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### **NWNA — SPECIAL MEETING – DATE CHANGE**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

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

GUEST :

**CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN BASS**

## *Letter to FAA Administrator Huerta from Congresswoman Bass*

November 7, 2013

The Honorable Michael P. Huerta  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington DC 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta:

As the Congressmember for the California's 37<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, I represent constituents that live directly adjacent to the Santa Monica Airport (SMO). In the past months, I have met with several neighborhood groups and individuals who represent the residents near SMO.

Concerned constituents have expressed a litany of safety and environmental concerns about the airport operations, especially given its close proximity to residential areas, including homes and public parks. Aircraft departing from SMO are less than 300 feet from residences. For two decades, homeowners have complained about the odors and emissions throughout their neighborhood and within homes. Additionally, on September 29, 2013, a small plane crashed into a hangar at the airport, bursting into flames and collapsing the building. Unfortunately, all four people on board the plane were killed.

Based on the ongoing constituent concerns as well as the recent plane crash and fire, I have concluded that the airport presents a danger to the health and safety of surrounding residents. Therefore, I strongly encourage the FAA to consider allowing the SMO permit to expire at the end of 2015, ultimately closing the airport.

Additionally, I join my colleague, Congressman Henry Waxman, in requesting that the FAA participate in a forum with stakeholders from the surrounding communities as well as local and state government officials to discuss options for the future of the airport. I eagerly await response to this letter and look forward to working together to address this critical issue.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact my Deputy Chief of Staff Solomon Rivera at 323-965-1422. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KAREN R. BASS

Member of Congress, California's 37<sup>th</sup> District

cc: U.S. Congress Member Henry Waxman  
California State Senator Ted Lieu  
Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin

### **Thank you Karen Bass**

*from NWNA President Martin Rubin,*

Thank you for understanding the severity of Santa Monica Airport's negative impacts on your constituents. Having campaigned for action on this critical issue for more than seventeen years, I believe your letter to FAA Administrator Huerta relays our concerns accurately and strongly. Our Los Angeles City Council and the California State Legislature have also expressed these concerns. You are now taking them to where they must be addressed; at the Federal level. Your strong encouragement to have the FAA allow for the closure of the airport is welcomed by North Westdale which has the distinction of having some of the most polluted air in Los Angeles. I hope that you will make this a priority issue and continue to speak out on behalf of your constituents until this matter is fully resolved. On behalf of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association, I thank you.

With much appreciation,

Martin Rubin  
NWNA President



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NWNA Santa Monica  
Airport Committee Meeting  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11 - 6:00 PM**



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## CALENDAR

Feb. 11 - Airport Committee  
Feb. 18 - Special NWNA Meeting  
(Guest: Congresswoman Karen Bass)  
March 26 - NWNA General Meeting

NWNA Book Club - For more details email:  
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NWNA General Meeting  
Schedule (through June, 2014)  
**All are welcome!**  
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**7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014**  
**March 26, 2014**  
**May 28, 2014**  
**June 25, 2014**

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**Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 21**



## California is dealing with a serious drought.

Dear neighbors,

As you all have probably noticed, California is dealing with a serious drought. Water is very limited and we all need to save water for our basic needs such as drinking, growing food, and fighting fires. Please note that the city of Los Angeles has a mandatory water conservation ordinance that has been in place since 2009. The ordinance prohibits watering your yard and plants between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and watering any hard surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, streets, etc. Residents are also limited to watering on certain days of the week. LADWP has customer service field representatives that patrol the city to check for violations of the ordinance. After an initial warning, residents who selfishly continue to violate the ordinance will receive citations of between \$100 and \$600.

The drought is serious. Please think about the future of Los Angeles and conserve water, a limited and precious resource. For more information about the ordinance and to learn which days you can water your lawn, visit [www.LADWP.com/Water Conservation](http://www.LADWP.com/Water Conservation).

Your neighbor (and new Block Captain), Suzi Spear

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## Strengthening our Nwana in 2014

Part 2

by Martin Rubin, Nwana President



First, I want to announce and welcome Virginia Ernst, my choice for Nwana Vice President.

In the January Newsletter I described some basics about the Nwana, how we operate, the importance of Block Captains, and I made a request for additional Block Captains. Thank you and welcome to our three new Block Captains! Listed on the top of page two are blocks that still need a Captain to distribute newsletters.

A few asked if we can do away with the newsletter altogether and use only our existing online version. It is important to have both.

Hard-copy, home-delivered newsletters via our Block Captains are a tool to disseminating important and timely information. An unknown number of our approximately 1,200 homes may not use a computer, and there are those that are uncomfortable giving out their email addresses. New arrivals to North Westdale are made aware of the Nwana through our hard-copy. I find it gratifying to see neighbors holding the newsletter and reading it with interest when I drop them off to my designated blocks.

It is also important to continue archiving our newsletters online at [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com).

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School Tours  
February 27, March 27



## Farmers Market Report

by Wayne Matsuyama

Suncoast Farms benefits from Lompoc's climate by having brussel sprouts for a long growing season. Ask Paul for his favorite way of preparing them and he'll tell you to coat them with olive oil and roast at 400° for 20 to 30 minutes. Suncoast also offers dried legumes: black eyed peas, pinto, garbanzo, yellow, lima and pinto beans. Each one-pound package comes with a recipe to help you get started. If you're looking for an interesting way to cook cauliflower from Suncoast or the other farm vendors, Paul will give you a recipe which includes eggs, parmesan cheese and oregano.

Meyer lemons will continue to be available for a short while longer. They are less acidic than regular lemons and have a beautiful rich yellow color. Central Valley Farms is carrying Jerusalem artichokes or sunchokes, which can be used raw in salads or steamed.



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