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December 3rd, 2020

Dear City Officials,

Many Westside Councils have expressed ongoing concerns about the Community Plan Process. Over the past several months as several Westside Draft Concept Plans were unveiled, these concerns have coalesced around several key points that are applicable for all the Community Plans and demand that the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Planning adjust the process to ensure transparency and community involvement.

Therefore, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils has passed, by a majority of voting councils in our Alliance, the following motion:

Motion to support and include for official input to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning in reference to the WRAC Member Community Plan updates, a delay of 6 months due to COVID 19 and restrictions related to public access, meetings and participation and further request the following:

An appropriate assessment of how the COVID 19 and future pandemics will impact current and future mobility, housing, design, environmental and health and safety needs and concerns,

Current and future data projections relevant to the task of updating all WRAC member Community Plans,

Incorporation of an additional step in the Community Plan update timeline that allows for presentation of the staff draft plan and an associated public comment period, or a second and revised concept plan phase. Allocation of time for staff

to review public comments and incorporate changes to reflect input prior to issuing any NOP for the start of the environmental review process. It is improper to issue an NOP and conduct a DEIR for a draft plan that the community has had neither the chance to see or review.

Thorough public outreach is a must and should include all stakeholders. The Planning Department has not allocated proper time or resources, and City Council must do so moving forward so that no stakeholders are left uninformed about the process.

This language has been approved by the following Councils: Bel Air-Beverly Crest NC; Brentwood CC; Pacific Palisades CC; Westside NC; and the Westwood CC. Modified versions that maintain the spirit of the above motion have been passed by the Del Rey NC; Mar Vista CC; and the West LA-Sawtelle NC.

No member Councils have opposed this measure or submitted a minority letter to accompany this position.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the above motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Wersinger', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Matt Wersinger
Chair
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