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March 21, 2023

To: WRAC Member Councils (Chairs/Presidents and Board Representatives)
From: WRAC Chair Robin Greenberg and Vice-Chair Chris Spitz

In case you missed it, here's an update on our March 20, 2023 WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

The Board was honored to welcome our guest speaker, **Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur** (AD 51 – representing Westwood, West LA-Sawtelle, Westside and a part of Bel Air-Beverly Crest). The Assemblymember introduced his staff in attendance (Field Representatives Hannah Wenger and Sherwin Shamoel); provided detail about numerous bills he has introduced focusing on the environment, housing & homelessness and social justice; and answered Board member questions. He expressed his appreciation for being invited to speak and eagerness to continue to engage with us. We thank Assemblymember Zbur and look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.

In addition, we had reports and updates from additional government representatives: Jake Ettinger (District Representative, Sen. Ben Allen); Skylar Payab (Field Deputy, Asm. Jacqui Irwin); Jessalyn Waldron (Field Representative, Supervisor Holly Mitchell); Veronica de la Cruz-Robles (Neighborhood Prosecutor, West LA) and Ariel Jones (Planning Dept).

Additional Speaker:

We heard an informative update on the **Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project** from Yusef Robb of TK Communications (representing contractor Bechtel/Sepulveda Transit Corridor Partners). Mr. Robb explained that they are proposing project Alternatives 4 and 5 to Metro, calling for, among other things: (1) a Metro Station located directly on the UCLA campus at Gateway Plaza, and (2) a direct seamless connection to the Metro Purple “D” Line Station at Wilshire – both of which are unanimously supported by WRAC – as well as a Heavy Rail transit mode for both Alternatives 4 and 5). For more information, visit www.sepulvedatransit.com or email yusef@tkcommunicationsllc.com.

WRAC Meetings and Events:

Robin remarked on the success of the **WRAC Board Member Roundtable** discussions held in February and March with Councilwomen Traci Park and Katy Yaroslavsky. She noted how wonderful it was to see everyone and hear from our elected officials in person; she thanked both Councilwomen for engaging with us, and Belmont Village for graciously providing the venue and delicious complimentary breakfast buffet at each event!

Upcoming Roundtables will be with **County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (May 22 – postponed from April 10)** and **City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto (June 5)**. We're also working on confirming a date in the near future with **Mayor Karen Bass**. All events will continue to be held at Belmont Village Senior Living in Westwood.

We will welcome additional elected officials and/or key deputies as guest speakers at virtual WRAC evening board meetings in April-May: **April 17 – Asm. Isaac Bryan (AD 55)** and **Randall Winston (Deputy Mayor of Infrastructure)**; **May 15 – Asm. Tina McKinnor (AD 61)**. Others invited/dates TBD: Congressman Brad Sherman; Sen. Ben Allen; Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas.

Next Board Meeting: April 17, 2023.

WRAC Committees: There were no reports. Please note that PSEPC Chair Judie Hulett unfortunately must step down as committee chair; a new chair (preferably a WRAC Board member) must be found in order for the committee to continue going forward. Please contact Robin or Chris if you are interested in serving as Chair of the PSEPC.

New & Pending Motions:

The Board passed one new WRAC-recommended motion: *Community Plan Update Requests*. See the motion at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/community-plan-update-requests/>. Please consider taking up this new motion as well as still-pending motions (*Request re RSO Housing Replacements* and *Request for Audit of STAP Program*) if you haven't yet done so. See all pending motions at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/> (click on the "Read More" button for additional background information about each motion). As always, we ask that you let us know if you've passed any of the pending motions.

Reminder: Pending motions are *recommended only* – they are not WRAC positions until they are passed by at least a majority (8) member councils, who are free to decide whether to take up any pending motions.

Thank you again for your continuing interest in and engagement with WRAC.

Stay dry and safe, everyone!

Best regards,

Robin and Chris