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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 18th 2021 – 6:00pm

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Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Chair

1. **Welcome/Introductions**
 - a. **Chair Updates**
 - b. **MLK Day**
 - c. **Upcoming Guests –**
 - i. **April – LA Councilmember Paul Koretz**
 - ii. **May – LAPD Chief Michel Moore**
2. **Government Report -**
 - a. **US Representative Ted Lieu – Janet Turner, 5 minutes**
 - b. **LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl – Zac Gaidzik**
 - c. **Mayor Eric Garcetti – Brad Fingard**
 - d. **Council Reports TBD**
 - e. **Additional Government Reports – At the discretion of the Chair**
3. **Board Member Updates - Limited to 5 minutes total**
4. **Committee Reports – Limited to 5 minutes total**
5. **Public Comment – Non-member attendees are allowed 1 minute for comment on any agenda items; comment time may be amended by the Chair**
6. **Approval of Minutes —**
 - a. **Motion (Matt Wersinger) – Approval of December 2020 meeting minutes**
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Motion (WRAC LUPC / Chris Spitz) –**

Whereas, Senate Bill 9 violates the California Coastal Act (Public Resources Code §§30000 et seq.) by failing to exempt parcels within the Coastal zone, by purporting to eliminate hearings for Coastal Development Permits, and by requiring by-right/expedited approval of all projects permitted under the bill, including projects within the Coastal zone which otherwise require discretionary review, including hearings, under the Coastal Act;

Whereas, Senate Bill 9 violates the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21065 and 21080) and shortcuts required CEQA review by declaring preemptively that a project permitted under the bill is not a “project” under CEQA, without regard to the test established by controlling caselaw, that is, whether the ordinance in a given case is “capable of causing a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment” (*Union of Medical Marijuana Patients, Inc. v. City of San Diego (California Coastal Commission, Real Party in Interest)*, (2019) 7 Cal.5th 1171);

Whereas, Senate Bill 9 compromises public safety and puts the lives and property of thousands of California residents in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) at risk from increased density by failing to provide any exemption for parcels within the VHFHSZ;

Whereas, Senate Bill 9 fails to address the state’s affordable housing crisis or to further the purported goal of “ensuring an adequate supply of affordable housing” by not specifying or requiring *any* particular amount or level of affordable housing (low to moderate income/workforce housing) in projects permitted pursuant to the bill;

Whereas, Councilmember Paul Koretz has introduced a resolution in Los Angeles City Council, CF 21-0002-S18, calling for the City of Los Angeles to oppose Senate Bill 9;

Therefore, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) opposes Senate Bill 9 (Atkins) and supports the resolution in CF 21-0002-S18 (Koretz) calling for the City of Los Angeles to oppose Senate Bill 9.

b. Motion (WRAC LUPC / Chris Spitz) –

Whereas, Senate Bill 10 violates the California Constitution (Art. II, Sec. 10(c)) and principles of democracy and true local control by allowing local governments (i.e., a majority of the current or future City Council) to upzone single family residential properties and speed approval processes for increased density/multi-unit housing, without stakeholder involvement and by overriding community-driven local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, *including restrictions enacted by voter initiatives*;

Whereas, Senate Bill 10 violates the California Coastal Act (Public Resources Code §§30000 et seq.) by failing to exempt parcels within the Coastal zone and by allowing by-right/expedited approval of development projects with up to 10 dwelling units on properties that are upzoned under the bill, including projects within the Coastal zone which require discretionary review under the Coastal Act;

Whereas, Senate Bill 10 violates the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21065 and 21080) and shortcuts required CEQA review by declaring preemptively that an ordinance by a local government (i.e., a majority of the current or future City Council) to upzone a single family residential property pursuant to the bill is not a “project” under CEQA, without consideration of whether the ordinance in a given case is “capable of causing a direct or

reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment” (*Union of Medical Marijuana Patients, Inc. v. City of San Diego (California Coastal Commission, Real Party in Interest)*, (2019) 7 Cal.5th 1171);

Whereas, Senate Bill 10 potentially compromises public safety and may put the lives and property of thousands of California residents in single family residential areas that are also in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) at risk from increased density by failing to provide for an unconditional exemption from upzoning under the bill for properties in the VHFHSZ;

Whereas, Senate Bill 10 prevents public scrutiny and bypasses democratic process by providing that state agencies alone, without local community input, would identify and maintain a controlling map of so-called “jobs-rich” areas throughout the state for purposes of upzoning single family residential properties under the bill;

Whereas, Senate Bill 10 circumvents controlling caselaw by, in effect, allowing for “spot zoning” by local governments (i.e., a majority of the current or future City Council) without consideration of whether upzoning a single family residential property would be of substantial benefit to the public in a given case (*Foothills Communities Coalition v. County of Orange* (2014) 222 Cal.App.4th 1302);

Whereas, Senate Bill 10 fails to address the state’s affordable housing crisis or to further the purported goal of “ensuring an adequate supply of affordable housing” by not requiring *any* particular amount or level of affordable (low to moderate income/workforce) housing in development projects to be built on properties that are upzoned under the bill;

Whereas, Councilmember Paul Koretz has introduced a resolution in Los Angeles City Council, CF 21-0002-S21, calling for the City of Los Angeles to oppose Senate Bill 10;

Therefore, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) opposes Senate Bill 10 (Wiener) and supports the resolution in CF 21-0002-S21 (Koretz), calling for the City of Los Angeles City to oppose Senate Bill 10.

8. Old Business

- a. **MAJORITY PASSAGE 20-01 Allow NCs to speak with non-City entities/electeds** – June 17, 2020; 8 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, DRNC, MVCC, NCWP, NWWNC, WNC, WWNC
- b. **20-02 Oppose State Housing Density Bills/Support Other Measures re Affordable Housing** – August 19th, 2020; 0 Councils Adopted
- c. **MAJORITY PASSAGE 20-04 Eliminate Gut and Amend bill process** – September 16, 2020; 9 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC,* DRNC, MVCC, NCWP, NWWNC, PPCC, WNC, WWNC
- d. **20-07 Support CF 20-1174 (unfinished development/enforcement)** – October 19, 2020 (*passage deadline January 2021*); 7 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, DRNC, NCWP, PPCC, WNC, WWNC

- e. **MAJORITY PASSAGE 20-09 Oppose BONC digital media policy** – December 21, 2020 (*passage deadline March 2021*); 8 councils adopted: BABCNC,* BCC, DRNC, NCWP,* NWWNC, PNC,* PPCC, WWNC (**modified version*)
- f. **20-10 Prioritize school reopenings** – December 21, 2020 (*passage deadline March 2021*); 4 councils adopted: DRNC, NCWP,* PPCC,* WWNC (**modified version*)
- g. **20-11 Support CF 20-1536 (STAP program/digital signs in bus shelters)** – December 21, 2020 (*passage deadline March 2021*); 7 councils adopted: BABCNC,* BCC,* NCWP, PPCC,* WCC, WWNC (**modified version*)

9. Adjourn

Next meeting will be held on February 15th 2021 at 6pm.