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October 21st, 2021

Eric Garcetti, Mayor
Paul Koretz, Councilmember, District 5
Mike Bonin, Councilmember, District 11

Re: Recent Motions Regarding our Unhoused

Dear City Officials:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is an alliance of fourteen Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Angeles, located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10. Our Alliance has over the past year taken up a number of motions from our Homelessness Committee to be heard by our member councils.

What is clear is that patience is running thin among our member Councils and stakeholders. While many of our Councils support proactive and logical solutions that have been long championed, the obvious crisis on our streets points to the need to balance compassion with the basic rule of law that should apply equally to all our stakeholders, housed and unhoused.

The following motions show that there can and should be a balanced approach to maintaining order and public safety while advocating for proven, cost effective solutions to end this crisis, and they can go hand in hand and compliment one another.

Following are three positions officially adopted by a minimum of eight of our member Councils and therefore official positions of WRAC.

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils calls for additional funding and resources, from all available sources, in order to implement more Safe Parking Programs and to support existing, reputable safe parking programs, including those operated by organizations such as Safe Parking LA, throughout the Westside of Los Angeles.

The language of the above motion has been approved by the following WRAC member Councils: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Brentwood Community Council, Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Westside Neighborhood Council, Pacific Palisades Community Council, Westwood Neighborhood Council & West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council. The Mar Vista Community Council passed a modified version which maintains the spirit of the motion.

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of illegal



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drugs, human trafficking, and other serious crimes taking place in or near homeless encampments on the Westside of Los Angeles.

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The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Engineering Street Services Division, as well as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to direct the Veterans Affairs Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the blockage of the public right of way on the Westside of Los Angeles, including all applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

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No member Councils have opposed this measure or submitted a minority letter to accompany any of these positions.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the above motion.

Sincerely,

Matt Wersinger, Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
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