# North Westdale News

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## North Westdale Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064



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## NWNA Meeting Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 7:00 PM Guest Speaker: Councilmember MIKE BONIN

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - 11555 National Blvd., 90064 (Federal and National)

While Mike was initially excited by the promising recent headlines about an agreement to eventually end airport operations at SMO, the devil is in the details and Mike shares neighbors concerns that this agreement does not accomplish what is needed to protect the health and safety of his constituents in the neighborhoods near the airport.

As far as Mike can tell from the details he has seen, there is no agreement to actually close the airport in 2029 - just an agreement to keep the airport open until then. The



agreement may limit larger jets from using the airport by shortening the runway, but Mike finds no assurances that that the shorter runways will achieve the vital 1,000 foot buffer zone from homes. The continued operation of this airport for at least 12 years will continue to pollute neighborhoods with harmful jet fuel emissions, and Mike remains concerned that Santa Monica Airport will continue to force undue burdens and impacts of continued operations on Los Angeles neighborhoods. Mike continues to stand with these neighborhoods to call for a much faster timeline to shut this nuisance airport down for good. (The above text and photo are taken from Mike Bonin's February Neighborhoods First Newsletter.)

## FEBRUARY 4 SMO PROTEST DRAWS OVER 300 AS AIRPORT CONCERNS HEAT UP



NWNA Secretary Joan Winters reads the statement from Congressman Ted Lieu at SMO Protest.



### Interested in running to be a NWNA officer?

The election for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be held at our May 24 meeting (if necessary). Please submit your statement of intention by March 23 to be posted in the April newsletter.



## President's message: by Martin Rubin

Hello Neighbors,

Santa Monica Airport continues to be an item of great importance to our North Westdale neighborhood. Thank you to those who attended the CRAAP February 4 airport protest (video and photos are linked on our NWNA website www.northwestdale.com). As it turned out, we had more to protest than originally planned. The City of Santa Monica secretively signed a settlement with the FAA that was unveiled early on a Saturday morning and promoted as a wonderful deal. The City claims that the FAA will allow SMO to close after January 1, 2029.

However, more questions arise than are answered within the language of the "Consent Decree" settlement. The ambiguous language reminds me of the 1984 agreement and the broken promises that the airport would close in July, 2015. Also, Santa Monica has a history of moving the noise, along with the air pollution impacts away from Santa Monica. Guess where they go; right over and into Los Angeles. We need our Los Angeles City officials to get involved and to keep Santa Monica from continuing this practice. Please come to our March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and help drive this point across to our Los Angeles Councilmember, Mike Bonin. Your added voice will make a difference.

On a more pleasant topic, Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> is the date set for our next fall block party. Once again, we plan to showcase our local talent. Save the date, and if you or someone you know would like to perform, please contact me.

NWNA dues has fallen off from previous years. NWNA delivers newsletters to over 1,600 residents. To date 53 donations have been received totaling \$1,140.00. That's down from last year's 139 donations totaling \$2,581.00. Besides strengthening our treasury, your donation shows us that you like and appreciate our efforts. Help your neighborhood association by making out a \$15 (or more) check payable to "NWNA"; mail to: NWNA, P.O. Box 642522, L.A., CA 90064. You can also use the PAYPAL button on our www.northwestdale.com website. NWNA expenses include printing our monthly newsletters, rental of our meeting hall, special-meeting refreshments, website hosting, post office box rental, events like our Fall Block Party, as well as other expenses.

New signs that restrict overnight-oversized vehicle parking have been going up. Crime this past month in our neighborhood has lessened. It appears that NWNA residents are being conscientious.

Now is the time to decide if you want to run for an office. Last year the four current officers were unopposed. Please contact me if you are interested in running or if you just want to get involved with the NWNA in some way.

I can be reached via email at martinrubin@earthlink.net or by phone at (310) 479.2529



#### Above photo: by Cindy Bendat

Protest organizer, NWNA President and Director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution Martin Rubin at lectern addresses attendees from Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, and other WLA neighborhoods.



#### NORTH WESTDALE CRIMES FROM: JAN 17 to FEB 26, 2017



Compiled by Martin Rubin from:

maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/sawtelle/crime/

Location, Crime, Date and Time (Address information is generalized by block to help ensure privacy is protected.)

- 1. Theft from vehicle-11800 National-Jan. 18, 4 pm
- 2. Theft from vehicle-2600 Barry-Jan. 20, noon
- 3.Theft-11700 National-Jan. 24, 6:30 pm
- 4. Grand theft auto-11600 National-Jan. 29, 8 pm
- 5. Theft-11300 National-Feb. 10, 9 am
- 6.Theft from vehicle-11700 National-Feb. 13, 4 pm
- 7. Theft from vehicle-11700 National-Feb. 24, 6 pm
- 8. Grand theft auto-2800 Butler-Feb. 26, 1:35 am

Our Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer: Adrian D. Acosta - (note new email): 37285@lapd.online 310.622.3973

#### NWNA OFFICERS

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March 29, 7:00 PM

**NWNA Meeting** 

May 24,

D 7:00 PM

**NWNA** Meeting & Election of **NWNA Officers** 

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**April Newsletter** Deadline: March 23

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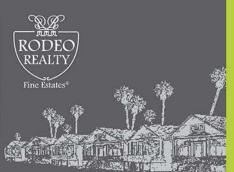
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