these students, and ask the staff from the groups who attended the summit to help plan the next event.

#### Next events

- Urban Agriculture Summit, tentative date April 29 and the weekend. See more information on [cuala.nationbuilder.com](http://cuala.nationbuilder.com). Committee supports the summit and would like to be involved in planning.
- Oil drilling and community health (possible Health and Environmental Committees). Possibly late March date.
  - The committee wanted more information, to define the issues being covered. Members listed water, air pollution, oil drilling, brownfields, accidents and spills. Examples include Jordan Downs, Baldwin Hills, and Magic Johnson Park.
  - Requested to do a repeat of the second district staff presentation on oil drilling.
  - Include the environmental justice perspective, how agencies should do engagement, community forum style with agencies listening, then the agencies talk about their programs and a joint discussion about what should happen next. The committee would like to do a press release or statement resulting from this event.
  - Suggested presenters:
    - Angelo Bellomo, health department
    - Sandy Navarro, [sandy@esperanzacommunityhousing.org](mailto:sandy@esperanzacommunityhousing.org), Esperanza Community Housing is part of the STAND LA coalition, and they are seeking to give presentations about oil drilling and their proposals for protecting community health.
    - Bhavna Shamasunder, [bhavna@oxy.edu](mailto:bhavna@oxy.edu), Assistant Professor, Urban and Environmental Policy <http://www.oxy.edu/faculty/bhavna-shamasunder>



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- Jill Johnston, [jillj@usc.edu](mailto:jillj@usc.edu), environmental health and community outreach at Keck School of Medicine at USC. She leads the outreach program, which seeks to translate health information and be a resource for communities. She has been involved in advising on Exide and oil drilling issues in LA.

#### Other event ideas:

- Youth research institute with USC, Summer. Committee supports the idea, Carla put together more details.
- Youth Film Screening of "Can You Dig This" (maybe in partnership with the education committee), TBA.
- Community planting day for the launch of the County's Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Program, TBA.
- Announcements & general committee
  - Annual committee work plan
  - EC and Committee Calendar, membership outreach, other announcements
- Summary of meeting
  - Review notes and follow-up items, add any changes to work plan or items for progress report
  - Items for next meeting

#### Committee calendar

- Committee meetings:
- Thursday, March 24, 2016
- Thursday, April 28
- Thursday, May 26
- Urban Agriculture Summit, April 29 (tentative)