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January 18, 2023

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Hon. Paul Krekorian, President, Los Angeles City Council

Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr., President Pro Tempore, Los Angeles City Council

Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11

Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5

Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilmember, CD 4

Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10

Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF 23-4118-S1

Re: WRAC Position re Designation of Sites under LAMC Sec. 41.18

Honorable City officials:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a coalition of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, located in Council Districts 5 and 11 and portions of Council Districts 4 and 10.

While WRAC has not taken a position specific to CF 23-4881-S1, we bring to your attention the adopted position of WRAC, urging Councilmembers to cooperate with our member neighborhood and community councils in the designation of sensitive sites under LAMC Sec. 41.18, and to bring resolutions in Council as soon as such sites are identified:

"The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)] urges Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, Raman and Ridley-Thomas (Councilmembers representing WRAC Member-Councils) to consult as soon as possible with their respective WRAC Member-Councils for input as to the designation of sites within their districts for enforcement pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.18(c)(1)-(4) and 41.18(d), including: 1) schools, day care centers, public parks and public libraries, as defined in LAMC Sec. 105.01 ("sensitive uses"; 41.18(c)(1)); 2) overpasses, underpasses, freeway ramps, tunnels, bridges, pedestrian bridges, subways, washes spreading grounds and active railways, when public health, safety or welfare is served by the prohibition (41.18(c)(2)); 3) designated facilities opened after January 1, 2018 that provide shelter, safe sleeping or safe parking to homeless persons or that serve as homeless services navigation centers (41.18(c)(3)); 4) any locations in public rights-of-way for which there is documentation of a "particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety" (41.18(c)(4)). No enforcement actions shall be taken unless the individuals have been offered shelter and have refused the offer.

"WRAC further requests that 1) Councilmembers bring resolutions in Council pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.18(c)(1)-(4) and 41.18(d) as soon as any sites meeting the requirements of such sub-sections are identified to them by their respective WRAC Member-Councils; and 2) the distance of the radius prohibition set forth in such resolutions shall be as requested by the relevant WRAC Member-Councils, consistent with the distance set forth in such sub-sections."

WRAC's original position letter was sent to City officials on January 16, 2022; see: https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WRAC-Homeless-Motions-Jan-2022.pdf.

We respectfully request that you consider the WRAC position in connection with CF 23-4118-S1 and all similar motions to designate sensitive sites under Sec. 41.18 in Council Districts 4, 5, 10 and 11 that are represented by WRAC member councils.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg

Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair Westside Regional Alliance of Councils