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## Agenda

Board of Directors Breakfast | February 21, 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.  
After the first hour free (with validation), it is \$2 for the next hour.

- I. **Welcome/Introductions** (2 mins)
- II. **Approval of Minutes** (1 min) — November 2017 and January 2018 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):*
  - *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** (20 mins)
  - *Clean Energy Future and the 100% Renewable Energy Study:* Jason Stinnett, LADWP
  - *Dept. of Public Works Survey:* Laila Alequresh, Office of the LA CAO
- V. **Committee Updates** (10 mins)
  - *Executive:* Doug Fitzsimmons (2 mins)
  - *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. **Discussion and possible action: 501(c)(3) non-profit status for WRAC, including proposed bylaws changes**  
See attachments.

b. **Resolution: oppose the Planning Commission's recommendation and revisions to Expo Transit Neighborhood Plans** [LUPC vote: 8-0-0]

The \_\_\_\_\_ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the Planning Commission's recommendation and revisions to increase density around the Westside NC and West L.A. Sawtelle NC district areas in the Exposition Station Neighborhood Transit Plan for the following reasons (Westwood, Sepulveda and Bundy Stations):

- i. Insufficient consideration of the years long public processes, including numerous outreach meetings and public hearings, undergirding the plan
- ii. Insufficient analysis of population growth and zoning capacity
- iii. Insufficient analysis of infrastructure expansion capacity needs and costs
- iv. Failure to analyze the plan options within the context of the existing community and neighboring properties and land uses

c. **Resolution: to oppose SB828** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

The \_\_\_\_\_ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB828, which would allow the state to require cities approve zoning capacity for 200% of state assigned RHNA goals, and trigger a by-right process for approvals overriding all local plans IF cities fail to meet all assigned RHNA goals. WRAC notes this bill is based on arbitrary numbers, and by-right approvals with no affordable housing requirements would be a disincentive for developers to use city density bonus ordinances that produce affordable housing—and an unintended consequence of the legislation.

d. **Resolution: to oppose SB831** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

The \_\_\_\_\_ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB813, which would eliminate the FAR, floor area square footage, of Accessory Dwelling Units from a site's total floor area. No compelling reason, and no planning justification, has been presented that demonstrates how the physical conditioned, livable space of an ADU is different from the physical conditioned, livable space of the primary residence on the property.

e. **Resolution: to oppose SB946** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

The \_\_\_\_\_ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB946, in which the State of California would establish sidewalk vending regulations for local municipalities. The bill would require local regulations to permit vending in parks and public spaces and would not allow location restrictions unless "directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns". The City of Los Angeles is currently analyzing sidewalk vending options. Local control and jurisdiction over sidewalk vending is strongly preferred, and should be preserved.

f. **Resolution: support a Short-Term Rentals Ordinance IF the following specific conditions—based upon WRAC membership votes and the preceding WRAC letter on STRs—are included** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

Any City of Los Angeles Short-Term Rentals Ordinance shall include the following:

- i. A cap on the number of nights that a room can be rented each year, and with no provision for a CUP or other process for individual hosts to receive permission to exceed the annual cap
- ii. Requirement of proof of primary residence and liability insurance for the specific use.
- iii. No self-certification.
- iv. Short-term rental tax revenues shall not go into the General Fund. The highest priority for use of revenues shall be enforcement of the ordinance, and after that, revenues shall go to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

WRAC notes that Many NCs prefer a full prohibition on short-term rentals in R zones, for reasons that include tranquil neighborhoods, impossibility of enforcement, and loss of hotel revenue and jobs. However, many Councilors support short-term rentals in R zones, and full opposition may not be feasible.

- g. **Resolution: to support the Del Rey NC's public comment letter for the Ballona Wetlands EIR** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

Comments include:

- i. Proposals are for a reconstruction, not a restoration—how is this better than the current re-naturing process?
- ii. Soil displacement may create large, unnatural mounds, and dirt and dust during grading.
- iii. Wildlife may be run off and killed during grading—how will animals and birds be protected?
- iv. Baseball field shall remain in operation as there is a shortage of active recreational field space in the area.
- v. No parking garage shall be built.
- vi. Bike path shall remain in operation.
- vii. Public access shall be limited—wildlife needs peace and quiet to breed and thrive.
- viii. Runoff debris and trash—how will it be prevented and collected?
- ix. Additional stormwater analysis to ensure no flooding during grading and final finished use.
- x. Eliminate the gas storage facility.
- xi. How will the finished use be managed?

- h. **Resolution: oppose the automatic renewal of the City's Bus Shelter/ Advertising 20-year contract with Decaux.** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

The \_\_\_\_\_ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the automatic renewal of the City's Bus Shelter/ Advertising 20-year contract with Decaux. WRAC further requests the City to withdraw the renegotiation of the sidewalk furniture contract with Decaux from the City Attorney's office, and to allow a process of community input which can culminate in an open RFP, awarded based on parameters laid out by community impact and ridership needs. The City should solicit comments from the community about problems/issues, and then issue an open RFP that addresses these issues/problems to numerous advertising firms. Problems noted include lack of bus shelters at mass transit stations and major arterials, which harms the rider experience during rainstorms and windstorms, and which may further reduce the already declining use of transit.

- i. **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](https://westsidecouncils.com/pending).

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

- a. **Opposition to Transit-rich Housing Bonus Bill [Wiener, SB 827]** (WRAC LUPC)  
Official position taken Feb 2018 / April 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCN, BCC, DRNC, NCWP, PPCC\*, SORO NC\*, WNC\*, WCC, WWNC
- b. **Party house regulation** (Watts / BCC)  
March 2018 passage deadline / Passed by WNC
- c. **City promotion of Neighborhood Council system** (LANCC)  
March 2018 passage deadline / Passed by VNC, WNC, SORO NC
- d. **Impact of commercial cannabis activity on inventory of manufacturing/industrial zoned properties** (Broide / WRAC LUPC)  
March 2018 passage deadline / Passed by WNC
- e. **Support for LA Dept. of Public Works Memorandum of Understanding** (Watts / BCC)  
February 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, DRNC, SORO NC, VNC, WNC, WCC

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