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May 18, 2021

Hon. Nury Martinez, CD 6, Council President; Hon. Bob Blumenfield, CD 3; Hon. Mike Bonin, CD 11; Hon. Joe Buscaino, CD 15; Hon. Gilbert A. Cedillo, CD 1; Hon. Kevin de León, CD 14; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, CD 8; Hon. Paul Koretz, CD 5; Hon. Paul Krekorian, CD 2; Hon. John Lee, CD 12; Hon. Mitch O'Farrell, CD 13; Hon. Curren D. Price, CD 9; Hon. Nithya Raman, CD 4; Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, CD 10; Hon. Monica Rodriguez, CD 7

Via email to each addressee and submission to the Council File public comment portal

Re: CF 21-0350: Oppose Use of Beaches, Beach Parking Lots and Parks to House the Unhoused

Dear Council President Martinez and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is an alliance of all fourteen Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10.

Many Westside Neighborhood and Community Councils have expressed concern that the beaches and parks are open space and should not be given up and taken away from the general public. Therefore, WRAC has passed, by a majority of voting Councils in our alliance, the following motion opposing the use of beaches, beach parking lots and parks to house the unhoused:

In reference to Council File 21-0350, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) strongly advises the members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor that WRAC opposes using the beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks* for housing of the unhoused.

**** The parks are subject to approval of the stakeholders and neighborhood council in the area of the parks.***

The language of the motion has been approved by the following WRAC Member Councils: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council, Westside Neighborhood Council and Westwood Neighborhood Council. Modified versions that maintain the spirit of the above motion have been passed by Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Brentwood Community Council, Mar Vista Community Council, Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa and Pacific Palisades Community Council. The WRAC motion was passed by all Member Councils that considered it to date.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the above motion.

Sincerely,

Christina Spitz

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cc (via email):

City: Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles; Michael Shull, General Manager, Dept. of Recreation & Parks
County: Hon. Janice Hahn, Supervisor, CSD 4; Hon. Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor, CSD 3; Hon. Holly Mitchell, CSD 2;
Gary Jones, Director, Dept. of Beaches & Harbors
State: Hon. Ben Allen, Senator, SD 26; Hon. Sydney Kamlager, Senator, SD 30; Hon. Richard Bloom,
Assemblymember, AD 50; John Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission; Jerry West,
Superintendent, Angeles District, Dept. of Parks & Recreation