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To: WRAC Member councils (chairs/presidents and representatives)
From: WRAC Chair Matt Wersinger and Vice-Chair Chris Spitz

We are excited to see WRAC growing in both member Council involvement and influence. This fall, we've already adopted eight positions, many now moving through our member Councils in record time; we now have three committees that are up and running with new leadership; and we continue to have important guest speakers at our meetings. In case you missed it, here's an update on our January 18, 2021 Board meeting:

Government Reports:

Raquel Beltran gave extensive remarks on several DONE matters (proposed budget, election outreach, digital media, virtual governance and code of conduct policies) and WRAC had a chance to share our two relevant positions directly with her – our opposition to the proposed social media policy and our desire to be allowed to speak officially to multiple government agencies, not just City Council. We also heard from the new Westside rep for Mayor Garcetti, Brad Fingard and from Janet Turner of Congressman Ted Lieu's office.

Guest speakers at future meetings will include Congressman Ted Lieu (March 15), Councilmember Paul Koretz (April 19) and LAPD Chief Michel Moore (May 17).

New & Pending Motions:

The Board passed two new motions for recommendation to member Councils: Oppose SB 9 (Atkins) and SB 10 (Wiener) and support resolutions by CM Koretz in CF 21-0002-S18 and CF 21-0002-S21 (calling for the City to oppose these bills). If possible, please agendaize these motions for your Council's consideration before our February WRAC meeting.

Two additional motions remain pending: 1) Support CF 20-1174 (unfinished construction/enforcement); 2) Prioritize safe school reopenings. Member councils that have not yet considered these motions are encouraged to do so at the earliest opportunity.

See the text and status of these pending motions at <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/> (for more details, including background information, click on the "See More" button at the bottom right of each motion).

Adopted Positions:

Four formerly pending motions were ratified as WRAC policy positions, having reached the threshold of votes for passage (a majority of member Councils): 1) Allow NCs to speak with non-City entities/electeds; 2) Eliminate the Gut and Amend bill process; 3) Support CF 20-1536 (STAP program/digital signs in bus shelters); 4) Oppose BONC digital media policy.

See the text and status of these adopted positions at <https://westsidecouncils.com/adopted-positions/>.

Pursuant to WRAC Bylaws Art. V, Section 4(b), any WRAC member Council that has **considered** and **voted to oppose** a motion may submit a minority report, which must be submitted to the Chair within seven (7) days of notice of ratification of the policy position, i.e., in the case of the four adopted positions noted above, by **January 27, 2021**. Assuming timely submission of the minority report, the Chair may include a summary of the views of the dissenting organization and must disclose the names of all dissenting organizations in any WRAC position letter.

Board Meetings:

The next WRAC meeting will take place on February 15, 2021. Look for meeting agendas to be distributed via email several days in advance of meetings; agendas are also posted on the WRAC website.