



Carson Connected, Inc.

An Organization of Volunteers Devoted to Nurturing Our Communities!



Keeping Our Community Connected and Providing Assistance with Issues that Matter to Us!

2013 - 2014 Carson City Council

In 1968 thousands of people cast their vote to stop the dumping, protect our communities from contamination and to create the City of Carson. In just a few months this city council, people who were not here in 1968 and apparently have no clue what we went through, are rewriting the history and purpose of our city.

Let's look at the actions of this city council:

- **May 20, 2013** this city council bypassed our laws and started naming streets and computer centers after themselves. [\(1\)](#)
- **June 12, 2013** this city council fired David Biggs and in September 2013, the Daily Breeze, citing high-ranking officials reported that Biggs had refused to fire upper-echelon managers who would not carry out the will of the council. [\(2\)](#) [\(3\)](#)
- **August 6, 2013** this city council hired unqualified Sam Ghaly as city manager and when it was discovered his qualifications were fraudulent it took the residents protesting to have him fired and they gave him \$15,000.00 for defrauding the city and people of Carson. [\(4\)](#) [\(5\)](#) [\(6\)](#) [\(7\)](#)
- **August 8, 2013** this city council awarded a contract for half the going rate to a friend of a council member. [\(8\)](#)
- **August 2013** reports of employees who would not carry out the will of council members were being fired. [\(9\)](#)

- **October 15 2013** this city council change oral communication during our city council meetings leaving the residents to speak on an issue before receiving the staff report.
- **January 2014** this city council released the incomplete Oxy Draft Environmental Impact Report. [\(10\)](#)
- **January to present** this city council is participating in and allowing the manipulation of the residents, and media in order to permit the Oxy Project. [\(11\)](#) [\(12\)](#) [\(13\)](#)
- **April 2014** this city council voted to allow our moratorium to expire robbing the residents and city of the protection and our right to ever place a moratorium on oil drilling again. [\(11\)](#)
- **May 20, 2014** this city council presented a ban on fracking which allows the contractor to state fracking is necessary and a permit will be granted. [\(14\)](#)
- **July 12, 2014** the Mayor co-hosted an Oxy/ Jobs for Carson event supposedly for our veterans which was just another ploy to gain unknowing support for 200 oil wells. [\(12\)](#)
- **August 5, 2014** this city council removed our city clerk from conducting our March 2015 elections. [\(15\)](#)
- **August 21, 2014** this city council held an oil and gas code update workshop for all residents when all residents didn't receive notices. [\(16\)](#)
- **August 30, 2014** notices of the repeat workshop have been received by some residents this notice doesn't look like an official city notice. The city seal has been disguised with a logo that looks like it's for a child's birthday party. Will residents take this notice seriously? [\(17\)](#)
- **September 2, 2014** it was discovered the Utility Users' Tax Oversight Committee attempted to hold mandated meetings that were continuously postponed for almost a year. Could this jeopardize our UUT in the future?

[\(1\) Link to Daily Breeze article](#)

[Carson leaders, living and dead, to get their names on public facilities By Sandy Mazza](#)

[\(2\) Link to Daily Breeze article Carson fires its city manager David Biggs By Nick Green](#)

[\(3\) Link to Daily Breeze article](#)

[Carson city manager's hiring, firing tied to council faction intrigue By Sandy Mazza](#)

[\(4\) Link to Daily Breeze article](#)

[Carson hires top administrator lacking in management experience By Sandy Mazza](#)

[\(5\) Link to Daily Breeze article Carson's new top administrator lacks qualifications By Sandy Mazza](#)

[\(6\) Link to Carson Connected email Carson Reserve Your Posters](#)

[\(7\) Link to Daily Breeze article Carson fires just-hired city manager Sam Ghaly amid protest By Sandy Mazza](#)

[\(8\) Link to Daily Breeze article On first day at work, ousted manager](#)

[Sam Ghaly awarded contract to favored company By Sandy Mazza](#)

[\(9\) Link to Daily Breeze article](#)

[Carson city manager's hiring, firing tied to council faction intrigue By Sandy Mazza](#)

[\(10\) Link to Carson Connected email Oxy DEIR Now Available](#)

[\(11\) Link to Carson Connected email Carson Chamber of Commerce Connection](#)

[\(12\) Link to Carson Connected email Manipulation of Our Citizens](#)

[\(13\) Link to Carson Connected email Manipulation of the Media](#)

[\(14\) Link to Carson Connected email Two steps backward, one step forward](#)

[\(15\) Link to Carson Connected email UPDATES](#)

[\(16\) Link to City of Carson public notice August 21, 2014](#)

[\(17\) Link to City of Carson public notice September 17, 2014](#)

VOTER EDUCATION/REGISTRATION PROJECT

Carson Connected Community Voter Education/Registration Project



Thanks to
Centerview / Glen Avalon Homeowner's Association, Inc. for inviting us to have a table at their Annual Community Picnic.



The picnic was well attended by community members and a number of dignitaries and special guests. It was a great event with lots of food, refreshments, games, music, prizes and good wholesome fun.



We registered a first time voter Kamara and a number of people took applications to start voting by mail.

Over 40,000 registered voters in the city of Carson did not vote in the last mayoral council election.

Top 10 reasons to Vote by Mail

1. You won't forget to vote.
2. If you want to vote early, vote by mail is the most convenient way to do it.
3. You won't have to find the time to get to your polling place.
4. You won't waste gas or fight for a parking space to cast your votes.
5. Research the candidates and issues with your ballot right beside you.
6. Sick, traveling, or stuck at work on Election Day? It won't stop you from voting.
7. There's no waiting in line when you vote from home.
8. You can vote in your pajamas and no one will judge you.
9. Vote by mail ballots are easier to use than an electronic voting machine.
10. Fewer campaign calls. Most campaigns stop calling once you've turned in your ballot.

Remember ONLY give your ballot to a certified election worker or your post office.

You can register to vote online
[Link to Register to Vote](#)

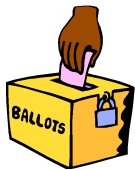
Vote by Mail Ballot Application



[Link to Vote by Mail Ballot Application](#)

UPCOMING EVENT VOTER EDUCATION/REGISTRATION PROJECT

"...it is our indispensable duty to cast our vote in that direction, which upon survey of the whole facts in the case, will promote the great end."
-- Frederick Douglass



The Fannie Lou Hamer Queenmother Society of California State University, Dominguez Hills will sponsor a four hour Voter Registration / Education in conjunction with Carson Connected voter project.

Date: September 17, 2014
Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Place: California State University, Dominguez Hills

For more information contact:
Dr. Vergie E. Seymore 310 344-9846 or Lori Noflin 310 885-5860

Some of the places you can receive and fill out voter registration/vote by mail forms:

Vergie's Maner
553 E 169th St
Carson, CA 90746

Ken's Ice Cream
18511 Avalon Blvd
Carson, CA 90746

Postal Annex
Avalon Blvd AT E
University Dr
Carson, CA 90746

United Printers
451 E. Carson Plaza Dr.
Suite 101
Carson, CA 90746

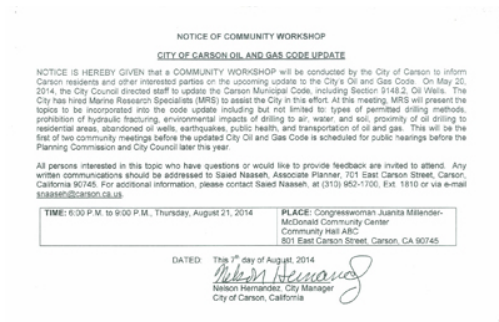
Volunteers needed!

Let us know if you would like to volunteer lnoflin@carsoncaconnected.org

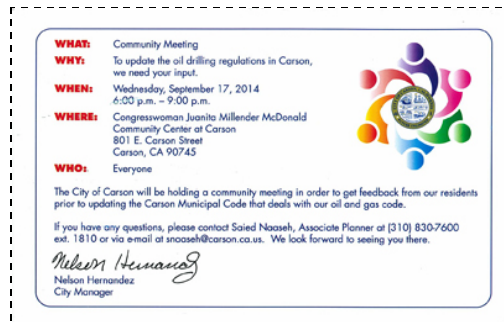
City of Carson Oil and Gas Code Update Workshop

The Carson oil drilling regulation update got off to a shaky start with a large segment of the residents receiving the notices of the workshop late or not at all. The residents were asked to submit their questions in writing and the people conducting the workshop read them. Our questions were misunderstood and did not have the full emphasis our comments should have been expressed with. At this time it's not clear what this consultant team and these workshops will come up with. But what was clear at this workshop was the frustration with and distrust of this city council and administration, and the anger for their discounting and disrespect of the residents wishes and concerns. They only seem to care that they have the 3 votes on this city council to push through their

own selfish agenda that benefits only them, their friends and contributors.



August 21, 2014 Oil and Gas Code Update Workshop Notice



September 17, 2014 Oil and Gas Code Update Workshop Notice

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To have your Community Event included in our free Carson Community Calendar
Submit your information early to ccc@carsoncaconnected.org
(entries may take up to 72 hours to post).

PHONE BANK September 9th and 11th



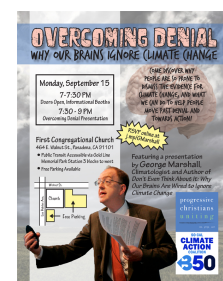
With Family and Friends,
It's only a short time that the election on November 4, and I will need your help! On Tuesday, September 9th and 11th, I will be calling personal calls and reaching out to local business owners, and need your support.
As you know, I could not be successful without the help from the hardworking volunteers like you all. Thank you for your continued support.
I believe in opportunity. I believe in results. And I believe in us. I truly appreciate your support.
Sincerely,
Nelson Hernandez
Candidate for California 14th Assembly District

Proper Notice for Assembly 2014: 361 W. Congress Blvd., Carson, CA 90745, United States
This email was sent to ccc@carsoncaconnected.org. To stop receiving emails, click here.
You can also sign up with Proper Notice at www.propernotice.com.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY September 13, 2014



Overcoming Climate Denial Why Our Brains Ignore Climate Change September 15, 2014



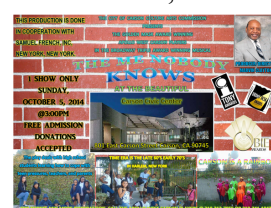
Career Festival September 27, 2014



City of Carson's Fourth Annual Veterans' Job Fair 2014 October 3, 2014



The Me Nobody Knows October 5, 2014



NO Drilling in Populated Areas

Petition to Regulate the Oil Industry

We the undersigned, call for immediate action by the Obama Administration, U.S. Congress, California State Legislature, and local government officials to put into effect the following regulations for the oil industry to protect the people, communities and America.

- All new activity must be developed and maintained in unpopulated areas.
- All existing permits in populated areas when expire will not be renewed.
- The oil companies must maintain a bond in the event of an emergency to correct ALL damages to Americans and America.

[Link to NO Drilling in Populated Areas PRINTABLE Petition](#)

[Link to NO Drilling in Populated Areas ONLINE Petition](#)

What You Can Do

Report Illegal or Unethical Behavior

If you have any information on the illegal or unethical behavior of any community organization, business interest, the oil industry, any Carson elected official(s) or employee(s) that contributed to this ill gotten vote please contact me Lori Noflin at lnoflin@carsoncaconnected.org. To keep your complaint completely confidential you can mail to Lori Noflin, P.O. Box 5503, Carson, CA 90746.

Or you can submit a complaint directly to the governing agencies listed below:

California Fair Political Practices Commission

Enforcement Division

428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

General Contact Line: (916)322-5660
Advice Line: 1-866-ASK-FPPC
(1-866-275-3772)

[\(Link to Complaint Form\)](#)

District Attorney's Office County of Los Angeles

Public Integrity Division

210 West Temple Street
Suite 18000
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3210

Telephone (213) 974-3512

County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury Criminal Justice Center

Telephone: (213) 893-1047
Email: info@lacounty.gov

California Environmental Protection Agency

916 323-2514
Email: cepacomm@calepa.ca.gov

[Link to CAL/EPA ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINT FORM](#)

California Department of Justice Office of the
Attorney General

P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550
(916) 322-3360 or
(Toll-free in California) (800) 952-5225
Fax: (916) 323-5341

FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation

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