



Councilmember Mitchell Englander's E-News - November 4, 2016

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*E-News for the Week: November 4,
2016...*

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A promotional banner for Councilmember Mitchell Englander. On the left, a photograph of Mitchell Englander, a man with short dark hair wearing a blue polo shirt, smiling and leaning against a tree trunk with his arms crossed. To the right of the photo, the text reads 'Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitchell Englander COUNCIL DISTRICT 12'. Below this text is a green horizontal bar with the words 'E-NEWS' in white. At the bottom right of the banner are two circular logos: a blue circle with a white 'E' and two white stars, and the official seal of the City of Los Angeles, which includes the text 'CITY OF LOS ANGELES' and 'FOUNDED 1781'.

RECENT LEGISLATION

**Finding Alternative Disposal Site for Sunshine
Canyon Landfill...**



Today, I introduced a motion to the Los Angeles City Council requesting that the Bureau of Sanitation immediately begin preparation for finding an alternative disposal site to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill for the City's municipal solid waste stream. Additionally, the motion asks the City Attorney to report back on legal recourse for the community having suffered as a result of "odors that affect the health and well-being of residents in the surrounding neighborhoods" according to Los Angeles County Public Health.

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a Notice of Violation to Republic Services, the operators of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, having determined that odors that come from the site affect the health and well-being of residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Additionally, Republic Services is the subject of an abatement order for odors from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The Order includes a mandated reduction in hours of operation and tonnage accepted for disposal. This is the second such order from SCAQMD, the first having expired without resolution to the odor issue.

The City of Los Angeles uses Sunshine Canyon Landfill for its municipal solid waste disposal, tipping up to 3,000 or more tons a day at the site. Additionally, on May 10, 2010 the City exercised Contract Amendment 3 with Browning-Ferris Industries of California (now Republic Services) to

utilize Sunshine Canyon through June 30 of 2021 for up to \$32 million annually.

Given the County Health Department's assessment of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill odors affecting the health of residents, it is unconscionable that the City should continue to dump its trash there. With over 9,000 odor complaints since 2009, Republic Services has proven they are incapable of controlling odors from the site.

Ensuring Marijuana Regulations in the City of Los Angeles...

Though the vote to place the Cannabis Activity Permits, Regulation and Taxation Initiative on the ballot was largely a ministerial one because the qualifying number of signatures were gathered and verified - I was compelled to vote no. As



Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and as a Reserve LAPD Officer, it is my experience that the availability of marijuana can lead to increases in crime and serve as a gateway to the use and distribution of harder drugs. These are unacceptable trade-offs in communities like the Twelfth District.

Even without my support, the initiative has the votes necessary to qualify for the March ballot. In light of that, a critical part of today's action was that the Council also passed accompanying legislation: the Cannabis Enforcement, Taxation, and Regulation Act (CETRA) to protect our communities if there is a more widespread legalization. The passage of this proposal is a huge step in that direction and initiates the process on community protections such as:

1. Establishing rules concerning who may qualify for a license to operate in any of the phases of commercialization.
2. Creating penalties, fines, and other enforcement tools needed to insure strict compliance with licensing and avoid the type of illegal dispensary proliferation that occurs under Proposition D.

3. Establishing regulation of transportation of marijuana products within the City.
4. Dictating siting of all buildings and facilities involved in all phases of commercialization.
5. Preventing the over-concentration of businesses involved in commercialization of marijuana.
6. Determining any necessary land use requirements such as distances to schools, parks, libraries, residences, liquor stores, stores selling candy to children, and other such matters affecting the locations of stores and facilities involved in commercialization of marijuana.
7. Utilizing constitutional and appropriate measures regarding advertising commercialization of marijuana in such a way as to prohibit exposure to anyone under the age of 21.
8. Updating training and protocols to enable police officers to enforce laws against driving while under the influence of marijuana.
9. Requiring auto rental agencies, particularly at airports, to advise visitors to the City regarding the rules concerning driving while under the influence and other marijuana regulations of which visitors may not be aware.
10. Reviewing any and all other issues that may arise regarding the commercialization of recreational marijuana in the City.

Prohibiting Marijuana Advertisement in the City of Los Angeles...

This week, the Public Safety Committee heard and approved my motion asking the City Attorney to report on options for prohibiting the advertisement of marijuana if recreational use is approved by the voters in November, including a discussion of what the City currently does to prohibit alcohol and cigarette advertising.

Although the nation banned tobacco ads on television almost 50 years ago, the upcoming statewide marijuana ballot initiative could allow TV commercials promoting marijuana to air alongside advertisements for cereal and cleaning



products. Proposition 64, which is on the November ballot, would allow people age 21 and older to possess and use up to an ounce of marijuana and would allow pot shops to sell cannabis for recreational use. The initiative also includes a provision that could someday allow cannabis sellers to advertise their products in print ads and on digital sites and radio and television stations, but would "prohibit the marketing and advertising of non-medical marijuana to persons younger than 21 years old or near schools or other places where children are present."

Although there are other impediments to marijuana ads hitting the airwaves in California, including the fact that cannabis is still recognized by the federal government as an illegal drug, the possibility that television commercials will someday arise featuring people smoking marijuana is cause for concern that would roll back decades of old anti-smoking advertising protections and would allow marijuana smoking ads in prime time, on programs with millions of children and teenage viewers.

The City needs to prepare to address the issue of marijuana advertising if Proposition 64 is approved by California voters in November.

[Click here](#) to view full motion.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2016 E-Awards for Excellence in Public Safety...



Last Friday, my office hosted the 37th Annual E-Awards for Excellence in Public Safety. The E-Awards luncheon recognizes the Police Officers and Firefighters who selflessly serve and protect the San Fernando Valley and gives community members an opportunity to show gratitude and admiration for our public safety heroes that go above and beyond the call of duty.

Congratulations to the men and women being honored today for their courageous engagements and dedicated service to the citizens of the San Fernando Valley and a special congratulations to the cadets receiving the 2016 Gelb Family Scholarship Awards.

Thank you to our sponsors and to everyone that helped make this event a huge success.

MGA Entertainments New "24" by Uncommon Groundbreaking...



This week I was excited to break ground on 24, a transformative project in Chatsworth. Located on site of the former LA Times printing facility, the mixed-use project will create a thoughtfully-designed campus environment in which to work, live and play.

The project includes: reuse of the printing facility building for the new corporate and creative headquarters of toy company MGA Entertainment, housing, and numerous on-site amenities, including a transit plaza linking the site to major area transit hubs, neighborhood serving retail and restaurants, and beautifully designed open spaces including an amphitheater and a walking path.

I am proud that this campus has chosen to call CD12 home. [Click here](#) to read the LA Times Business Section's story.

The Los Angeles Planning Department Wants to See Your Vision for the City of Los Angeles...

OurLA2040
Our City. Our Future. Our Plan.

The City of Los Angeles has recently embarked on a four year journey to

update the General Plan. The General Plan is the constitution for future growth and development within the city. It is at the heart and foundation of the city's long-range vision and serves as the basis for decisions that affect all aspects of our everyday lives – from where we live and work to how we move about and where we spend our time with friends and family.

OurLA2040 will set policies that will take us into the year 2040. Six major themes will be covered as part of this effort: our community, our economy, our environment, our geography, our parks and open space, and our safety. While OurLA2040's plan is a policy document that outlines goals, objectives, policies, and programs to guide growth in the city, it is also a community document and captures a collective vision for the future of the City of Los Angeles.

Your voice is important for this process. The Planning Department and the OurLA2040 team invite you to take the OurLA2040 Vision Survey and share your thoughts about our great city.

[Click here](#) to take the survey. For more information, go to ourla2040.org or email ourla2040@lacity.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Department of Transportation Coming to CD12 Community Service Center...

We are now taking reservations for community members to meet one-on-one with representatives of City Departments at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth.

We have regularly scheduled time slots for community members to meet with the Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), Housing & Community Development, Neighborhood Empowerment Departments and the Bureau of Sanitation. This offers community members an opportunity to



get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all the way downtown. Meetings are by appointment only. The following Departments are currently taking appointments:

Department of Transportation

Wednesday, November 9

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Our Community Service Center is located at 9207 Oakdale Ave., Second Floor, in Chatsworth.

To RSVP and for more information, call [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:8188821212).

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park Trail Day...

The Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is hosting a family-friendly day of discovery and introduction to the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. Trails Day is sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains. The difficulty level of the hike is moderate.



Saturday, November 5

Guided hikes starting at 9, 10, and 11 am

Andora Trail Head

9955 Andora Ave.

Chatsworth

For more information, go to www.fpssm.org.

Chatsworth Hills Academy Fall Open House Week...

Join Chatsworth Hills Academy for a week of Open House days to learn about their programs. Learn about the International Baccalaureate program, meet teachers and staff, and tour the 16 acre facility while asking questions about the program, school and community.



**Monday, October 31 to
Saturday, November 5**
[Click here for event time](#)

**Chatsworth Hills Academy
21523 Rinaldi St.
Chatsworth**

For more information and to RSVP, call (818) 998-4037 ext. 275 or register online at www.chaschool.org.

Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship Open House...

Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship will be holding a free Open House to give the community an opportunity to learn more about the programs that they offer to individuals with special needs. Join them for a complimentary pancake breakfast and demonstrations of their Adaptive Riding and Therapy Services Programs. There will be fun activities for children including stick horse crafts and horseshoe decorating along with staff on hand to discuss new rider registrations and volunteer opportunities.



Ride On teaches adaptive horseback riding to children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities and we provide physical, occupational and speech therapy specializing in using the movement of the horse to improve specific medical conditions. Founded in 1994, Ride On has given almost 100,000 safe, effective and individualized lessons and therapy treatments and currently serves 200 individuals each week.

**Saturday, November 5
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**10860 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Chatsworth**

For more information, call [818.700.2971](tel:818.700.2971) or email Sara@RideOn.org.

Granada Hills Rotary Foundation Blood Drive...



A great alliance between Rotarians, area hospitals, the youth soccer league, and Valley residents will conduct a Valley blood drive. Blood cannot be manufactured or replaced by anything else, so donated blood saves lives – and the next life it saves could be yours, or that of a loved one.

Saturday, November 5

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Granada Hills Recreation Center
16730 Chatsworth St.
Granada Hills**

**North Valley Youth Sports Complex
13100 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills**

For more information, go to www.rotarygivesblood.org.

West Hills Neighborhood Council Community Clean Up...

The West Hills Neighborhood Council's Beautification Committee invites members of the community to join the more than a thousand volunteers in locations throughout West Hills and surrounding areas, clearing weeds, picking up trash, fixing up local schools and improving the San Fernando Valley. Bring a hat, gloves, sun screen and a smile.



**Saturday, November 5
8:30am to 11:30am**

Locations:

**West Hills Post Office (23055 Sherman Way),
Woodlake/Saticoy/Ingomar (meet at Fields Market),
Valley Circle Boulevard at Strathern Street,
Roscoe Boulevard (meet at Orcutt Ranch),
Nevada Avenue Elementary School (22120 Chase St.)
and Pomelo Community Charter School (7622 March Ave.).**

For more information, go to www.westhillsnc.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes Festival...

Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a Festival filled with entertainment all weekend long. There will be rides, games, bingo, food booths, live music, a silent auction, and more.

**Friday, November 4
5:00 pm to 11:00 pm**

**Saturday, November 5
1:00 pm to 11:00 pm**

**Sunday, November 6
1:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Lourdes
18400 Kinzie St.
Northridge**

For more information, go to www.ollfestival.org.



Chatsworth Fine Arts Council Arts and Crafts Show...

Original art and unique crafts presented by the artists and artisans who



created them: paintings, photography, glass and metal works, fabric arts, jewelry, ceramics, and much more.

There will also be a “Sealed Bid - Silent Auction” Fundraiser with a wide variety of items to bid on, including gift baskets and certificates, a Living Trust package, and a weekend trip to Mammoth. All proceeds

will benefit the community art activities of the Chatsworth Fine Arts Council.

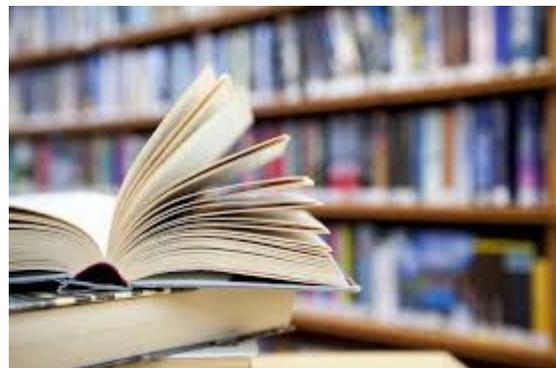
Sunday, November 13
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Chatsworth Metrolink Station
10042 Old Depot Plaza Rd.
Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 772-1639 or go to www.chatsworthfineartscouncil.com.

The Friends of the Granada Hills Library Book Sale...

The Friends of the Granada Hills Library will host a two-day used book sale. There will be a great variety of hardcovers and paperbacks, representing all ages, subjects, and interests sold at the event. Prices for most books will range from 25 cents to one dollar and all proceeds will benefit the library.



Friday, November 18
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, November 19
9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Granada Hills Library - Community Room
10640 Petit Ave.
Granada Hills

For more information, call (818) 368-5687.

STAFF REPORT

Reports From Our Staff: Project "Caring Actions Responding to Elders" (CARE)...



**Semee Park -
Legislative
Deputy**

Our Legislative Deputy, Semee Park, would like to inform you about Project CARE. Project CARE is the Los Angeles Foundation on Aging's annual event where City residents sponsor older adults in need by providing them with gift bags during the winter festivities. This is the time when you can personally make a difference in the life of an older adult. Your "Caring Action" and generosity of a gift bag filled with basic items will bring joy to elderly residents who are all alone during this holiday season.

This year, the Los Angeles Foundation on Aging and the Los Angeles Police Department Detective Bureau partnered to support participants in the Home Delivered Meal Program and the Congregate Meal Program. Your support will help reach out to more deserving older adults and make this holiday special.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.givelafa.org/ProjectCare2016 or contact Elizabeth Franco at projectcare@lacity.org.



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