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Westside Neighborhood Council  
Westwood Community Council  
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## Agenda

Board of Directors Breakfast | January 17, 2018, 8:30-10:00am

Lenny's Deli (Westwood), 2379 Westwood Blvd., Westwood, CA 90064

One hour free parking (with a restaurant validation) in the surface parking lot immediately north of Lenny's, on Westwood Boulevard.  
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I. **Welcome/Introductions** (2 mins)

II. **Approval of Minutes** (1 min) — November 2017 minutes

III. **Government Rep. Updates** (15 mins, or as time permits)

- *Mayor Garcetti's Office*: Daniel Tamm
- *Dept of City Planning*: Lisette Covarrubias
- *LADWP*: Dawn Cotterell / Jason Stinnett
- *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5)*:
- *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11)*: Debbie Dyner-Harris
- *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office*: Veronica de la Cruz Robles
- *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment*: Mike Fong
- *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners*: Commissioner Eli Lipmen
- *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office*: Stephanie Cohen
- *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office*: Jacqueline Hamilton
- *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office*: Janet Turner
- *CA Senator Ben Allen's Office*: Samuel Liu / Eugene Tseng
- *CA Assemblymember Richard Bloom's Office*: Josh Kurpies
- *CA Assembly District 54*: Brian Ross Adams
- *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee*: Sharon Commins

IV. **Guest Presentations (25 mins)**

- *NC Election Workshops*: Christopher Garcia, Office of the City Clerk
- *LA Innovation and Performance Commission*: Jon Merritt, Commissioner
- *Clean Energy Future and the 100% Renewable Energy Study*: Jason Stinnett, LADWP
- *Billboard status update*: Patrick Frank, Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight

V. **Committee Updates** (10 mins)

- *Executive*: Doug Fitzsimmons (2 mins)
  - *Communications and representing WRAC positions*
- *Land Use and Planning*: Sharon Commins (2 mins)
- *Mobility*: Steve Twining (2 mins)
- *Events*: Maryam Zar (2 mins)
- *Homelessness*: TBD

VI. **New Business** (45 mins) — Additional motion background information available at [westsidecouncils.com/pending](http://westsidecouncils.com/pending).

- a. **Motion: Opposition to Transit-rich Housing Bonus Bill [Wiener, SB 827]** (WRAC LUPC)

- i. Whereas the City Charter-mandated Neighborhood Council system of Los Angeles, and the Community Councils of the City of Los Angeles, represent grass roots democracy,
  - ii. Whereas the newly introduced California State Senate Bill 827 [Scott Weiner] as written constitutes a top down pen stroke planning measure which completely removes land use and planning authority within one half mile of high quality transit from jurisdictions and charter cities,
  - iii. Whereas removal of said authority clearly abolishes local input into land use planning and therefore constitutes an attack upon local democracy, upon neighborhoods, and upon the Neighborhood Councils and Community Councils in the City of Los Angeles,
  - iv. Whereas SB 827 as written **trashes** the density bonus and wage provisions of the JJJ TOC ordinance which were recently enacted by the people of Los Angeles—in good faith—in order to *guarantee* transit close housing opportunities would actually be available to working and low-income persons and families in the City of Los Angeles,
  - v. Whereas the lack of analysis of infrastructure and other costs associated with this pen stroke planning creates grave uncertainty that a local agency would be able to *“levy enough service charges, fees or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code”*,
  - vi. Whereas, given the aforementioned lack of fiscal analysis, Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution “No reimbursement” clause is cited inappropriately in this legislation,
  - vii. Therefore, the \_\_\_\_\_ Council opposes SB 827 in its present form.
- b. **Discussion and possible action: Expo Corridor Transit Plan and adoption of Dept. of City Planning recommendations** (Broide / WNC)
- c. **Motion: Amendment of Westside Multi-Family Q Conditions** (Commins / WRAC LUPC)  
 “The \_\_\_\_\_NC/CC requests that the City amend the draft Westside Multi-Family Q Conditions with the following revisions:
- i. The boundary in the West L.A. and Brentwood area shall be extended south to I-10 freeway to cover any R3/R4 or RAS3/RAS4 parcels and multi-family buildings that are constructed in C zones.
    - 1. The plan boundary shall be extended to include the following community plan areas: West L.A. (east of 405 in CD5 district), Venice, Westchester/Playa del Rey, Palms/Mar Vista and Pacific Palisades.
  - ii. The front stepback shall be lowered to above the 2nd story (so the 3rd and 4th stories have stepbacks). [The draft plan proposed above the 3rd story.]
  - iii. At-grade garage parking shall be wrapped by units, not simply cloaked by landscape and façade décor.
  - iv. Driveways (unscreened) shall not make up more than 24 ft. along the frontage.
  - v. All setbacks shall comply with underlying zone, with no by-right reductions.”
- d. **Motion: Changes to proposed Small Lot Subdivision Amendment** (Broide / WRAC LUPC)  
 “The \_\_\_\_\_NC/CC requests that the City revise the proposed Small Lot Subdivision Amendment as follows, and complete the on-going planning process in the near future:
- i. Retain all of the setbacks for the underlying zone.
  - ii. No fake grass. Green landscaping (trees) must be planted in dirt (not pots).

- iii. Rear setback of 10 ft. required for the 3rd floor and above. Rear setback of 15 ft. required for 3rd floor and above when abuts low-density zone (R1, R2).
  - iv. Roof decks shall not substitute for ground-floor open space with grass in high-density zones.
  - v. Roof deck shall be set back at least 5 ft. from edge of roof to increase safety and reduce privacy intrusion on neighbors.
  - vi. Guest parking of 1 space per 4 units (or minimum of 1 space if fewer than 4 units).”
- e. **Discussion and possible action:** How can WRAC be more effective in strengthening its member councils?
- i. *Idea:* Creating a truly transparent / public way to keep track of policy issues/measures and to keep them moving, including a definition of adequate notice for important measures and hearings.
  - ii. *Idea:* Collecting and distributing best practices. Sharing training resources. How best to implement?
  - iii. *Idea:* Creating more regional co-operative committees: public safety, public policy, others? Encourage Council committee chairs to participate and take ideas back.

VII. **Updates on Pending Motions** (2 min each) — Full motion text available at [westsidecouncils.com/pending](http://westsidecouncils.com/pending).

*Asterisk = Council passed a modified version of the motion.*

- a. **Recommendations for the Sidewalk Repair Program** (Greenberg / BABCNC)  
January 2018 Passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, SORO NC
- b. **Issues with RecycLA Franchise Waste Program** (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)  
January 2018 Passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC
- c. **Divestment from Wells Fargo** (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)  
January 2018 Passage deadline / Passed by —
- d. **Reduced Parking Requirements for Therapy Practices**  
January 2018 Passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC
- e. **Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution** (Greenberg / BABCNC)  
January 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, WNC, SORO NC, BCC, PPCC, PNC
- f. **Support for LA Dept. of Public Works Memorandum of Understanding** (Watts / BCC)  
February 2018 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC, VNC, WNC
- g. **Party house regulation** (Watts / BCC)  
March 2018 Passage deadline / Passed by —
- h. **City promotion of Neighborhood Council system** (LANCC)  
March 2018 Passage deadline / Passed by —
- i. **Impact of commercial cannabis activity on inventory of manufacturing/industrial zoned properties** (Broide / WRAC LUPC)  
March 2018 Passage deadline / Passed by —

VIII. **Adjourn:** Next meeting: February 21, 2018 at 8:30am