



Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

CHAIR'S MEETING RECAP

WRAC

May 2019

MOTIONS

- 1) The ____ Neighborhood/Community Council requests that the Zoning Administrator follow precedent and deny drill-site approval of CEB industrial equipment within the residentially zoned Rancho Park Public Golf Course, and mandate all the following safety conditions: 24/7 emissions monitoring using up-to-date laser-based equipment; Annual compliance inspections by the ZA's office and Petroleum Administrator; Mandatory periodic Reviews of Conditions on a 5-year cycle to allow for updating of ZA assigned conditions of use; and a clear emergency and accident reporting plan by which the oil company must notify LAFD, LAPD, the Petroleum Administrator, and Council District 5—*UPDATE: The appeal was partially denied today, and a WRAC letter was submitted in a timely manner to WLA APC. The driller was asked to comply with voluntary annual inspections conducted and reported to the LA City Petroleum Administrator, Uduak-Joe Ntuk.*

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LETTERS

[SB50
Recreation & Parks
Drilling at Rancho Park](#)

HANDOUTS

[Community event: Homelessness
Oversight for EE
Statement on CCs
UC Davis transportation study](#)

At our WRAC meeting on May 15, Janet Turner from Congressman Ted Lieu's office reported that he has opened a field office at the West LA Municipal Center building on Corinth avenue. We congratulate them. Janet also reported that the House of Representatives passed a \$19.1B natural disaster relief bill, and that the Congressman has called for funding to restore the LA River. Emily Williams from LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas's Office reported that approximately 14,000 people in LA County have been permanently housed using Measure H dollars, and 28,000 temporarily housed. To see more data on measure H (updated quarterly) please [click here](#). Supervisor Ridley-Thomas is looking to boost LA's creative economy to attract more investment to the county, with a focus on Bio science (only sector that grew during the last economic downturn). Ami Fields-Meyer from Mayor Garcetti's office also shared information on [HHH](#) as well as the Mayor's [Green New Deal](#). The major touch points on the effort to cut fossil fuels include environmental justice, creating a pipeline for stable green jobs, a commitment to the Paris Climate goals and to lead other big cities in the march towards clean energy. The Mayor's budget has been released. It is fiscally responsible with an 8% reserve, and the largest investment to end homelessness to date. Deborah Hong from LADWP reported on construction to address power outages in Bel Air and Beverly Crest. Work will be completed by 2020, in order not to conflict with Metro construction on Wilshire, in order to mitigate traffic impact. Road work will be in two phases of excavation and cable trenching. Ingrid Gunnell from UTLA gave a presentation on [Measure EE](#), a ballot measure to collect a city-wide tax to fund public schools. To get more information please [email her directly](#). (A rebuttal presentation was also provided by a guest of [WWNC](#), which passed a resolution in opposition to the ballot measure, supported by the Mayor.) A major question was about oversight of expenditure for the money generated by the tax, should it pass. Board member Jane Wishon provide [this info](#).

We discussed and unanimously passed four motions (see box to the left and continued on the next page), and tabled one. The Chair was asked to write an urgent letter addressed to the West LA Area Planning Commission, which would be discussing an appeal to drilling at the Rancho Park Golf Course, expressing WRAC board members' concern over the absence of annual safety inspections. [The letter](#) was written and submitted in a timely fashion. WRAC also reached super-majority in opposition to SB50, which the Chair said she would reflect immediately, in a letter to the state Senate. She also shared [a letter](#) she wrote on behalf of the board to LA City Department of Recreation and Parks (per April meeting), to reiterate the need for community input on any change or concessionaire award at a park or recreation center. The board reaffirmed a need for a platform—an expression of baseline positioning on major city issues having to do with safety, land use, planning, community input and local control principals, as well as strict adherence to existing codes and guidelines on matters that impact community quality of life.

Our next meeting will be held on June 19.

2) The _____ Neighborhood/Community Council requests that the State of California mandate that localities be empowered to assess the impact on traffic and congestion of ride sharing services by mandating comprehensive data from ride sharing companies available for study. Data should include time spent on the road to and from their homes and between rides for all ridesharing drivers as compared to traffic that would be generated by private vehicles making each trip. The results of this survey should guide both local and state policy in regards to ridesharing and better understand our transportation system. Using such data, the City of Los Angeles should then establish benchmark dates prior to and after implementation of each ridesharing platform and study in a scientific manner using all data available to determine if ride sharing vehicles add to or lessen congestion within the City of Los Angeles.

Links to per board discussion regarding other cities in dealing with ride share information:

- Recent SF Study: <https://newatlas.com/uber-lyft-worsening-congestion/59642/> and <https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2018/01/to-measure-the-uber-effect-cities-get-creative/550295/>
- Uber;s IPO notes showing they intent to compete with public transit: <https://jalopnik.com/uber-finally-admits-its-directly-competing-with-publi-1834009027>
- Seattle Times article: <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/transportation/uber-lyft-boosted-car-travel-by-94-million-miles-in-seattle-last-year-study-says/>

3) The _____ NC/CC urges the City to (1) deny a business license and/or Dockless Mobility Permit, or suspend and/or revoke any previously-issued business license and/or Dockless Mobility Permit, to any provider of Dockless Mobility Devices operating in the City that fails or refuses to cooperate fully with law enforcement in providing information about the user of its Dockless Mobility Device involved in an accident causing injury to another person; (2) if and as necessary, immediately enact additional regulations amending existing rules and/or data protection policies in the City’s Dockless Mobility Pilot Program to provide for issuance of business licenses and/or Dockless Mobility Permits only upon con-

dition that providers cooperate fully with law enforcement under the circumstances set forth above; and (3) provide for suspensions, followed by revocation hearings, of any such licenses and/or permits issued to Dockless Mobility Device providers that fail or refuse to comply fully with law enforcement under the circumstances set forth above.

4) The _____ NC/CC urges the Los Angeles City Attorney to draft an ordinance to require Annual Compliance Inspections for all drill sites in the City of Los Angeles, as directed by [CF 18-0203](#). (Koretz motion).