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April 20, 2021

To: WRAC Member Councils (Chairs/Presidents and Representatives)
From: WRAC Chair Matt Wersinger and Vice-Chair Chris Spitz

In case you missed it, here's an update on our April 19, 2021 Board meeting:

Government Reports:

We welcomed CD 5 Councilmember Paul Koretz as our guest speaker. The Councilmember reported on recent issues of concern to Area 5 stakeholders and measures he is taking to address these issues. He supports legislation such as AB 43 (Friedman) that will help with the serious problem of **street takeovers and speeding** that arose during the pandemic and resulted in a fatality caused by a street racer; he is also working with LADOT to put measures in place to curtail street racing. He acknowledged that **homelessness** is the greatest issue facing the City aside from the pandemic. He and his staff are working on finding more sites for housing within CD 5 and he is putting together a task force to address the problem in his district. He supports using hotels as well as more cost-effective housing models such as "tiny homes" villages, but also believes that prevention measures are important to undertake. Regarding development, he opposes recent **housing density bills** such as SB 9 and 10 and is working to develop support among Councilmembers for his resolutions in Council to oppose these bills. As to traffic matters, he currently supports Metro's **Sepulveda Pass monorail** proposal and wants to ensure that there will be a route to Westwood with a stop at UCLA. Councilmember Koretz also indicated that he does not disagree with the Mayor's **budget priorities** as outlined in the State of the City address, although he has concerns about starting expensive new programs and wants to make sure that the City restocks its reserves. The Councilmember also engaged in Q&A with the board. We thank him for sharing his time and insights.

We also heard from Fipe Leilua of Planning, with brief updates on ordinances and the Community Plans update process.

LAPD Chief Michel Moore will join us at our next meeting on May 17th. Additional speakers we'll be inviting for upcoming meetings include Council President Nury Martinez, County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Controller Ron Galperin, Mayor Garcetti and representatives of state and local redistricting commissions.

New, Pending & Adopted Motions:

The Board passed five new motions for recommendation to Member Councils dealing with homeless-related matters: 1) opposition to homeless housing at beaches and in public parks; 2) request for homeless encampment crime enforcement; 3) requests for encampment clean-ups; 4) police enforcement of public right of way blockage; and 5) funding for safe parking programs. See the text and status of the five new motions at <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/>. Please consider agendizing these motions at the earliest opportunity.

Two formerly pending motions were ratified as WRAC policy positions, having reached the threshold of votes for passage (a majority of Member Councils): 1) Support SB 15 / SBA 2 / support for affordable housing bills; and 2) Opposition to cost recovery model of land use appeal fees. 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 two adopted positions noted above, by **April 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.

Thank you.