

Dear Neighbor,

You are warmly invited to participate in your neighborhood organization and to make your voice heard.

NOMA is the city-recognized neighborhood association for the entire North of Montana area. We are a non-profit, all-volunteer group of neighbors dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of life for residents in our neighborhood and city.

Your attendance at our monthly meetings is welcome and encouraged, as is your participation in our activities, as your input is vital to help us identify and deal with the issues that impact our lives.

***We meet:*** *The first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM*  
***Where:*** *Montana Branch Library at 17<sup>th</sup> and Montana*

**Our Current Goals**

- Provide residents with information on city issues
- Improve the livability of our neighborhood and city
- Promote responsible growth and prevent overdevelopment
- Reduce crime and improve public safety
- Improve mobility and pedestrian safety
- Assure public transit to the Expo Line
- Enhance our sense of neighborhood and community

Your membership increases the strength of NOMA’s voice. If you have not yet joined or renewed for 2016, please do so now.

**NOMA 2016 Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(NOMA does not share or sell email addresses)

What are your greatest concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you think should be a top priority for City Council? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Annual Membership Dues:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Household

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Business

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation

\_\_\_\_\_ New    \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

*Please make check payable to “NOMA”  
and mail to: NOMA  
1112 Montana Ave #516  
Santa Monica, CA 90403*

## **NOMA'S YEAR 2015 IN REVIEW**

### **OUR SUCCESSES:**

- Protection of our neighborhood from unwanted intrusions and height increases in the city's new Zoning Ordinance, particularly in the neighborhood commercial districts of Montana Avenue and 26th Street.
- Creation of the unprecedented San Vicente Boulevard Courtyard Apartment Historic District spearheaded by the Historic San Vicente Coalition and actively supported by NOMA, its Board and members.
- Greater transparency and accountability in the operation of our city, as NOMA joined the successful call for an independent investigation of the controversial firing of a city employee, the violation of the Oaks Initiative by our former city manager, and the establishment of a standing audit committee for financial review.

### **OUR PARTICIPATIONS:**

- The Main Street 4th of July parade, Make Music Day, National Night Out, and participation in community working groups, including the Bergamot Advisory Committee, the Santa Monica Public Library Strategic Plan, and the Civic Working Group.

### **CHALLENGES IN 2016:**

- Downtown Community Plan: how much development, what is our future downtown to look like and be?
- SM's City Coastal Plan: avoiding increased congestion in the coastal zone, which includes Downtown.
- Affordable housing in the City and measures to fund it fairly.
- The Expo Line, insuring access for the crosstown residents of NOMA.
- The threatened demolition of the Landmarked courtyard at 419-423 Ocean Ave.
- Future of the Civic Auditorium Park: whither the playing fields?
- The Plaza at SM and the proposed ArcLight Theaters: worth it or already outmoded?
- Bergamot Arts Station: getting it right.
- Member outreach to better define our neighborhood.

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*NOMA is bounded on the north and east by the City Limits, on the west by Ocean Avenue, and on the south by Montana Avenue. It is one of seven City-recognized neighborhood associations. NOMA is a 501(c) (4) organization: dues and contributions are not tax deductible.*

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