



COUNCILWOMAN

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Most people have a general understanding of why active oil drilling near residential neighborhoods is a problem. Oil extraction increases the amount of methane in the air. It's linked to higher asthma rates in children as well as higher rates of preterm labor in pregnant women who live near active drilling sites. But what most people don't see are the quieter, more insidious practices oil companies use to keep these wells running, and how far they're willing to go to extract more oil, even when those wells sit next to homes, schools, and parks.

Let's talk about one of them: acid maintenance.

This is a process that involves injecting industrial-grade acid into oil wells to break up blockages and extend the life of old equipment. It's common in aging urban fields, where production is slowing down but operators are trying to squeeze out every remaining drop. The chemicals used are so hazardous that workers wear hazmat suits and regularly monitor for exposure. The problem is that the people living nearby often don't even know it's happening.

Before the courts struck down the City's oil ordinance last year, acid maintenance projects had to go through public review and community notification. That system worked. There were no acid maintenance operations while those protections were in place. But after the ruling, operators ramped up activity. In just six months, there have been more than 30 notices of acid maintenance citywide, and not all of them followed even the basic rules that still apply.

That's why I [co-authored a motion](#) with Councilmember Tim McOsker last year to pause acid maintenance and restore public oversight. My office is also pushing the City's Chief Zoning Administrator to issue a revised interpretation of the zoning code that would bring back transparency and review of acid maintenance practices. With the passage of AB 3233, the City now has clear authority to regulate this work. We need to use it.

This is not just a public health issue. It's about who gets protected and who doesn't. It's about whether Los Angeles is willing to stand up to an industry that has taken too much for too long at our expense. On Tuesday, the Energy and Environment Committee will consider the City Attorney's report on my motion. If you are able, I encourage you to participate and show your support. You can do so by [submitting](#)

[written public comment](#) in support of CF 24-1580 or by [attending the meeting](#) in person.

All my best,

Katy

City Budget Updates

FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

This week, the Budget Committee continued reviewing the Mayor's proposed budget through a series of departmental hearings. These hearings give us a clearer picture of how the proposal would impact operations, staffing, and service delivery across the City. After our final departmental hearing tomorrow, departments will work with the City Administrative Officer to prepare over 300 memos responding to questions raised during the hearings.

One item I pushed for this week was restoring \$5 million to the Animal Services Department's operating budget. That money had been moved into the Unappropriated Balance in the Mayor's proposal, which led to understandable concern about possible shelter closures. By moving the funds directly into the department's budget now, we avoid disruption and give the department the stability it needs to keep serving animals and the people who care for them.

Second, we are advancing the creation of a new Bureau of Homelessness Oversight within the Housing Department, a proposal I supported alongside Councilmembers Raman and Blumenfield. This new Bureau brings coordination and accountability to a system that's

currently too fragmented across different city departments. We also asked for a memo that would restore many of the eliminated positions in the Planning Department, and identify ways to speed development services through consolidation and streamlining.

Next week, after the memos are complete, we'll begin recommending changes to the Mayor's proposal. Some will focus on savings. Others will move funding and staffing where they can be more effective. And some will restore programs and positions that generate revenue, reduce liabilities, and improve the service delivery of core city services. I will provide a more complete overview of the changes we are able to make next week, but for now, you can follow along by viewing the full schedule of the hearings [here](#), and watching the live streams [here](#).

Legislative Updates

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Standing with Survivors on Denim Day

This week, I joined my colleagues in recognizing Denim Day, an international day of action led by Peace Over Violence to support survivors of sexual violence and push for a culture of consent and accountability.

In the past year, the Council has taken important steps to support survivors of gender-based violence. We secured the largest increase in funding for survivor services in the city's history, required training for homeless service providers, and created a task force to strengthen enforcement of Domestic Violence Restraining Orders. These are

meaningful changes, but they only matter if we stay committed to the work. Denim Day is a reminder that showing up must happen all year.

Community Updates

TRAFFIC UPDATES • EVENTS • RESOURCES

The Los Angeles City Council
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



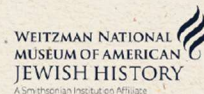
**FROM THE WIZARD OF OZ TO WICKED:
Jewish Composers Who Shaped Hollywood**

In celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, we'll spotlight Jewish composers whose music shaped Hollywood and created some of the most iconic moments in American Cinema.

Presentation will begin in Council Chambers at 10:00 am, with a reception to follow at 11:30 am.

City Hall ★ Friday, May 16, 2025 ★ 10:00 AM

RSVP REQUIRED: [TINY.CC/JAHM25](https://tiny.cc/jahm25)



Jewish American Heritage Month!

Join us for a special celebration in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month. This year's theme, From The Wizard of Oz to Wicked: Jewish Composers Who Shaped Hollywood, pays tribute to the extraordinary Jewish Angelenos whose music shaped some of the most unforgettable moments in American Cinema.

10:00 AM – Live musical performance in Council Chambers

11:30 AM – Reception on the Forecourt featuring the UCLA Klezmer Band

Don't miss the monthlong exhibit, From the Wizard of Oz to Wicked: Jewish Composers Who Shaped Hollywood, on display in City Hall's Bridge Gallery

Please let us know you'll be joining us by registering here: [Register Now](#)

We look forward to celebrating with you! [Register here.](#)

**WESTWOOD
BRANCH LIBRARY**
Celebrating
20 YEARS
2005 - 2025
WORDS. WISDOM. WONDER.

Saturday, May 10, 2025
9:30 am - 5:00 pm
1246 Glendon Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90024

10:00 am THOR'S REPTILE FAMILY "LIBRARY SAFARI" (for Kids, Teens & Families)
Snakes! Lizard! Tarantulas! OH MY! Meet animal expert Thorsten Pape and his exotic "family" of friendly, fascinating reptiles for a thrilling, exciting, and safe hands-on experience!

11:00 am L.A. ZINE FEST'S "ZINE-MAKING WORKSHOP" (for Teens, Kids & Adults)
Ready. Set. Create! We provide pens, paper, collage materials, scissors, glue sticks, instruction sheets, pizza...and FUN. By the end of the workshop, you should have your very own 8-page zine!

11:30 am UCLA JADE LOTUS LION DANCE TROUPE (for Kids, Teens & Families)
Meet Ketchup, Mustard & Sriracha! A trio of lions perform Hok San style lion dance with UCLA's student dance team that celebrates the art and culture of Vietnamese-Chinese style lion dance.

12:00 noon CELEBRATION & CEREMONY & CUPCAKES TOO (for Everyone)
Fiesta Fun! Mariachi Band, Remarks by City Librarian John Szabo, LAPL Book Bike, Dignitaries, Special Presentations, Free Gifts, 20th Anniversary Cake, Historic Photo Exhibit & Surprises.

2:00 pm THE VIRTUOSO PIANO: THE THREE YODER BROTHERS (for Adults)
A Triple Treat! Brothers Łucasz, Kasper and Dominik Yoder of UCLA's Herb Alpert School of Music dazzle with a program of Chopin, Liszt, Brahms and more, with solo, 4-hand, and a unique 6-hand collaboration written by Dominik for this concert. We debut our Yamaha C3 Baby Grand Piano, a gift to Westwood Library, and end with a reception for Concert guests by Delphi Greek Restaurant.

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*Free Admission. First come, first served. 90 minutes free validated parking for Library Patrons in Library Garage.
\$3 all-day parking at 10866 Wilshire Garage, 10 am - 6 pm; Garage entrance on Glendon, north of Library.
For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.*

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Westwood Branch Library 20th Anniversary Celebration | Saturday, May 10, 2025

Celebrate 20 years of "Words. Wisdom. Wonder." at the Westwood Branch Library. This all-day, family-friendly event features a reptile safari, zine-making workshop, dancing lions, mariachi, cupcakes, and a live piano concert by the Three Yoder Brothers of UCLA.

Westwood Branch Library (1246 Glendon Ave.)

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Free admission. Validated and overflow parking available.

9th Annual Older Adult Transportation Expo | Friday, May 9, 2025

Join Metro for the 9th Annual Older Adult Transportation Expo, a premier event designed to help older adults navigate public transportation with confidence and ease. For more information, please email onthemove@metro.net | [RSVP here](#)

Meet Fire Station 58 | Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Robertson Branch Library and South Robertson Neighborhood Councils are partnering to bring you: Firefighter story time and firetruck tour with Captain Devin and the firefighters of Station 58. For answers to questions please contact: Stuart Weiss at stuartweiss@soronc.org

3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Robertson Branch Los Angeles Public Library (1719 S. Robertson Blvd.)

SHINE LA: AAPI Day of Service | Saturday, May 31, 2025

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mayor Karen Bass and City leaders invite you to Shine

LA - AAPI Day of Service. Angelenos from across the City will engage in a

day of community service with family, friends, and neighbors. Join us as we beautify our neighborhoods from San Pedro to the San Fernando Valley. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

Traffic Updates

ROAD CLOSURES & STREET IMPROVEMENTS

JEWISH HOLIDAY: SHAVUOT– PARKING SCHEDULE

The Department of Transportation, Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Division will relax enforcement of street cleaning, time limit and preferential parking restrictions as requested for Shavot on Sunday, June 1st 5:00 PM thru Tuesday, June 3rd 11:59 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: METERS, TOW AWAY ZONES, LOADING ZONES, AND OTHER

SAFETY VIOLATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED

D Line Section 1 & 2 Lunch Webinar – Beverly Hills Stations

On May 7th, Metro invites the public to a lunchtime webinar on the D Line Extension Transit Project Beverly Hills Stations. This webinar will provide key updates on the Wilshire/La Cienega and Wilshire/Rodeo stations, including construction timelines, project milestones, and how these stations will transform transit access in Beverly Hills. | [Full Details](#)

D Line Section 3 Construction Update Meeting

Metro invites the public to attend a construction update meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 12pm to learn about the latest progress on the Metro D Line Extension Section 3. The meeting will provide updates on key developments, including the Westwood/UCLA and Westwood/VA Hospital stations, as well as ongoing construction activities along the project alignment. |