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Editor  
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Dear Editor:

Your editorial ("Festivals every day") was right on the mark.

Neighborhood Councils should be in the forefront of promoting small-scale festivals, and the City of Los Angeles should be helping. In fact, this is what's happening.

City Hall has provided the Neighborhood Councils will annual budgets for festivals and outreach events. City Hall encourages this activity, and helps with permits, locations, and fees.

The Foothill Trails District (Lake View Terrace) sponsored the Day of the Horse. Sunland-Tujunga sponsored live jazz musical performances. Chatsworth coordinated a weekend mountain hike. Canoga Park held a health and safety fair. LA-32 (El Sereno) held a Unity Fair that attracted 1,000 people. Eagle Rock rocked with a Summer Swing Fest at which 450 people feasted on Filipino-style roasted pig.

And the list goes on with many similar events having been provided by neighborhoods councils around the city. The neighborhood councils see these events as ways of encouraging more people to participate in government and get actively involved in improving their neighborhoods. And they're just getting started.

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