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April 18, 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 April 17, 2023 WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

The Board was honored to welcome our first guest speaker, **Assemblymember Isacc Bryan** (AD 45 – representing several of our member council areas). The Assemblymember introduced his Field Representative in attendance, Michelle Persoff; provided details about his work focusing on election integrity, climate justice, the child welfare system, housing and homelessness; 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 Bryan and look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.

We were also pleased to hear from **Deputy Mayor of Infrastructure, Randall Winston**, who introduced himself and emphasized that the Mayor's priorities include repairing and maintaining the public right-of-way (streets and sidewalks) in Los Angeles; rebuilding trust in and improving City services; filling numerous vacancies in public works positions; and planning for future necessary capital infrastructure improvements. Mr. Winston answered numerous questions about infrastructure issues. We thank Mr. Winston and look forward to more productive communications in the future.

In addition, we had reports and updates from additional government representatives: Janet Turner, Congressman Lieu's District Representative; Michael Amster, CD11 Field Deputy; and Fernando Morales, CD5 District Director.

WRAC Meetings and Events:

Robin reminded everyone of the schedule of upcoming Board Member Roundtables: **County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (May 22)**; **City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto (June 5)**; **Mayor Karen Bass (June 26)**; and **Congressman Ted Lieu (Date TBD)**. All events will continue to be held at Belmont Village Senior Living in Westwood.

We will welcome additional key officials as guest speakers at virtual WRAC evening board meetings in spring/summer: **May 15 – Asm. Tina McKinnor (AD 61)**; and **Capt. III Michael Applegate**, Commanding Officer, LAPD Pacific Division. Others invited for future meetings/dates TBD: Congressmembers Brad Sherman and Sydney Kamlager-Dove; Sen. Ben Allen; and Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas.

The Board cancelled the June 26th evening Board meeting in light of the Roundtable with the Mayor also set for the morning on the same date; the next Board meeting (after the May meeting) will therefore take place on **July 17, 2023**.

Next Board Meeting: May 15, 2023.

WRAC Committees: There were no Committee reports.

New & Pending Motions:

No new motions were considered. If you haven't yet done so, please consider taking up the **three still-pending motions**

(Request re RSO Housing Replacements; Request for Audit of STAP Program; Community Plan Updates Request). 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.

See you at the Roundtables!

Best regards,

Robin and Chris