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WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors (Virtual)

December 21st 2020 – 6:00pm

1. Welcome/Introductions

- a. The WRAC Board conducted its regular monthly meeting by on-line video and audio on December 21, 2020. Chair Matt Wersinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. **Representatives present:** Matt Wersinger (DRNC), Christina Spitz (PPCC), Robin Greenberg (BABCNC), Steve Sann (WCC), Jane Wishon (WNC) Lisa Chapman (WWNC), Olga Lexell (SORONC), Ira Koslow (VNC), Alternate Michelle Bisnoff (BCC) & Alternate Stacy Shure (MVCC). Andrew Lewis (NWWNC) was present through to the end of Councilmember Bonin’s presentation, following which 10 voting members remained throughout the meeting.
- c. **Non-voting Alternates present:** Barbara Broide (WNC) and Mark Ryavec (VNC)
- d. **Also present:** Kay Hartman (WRAC LUPC Co-Chair)
- e. **Chair Updates:**
 - Chair Wersinger gave updates, including having passed motions last month, discussed the Community Plan motion adopted by WRAC with Haydee Urita Lopez at Planning, sent letters on the sign ordinance, ride-sharing motions that we passed, sent a letter regarding the bus shelter item on agenda, preemptively, asking that the City provide additional public comment time.
 - He noted that we removed a tree ordinance motion Vice Chair Spitz learned had not actually passed membership but was included on our website. He noted that Vice Chair Spitz did amazing work, removing items that hadn’t passed in the NCs. She will check on these.
 - Chair Wersinger noted that we will have Councilmember Paul Koretz in April and he is working on guests for January and February. Mike Bonin is with us for one hour this evening.
 - He noted that Brad Fingard is the new Mayor’s Rep for the Westside.

2. Government Report

- a. **Councilman Mike Bonin** – Chair Wersinger asked Councilmember (CM) Bonin to address the issue of homelessness. The Councilmember acknowledged that this is a horrible humanitarian crisis that is getting worse across Los Angeles, California, and many parts of the country. Last year there were three people a day who died on the streets, this year it was four. He noted that as the pandemic rages, as the economy collapses, more people are falling into homelessness. He believes there is a way out of this, which will be quicker if the Council approves some things that he has been proposing for a number of years, for quicker and less expensive ways to get people off the streets. He mentioned master leasing, e.g., “Project Home Key,” which allows purchasing of hotels and motels, a form of master leasing. He noted that we have purchased or are in the process of purchasing 18 different hotels & motels in LA; will have more money from the federal government and we are talking to Sacramento about giving more money for that. He does not believe in waiting for brick and mortar projects to house people; while we do need those, we can’t wait. He related that master leasing and shared housing among others are strategies to get folks off the street. He believes that we can get better results by having an intensive focus on an encampment, focusing on one particular group, and treating them as a community.

Chair Wersinger asked how the money gets prioritized. Councilmember Bonin would request support from WRAC for his proposals, for faster and less expensive solutions, e.g., for more hotel vouchers, more master leasing and more shared housing. He and Paul Koretz propose that rather than spending over \$100,000 per Tiny Home, we can do it for \$20,000. He is moving forward on the Tiny Homes, looking at five locations. He noted that we have hotel rooms tonight to move people in, and asks that we put pressure on our Supervisor as well.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0841-S4> Pallet Shelter / Tiny Home Village Program / Economical Alternatives

He noted that historically LA invested in one homelessness solution at a time, e.g., permanent supportive housing, bridge housing and now tiny homes and feels that due to the complexity of homelessness, we have to do all the solutions at once, not one at a time. Need to start focusing on people as soon as they become homeless, when it doesn't cost a fortune or when they haven't been doubly traumatized by living on the street or falling into addiction or problems with mental health; better yet, prevent them from becoming homeless.

Chair Wersinger asked, when we have a substantial amount of housing units, will the Council member support backing enforcement of existing laws so those who chose to live on the streets are not breaking our laws, to which CM Bonin responded: "If we do it the right way." He said that he presented a proposal to council a few weeks ago, and noted we don't have a way for that offer of shelter to be realized; we do not have a universal tracking system; it's not enough to offer someone a place to go. You have to make sure they get there, to get checked in, and that it works for them. He has spoken to many who were brought to a place that was inappropriate for them, e.g., for whom congregant shelters are not the right solutions, which is why they like Room Key & Home Key, which gives them something individual or semi-private.

Chair Wersinger asked, with people routed to the wrong places and with mental health an issue, what structural changes are needed to be more efficient in this battle? CM Bonin related that it is a matter of state legislation; revisit Rule 51-50 and the standard for involuntary commitment for those doing harm to themselves and others. He agrees with the majority of board supervisors that they need to revisit Rule 51-50.

He thinks that rather than having just outreach workers on the street more than 9-5, we need a 24-7 response system with mental health workers and case workers on the street; people with expertise who can work with them and bring the appropriate resources. He noted that we need to be very mindful that mental health issues are as much a consequence of homelessness as a cause of homelessness. Many people do not manifest many signs of mental illness when they become homeless, but after spending a couple nights on the streets, they do. He disagrees with the idea that mental health is a substitute for housing as a solution. He would say it is a complement. He noted that it is easier to get sober, get mental health care and get well with a roof over your head... and if all we were doing was offering people mental health care or addiction recovery services, we would still have people living on the street.

Chair Wersinger asked him to discuss public safety, and his position on the issue of "defund the police." CM Bonin denied being a proponent of defund the police, though he has been outspoken about the need to "reimagine how we do policing" and about the need for a different public safety system, but he has not gone out to say "defund, abolish or eliminate" the police nor

has he endorsed a position to eliminate the police department or drastically reduce its budget to 5% or other whacky things that are being said out there. His position is that we need to do public safety differently in LA. We are now in a middle of an intense budget crisis, from the city's financial perspective, worse than the depression, in the hole 6 million dollars, and noted that 50% of discretionary dollars go to LAPD.

He noted that there has never been a greater need in LA for help for small businesses, tenants, seniors, struggling families. All departments have been cut dramatically. LAPD has been cut 7/10ths to one percent. Prior to George Floyd and at the beginning of the pandemic he said we need to look at departments. At the beginning of the year, the budget for LAPD was going up and hours were going down. He asked the Police Protective League (PPL) to come back and delay raises for a couple of years until the crisis is over and noted that because of PPL's refusal to do that, we are looking at a budget that would cut patrol hours. The police union is not giving us latitude or flexibility at the moment.

Chair Wersinger asked the Councilmember how he looks at the reality now, e.g., beach patrols, Venice, PP, Westside to which CM Bonin noted that we need pressure to get the police union back to the table. 600 million, what to cut. We've only talked about furloughs and layoffs of officers. Let's hold off on roll back on some of the raises.

Chair Wersinger asked about what he thinks about the role of police in our communities down the road, after we are out of our budget crisis, e.g., interacting within the frame of BLM, to which Councilmember Bonin replied that he is in agreement that 1) We need to be taking LAPD and armed response generally out of a lot of the calls. They should not be the first responders for calls about mental health, homelessness, etc. We need the replacement. He wants to do the alternative, mentioning County's Measure J. He'd like to parlay that as to a package that includes aid for cities and states if the Fed has zero interest loans. He feels we need to have a frank conversation about the phenomenon of people of color for being pulled over and cited for being black. Despite years of training and reform, that has continued. It leads to altercations with law enforcement officers. Doing things differently: DOT employees handling certain matters, other cases, matters of automated enforcement are hugely problematic. He had an initial hearing in committee on transit policing at the end of last year, and another coming soon and will begin a community dialog on how to do that.

Chair Wersinger asked him about Community Plans, noting need for housing being questioned in the PLU committee, working off of numbers everyone questions, in light of COVID and flat-lining on population growth. Do those numbers need to be revisited or are the targets correct? CM Bonin related that we need more housing. We shouldn't be looking at the temporary phenomenon to determine. We are short on housing, which is part of the reason why we have a homelessness crisis. Teachers can't afford to live here. People cannot afford to live here. What we don't need is more luxury housing. We need low-, moderate-, and workforce-housing. It should be targeted and encouraged.

Chair Wersinger asked as to adding housing, how the Council Member feels about the current state-sponsored bills that keep coming through, to which CM Bonin related that he hasn't heard about the new state bills on housing. He can't imagine his approach on future housing bills being different than in the past. He believes we need more housing, and that local jurisdictions should have the ultimate say in local zoning. Anything the state legislature does, there needs to

be requirements for the legislation: 1) Need to be safeguards in place to prevent gentrification to displace people, working families, 2) Build into that legislation that demonstrates that the bill will increase low- and moderate-income housing. He noted that this means the people who will be writing the bill are the housing advocates, not developers. 3) He won't support legislation that doesn't have exceptions for high fire severity zones; we do not have a fire season anymore. We are in the next phase of the climate catastrophe and it won't be getting better. Need to make it easier to get in and out of high fire severity zones. He doesn't think there should be increased density there.

Chair Wersinger asked, how we make sure the community plan process is transparent, that we have the data and numbers to work off of, and that Planning provides outreach needed, to which CM Bonin noted that the process is slower than we envisioned; outreach has been challenged by the pandemic. They have to figure out different ways to do outreach with us. We need to be breaking down the original numbers, assessing by formula what that will be for each community plan. He doesn't want each neighborhood to work three to four years on a community plan if it doesn't match up with need for increased housing. It will take longer because of the pandemic, and because Planning will get steeper cuts. There is a 600 million dollar hole half way through the fiscal year. We need to look at every department for some burden sharing on this. He mentioned the Budget Crisis 2009-2010 with Mayor Villaraigosa that grew the size of the Police Department... then vital city services died and have not all come back yet. He noted that preserving the Planning Department and having a department with resources will be important.

Chair Wersinger asked about projects asking for General or Specific Plan Amendments, e.g., Berggruen, to which CM Bonin noted that he is not a fan of these amendments, and recalled that one was done for LAX and the other for the Martin Cadillac project. He is skeptical about them. There is one in Del Rey which Matt is working on, and he noted that round 2 of the Berggruen is in process. He noted that they did extend the public comment.

Chair Wersinger asked what city council can do to get schools open, to which Mike Bonin noted that getting the schools open has to be a priority. He describes what is happening to kids as essentially denial of an education and on the face of it, it has profound racial and socioeconomic impacts, in black and brown communities and more of a struggle in parts of the city because not everybody has the luxury of being able to stay at home and zoom to work while kids zoom to school. A lot of essential workers are screwed because they have not been able to go to work in order to stay home and help the kids, and in parts of the city with poor or no Wi-Fi connection. He has joined with a coalition of teachers, parents, social workers, and elected officials in the state, including supervisors, and have passed a resolution urging that after medical workers are vaccinated that the next round include teachers and school personnel, which he feels is an absolute prerequisite to opening schools. He noted that the governor's advisory council on health supports that. Councilmember Bonin related that he is urging legislatures to get money to cities for renter protections and schools, as they need a huge dramatic infusion of money from the state and the feds.

Chair Wersinger noted that the Mayor is staying in LA for a bit longer, at least, and asked what his plan is for the future, to which CM Bonin replied that he will run for re-election.

Q&A was then opened to the Board beginning with Member Lexell of SORONC who applauded Councilmember Bonin on his work. She asked, as a transit rider, about the 20% Metro budget

cuts, which have been devastating. CM Bonin noted that board transit agencies around the country have taken a brutal hit as a result of the pandemic. In LA, and other jurisdictions it has meant severe service cuts. The problem is there are millions in LA who do not have an option, and no other way of getting to work, e.g., essential workers. He has been critical of Metro when they stopped service in the middle of the unrest earlier this year, and has been outspoken against cuts in services. He has developed a strategy with Metro, asked for a quick restoration to discuss in January, and noted that it is essential that we get Metro service back as it is the only way for many people to get around in LA. We are stranding people who we need to be stocking food at grocery stores and working in hospitals. He noted that he has learned in 2020 how broken and inequitable LA is, as apparent in the transit system. He thanked her for asking about this.

He noted that fixing this is not difficult but we keep getting sued, e.g., as to the encampments, while we want to house people, we have relied upon a system that goes in and seizes people's belongings. He recommends making it a voluntary throw away, for which they are getting 90% compliance, people are picking up and throwing away hazardous stuff and they are providing services at the same time, a smarter way to go about this.

Member Bisnoff noted that LAHSA provides money to the Department of Health Services, to fund the homelessness outreach team in each County Supervisor District and her district contract has been with St. Josephs Center in Venice. She has discovered they haven't been servicing the entire area of Spot 5, most of his district, for three years, and missed an area in her neighborhood that had a homeless-related fire a couple of years ago. She noted that she has asked him if they'd support having more than one provider funded by DHS for her area, having another service provider other than St. Joseph's for this area. CM Bonin noted that that depends on whether or not every other service provider will also get a second. He would go where the need is greatest. There is more than one agency, the lead, e.g., St. Joseph's is the lead service provider for a huge portion of the county, and other groups and organizations within that umbrella. He supports increased services to a broader area but thinks that there may be more effective ways to do it.

Member Broide asked, in light of the city's financial peril and the sign ordinance is about to be readdressed, what can be done as to digital signs, the sign ordinance and the STAP program. CM Bonin related that he is a staunch opponent of digital billboards but noted that there is a big pro-billboard sentiment on the council that keeps coming back, and they'll make another push. He noted that the Coalition Against Billboard Blight has been a very strong force and hopes it will continue to be. It is harder to meet with some of his colleagues now. He prefers the stricter version of the ordinance, though it is also somewhat problematic. He noted that we are in the predicament with billboards because the city came up with standards for them that made no sense and the courts said they can't do that. He mentioned need for strict criteria, e.g., around Staples; he doesn't want any of them in his part of town. He acknowledged Member Broide's work on this and welcomed NCs to work on this even beyond WRAC.

Member Sann of Westwood Community Council asked, as Co-chair of his council's Homelessness Committee, his BID has a full-time person funded as to outreach to homeless folks in the Village, referring to those who refuse services and asked what is the CM's approach and next step. CM Bonin noted that the number of those that are truly service resistant is much smaller than hyped by the media. First deal with the people who want the housing and services. Anytime they are offering services there is a waiting list. There are some saying no, but many others are clamoring for it. If we can get to the point where everyone who wants housing has it,

then address what to do with those who decline. He also thinks it is important to ask ourselves why they are saying no and what does that say about what we are offering. For a time, people were asked to leave their people, belongings and pet with a stranger and then get booted out in the morning. If we offer someone a congregant setting that goes against health advice, then we are not offering the right thing. He goes out often with Judge Carter and speaks to people who are unhoused. He shows them the tiny homes, talks to them about roommate situation, shared housing, and short-term rentals, and talks to them about a whole range of options. He noted that if you do that, he rarely finds someone who says no. He has proposed a commission in the City of LA of people who are or have been unhoused so they can help us craft programs and policies that are productive, and tell us what's wrong with what we're offering.

He noted if we can take someone who just lost their apartment, their job, and give them a three-to-six month rental subsidy in an income-restricted apartment, in a unit that has been set aside for restricted income, that they will be able to afford after the six months, then that's it. That can be used very well if we use them early enough. We can also do shared-housing, live together as a family or a pod, maybe 8 people in a home, a successful model.

[At this point, Member Lewis of NWWNC left the meeting.]

3. Board Member Updates

- a. Member Wishon of WNC related that she has had a meeting with Senator Weiner, who said he won't retry introducing SB 50 but his housing bill for this session is SB-10, a voluntary density increase bill, which would allow cities to increase density in certain situations. She related that he said he will not try SB 50 again, and believes that his prior bills moved his concerns forward.
- b. Vice Chair Spitz PPCC noted that she has shared information on SB 10 and SB 9 with WRAC LUPC; there are problems with the bills, including the fact that they don't include unconditional exemptions for fire zones.
- c. Member Wishon WNC suggested encouraging him to include those exemptions. Vice Chair Spitz did note that Ben Allen and Richard Bloom would also like to see those exemptions and would like to look at this more carefully.
- d. Member Broide of WNC related that she has some info on those bills and other land use related bills and will send a land use report in the next couple of days.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Kay Hartman & Marlene Savage Co-Chairs of the LUPC Committee gave report.
 - Ms. Savage noted meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month from 10am-12pm and now have guidelines at the top of the agenda, e.g., for conduct, bylaws, and for only discussing regional, city or statewide land use issues; no specific projects without regional implications.
 - Public comment on each agenda item will be at the beginning. Nonmembers will have two minutes on that. People may remain anonymous if they want to listen, and if they want to speak they must identify themselves, e.g., name, affiliation, NC, CC or organization, and if they are a paid consultant on the topic of discussion for transparency.
 - If a co-chair closes a conversation that conversation is closed, though members who raise hands and ask questions may have a chance to do that.
 - If people speak without being called on they will be muted.
 - They want the meetings to run as efficiently as possible.
 - She announced and welcomed Vice Chair Spitz as the Sergeant of Arms. Vice Chair Spitz indicated that she didn't remember that she had volunteered for this specific position.
 - They'll have no chats during engagement of guest speakers; however, will have a 10-minute

roundtable at the end, to discuss anything.

- Ms. Hartman noted that they passed item #7.a. below.

- Member Sann of WCC expressed shock to hear of some of these proposed changes mentioned by the LUPC chairs. He is in favor of transparency. He disagreed with the idea of only voting on regional issues, agrees that sometimes a project could have a regional policy implication, e.g., to use a plan amendment, a policy change for the city, and that when a project implicates a policy, it is absolutely appropriate for WRAC Planning Committee and for WRAC.

- Member Sann noted that we have never voted on what was discussed on this.

- Chair Wersinger related that this could be in the Standing Rules.

- Ms. Savage related that if someone speaks, they have to identify their name and affiliation.

- Chair Wersinger recommended that we kick this back to committee.

- Member Broide also noted that we have never discussed this and would like to maintain a collegial atmosphere in the committee.

- Member Chapman of WWNC noted that the Brown Act states you do not have to state your name, and can be completely anonymous in a public meeting to which Chair Wersinger noted that we are not required to follow the Brown Act.

- Member Koslow of VNC mentioned the “Public Meeting Act” which he discussed with the City Attorney, in which you do not have to identify yourself; can curse and do other things, criticize the committee, and the only way to control this is by controlling time allowed, e.g., 30 seconds.

- Chair Wersinger asked, and Ms. Savage said yes, this will be on the committee agenda to discuss next month.

- b. Chair Wersinger noted that Member Handal of WLASNC is not present tonight; we are awaiting a date from him for the Homelessness Committee meeting and from the co-chairs of the Transportation Committee for their meeting. Member Ryavec of VNC related that he had volunteered for the Homelessness Committee. Vice Chair Spitz asked Member Koslow to email her that Mark is officially on that committee.

5. Public Comment – None

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Motion** – Approval of November 2020 meeting minutes **Moved** by Chair Wersinger; **seconded** by Secretary Greenberg; **9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**; Member Koslow of VNC; **passed**

7. New Business

- a. **Motion (WRAC LUPC / Chris Spitz)**

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports the Bonin/Blumenfield motion in CF 20-1536, and further requests that:

- prior to contract finalization, the City conduct an extensive and open public process, in which detailed information about STAP, the RFP and the contract negotiation process is made widely available and members of the public, community leaders and

neighborhood/community councils are invited to provide ongoing input on community impacts, problems and ridership needs with respect to STAP;

- in connection with any contract that is eventually negotiated, the City 1) respect and abide by Community Plan, Specific Plan, Scenic Highway and Coastal Zone protections and requirements, including in the public right of way, and 2) address constituents' concerns about preservation of community character, protection of residential neighborhoods, public safety, environmental impacts and privacy infringement;
- all protections for scenic corridors, for local street furniture preferences and for neighborhoods with Specific Plans and codified prohibitions against off-site advertising that were negotiated and included in the JCDecaux contract be carried forward in any new contract that is negotiated; and
- the City restrict any new digital signs in or near bus shelters to sign districts in the 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use.

[Detailed background on this is available at the website.]

Vice Chair Spitz related that StreetsLA is holding meetings and has said that its outreach will continue until the end of next year, when the new contract comes out. Member Sann of WCC thanked everyone for bringing this to the attention to the city, which yielded a strong response from them. He mentioned the November 23, 2020 WRAC letter regarding the proposed request for proposals [posted on the WRAC website] and Secretary Greenberg's speaking on behalf of WRAC at the Board of Public Works meeting, along with Member Broide, Member Sann and Vice Chair Spitz (who each spoke on behalf of their individual organizations). Member Broide agreed, noting that we triggered a series of meetings with StreetsLA. She related concern that the StreetsLA notices haven't mentioned that digital signs were being contemplated and that there are possible privacy issues. **Moved** by Vice Chair Spitz of PPCC; **seconded** by Member Sann of WCC; **10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**

b. Motion (Del Rey NC/Matt Wersinger) –

[Vice Chair Spitz presided over the motion because Chair Wersinger was the motion sponsor.]

Whereas the proposed BONC Social Media Policy is a direct overreach in power and scope of limiting the ability of Neighborhood Councils to effectively communicate with their constituency; it requires onerous and unenforceable clauses; is overly complicated when existing rules cover many of the issues outlined and a simpler approach would be more appropriate; Therefore the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the proposed BONC Social Media Policy. **Moved** by Chair Wersinger of DRNC; **seconded** by Member Chapman of WWNC; **10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**

c. Motion (Del Rey NC/Matt Wersinger) –

[Vice Chair Spitz presided over the motion because Chair Wersinger was the motion sponsor.]

Whereas schools provide “essential academic and social-emotional learning” environments, and a broader array of resources including “physical, mental health, and therapeutic services”¹;

Whereas “school closures impede learning and compound inequities, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged children”²; and particularly disadvantaged are students who are at a young age, have special needs, or are from underprivileged households;

Whereas many states and countries have successfully prioritized the opening of schools over businesses, instead of the other way around;

Whereas Federal, State and local governments can offer stipends, grants, and loans to businesses and employees who may be forced to close, however the same government bodies cannot offer redress to students for lost opportunities and benefits derived from education;

Whereas “safe and consistently open schools are essential for many parents and guardians ... to reenter the workforce”¹, and forcing working parents into full time childcare is neither fair nor sustainable;

Whereas the health of all students, staff and teachers must be protected, the federal government and State of California must provide school districts with the resources needed for the safe reopening of schools and to contain outbreaks (should they occur);

Therefore, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports prioritizing the reopening of elementary schools and special-needs classes ahead of other services that are currently allowed to be open.

¹[Levinson M, Cevik M, Lipsitch M. Reopening primary schools during the pandemic. New England Journal of Medicine. 2020 Sep 3;383:981-985.](#)

²[Armitage R, Nellums LB. Considering inequalities in the school closure response to COVID-19. The Lancet Global Health. 2020 May 1;8\(5\):e644.](#)

³[Ludvigsson JF. Children are unlikely to be the main drivers of the COVID-19 pandemic – a systematic review. Acta Paediatrica. 2020 May 19.](#)

Chair Wersinger introduced this item regarding the need to reopen schools as soon as it is safe. He noted that it would go to Council but belongs on the desk of the Governor and County Health Officials. Member Koslow of VNC noted that he is experienced as a teacher, and doesn't think it is a good idea. Chair Wersinger noted that the last paragraph notes elementary schools, and by narrowing this down, they are safer than other places and that it is about getting the resources needed. Per Vice Chair Spitz, she and the Education primary rep for PPCC (who is a teacher and dean at a Palisades private school) are fully supportive. She noted that schools that applied for waivers are operating safely and she is told that the parents love it. Member Chapman of WWNC would add that now that we have two vaccines, why not add to the motion that we are also asking to prioritize elementary school teachers, staff and even children if necessary, to be vaccinated before opening.

Motion to Amend: To ask to prioritize this group, teachers and staff, to get the vaccine earlier than other groups. **Moved** by Member Wishon from WNC. **Motion restated** by Vice Chair Spitz to add this to the last “whereas” to include the prioritization school staff and teachers in vaccine distribution. **Seconded** by Member Wishon. **8 yes; 1 no:** Member Shure of MVCC; **1 abstention:** Member Bisnoff from BCC. **Passed.** Member Wishon of WNC noted hearing that some schools that are open can stay open but no new openings, and that there has been push back on that as it leaves the most vulnerable students at home. Member Shure expressed concern, having heard that in LAUSD testing, 10% of kids showing no symptoms have COVID. She is involved in the special needs world, where two brain-injured kids with COVID died. She agreed to prioritize, but is concerned about 10% being able to transmit it to parents or grandparents at home.

Motion Amended. 8 yes; 2 no: Members Shure & Koslow; **1 abstention:** Member Bisnoff. **Passed** [Discussion included mention of a cell phone app that will identify those who have received the vaccine, which was deemed to be a separate issue.]

8. Old Business

- a. **20-01 Allow NCs to Communicate with non-City entities/elected** – June 17th, 2020; 3 Councils adopted; **Motion** to extend passage deadline. **Moved** by Chair Wersinger; **seconded** by Member Wishon; **10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**
- b. **20-02 Oppose State Housing Density Bills/Support Other Measures re Affordable Housing** – August 19th, 2020; 0 Councils Adopted. (This has been removed from the list.)
- c. **20-04 Eliminate “Gut and Amend” Bill Process** – September 16th, 2020; 6 Councils adopted
- d. **20-07 CF 20-1174 Unfinished Development/Enforcement** – October 19th, 2020; 3 Councils adopted (*passage deadline January 2021*)
- e. **20-08 CF 20-1175 Vacant Structures/ACE Citations** – October 19th, 2020; 2 Council adopted; (*passage deadline January 2021*) ****PASSED CITY COUNCIL 11/24/20** (This will be removed from the list.)

9. **Adjourn:** Chair Wersinger adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Next meeting will be held on January 18th 2021 at 6pm.