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May 16, 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 May 15, 2023 WRAC Board meeting.

### **Government Reports:**

Unfortunately, our first scheduled guest speaker, Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, had a last-minute conflict and was unable to attend. Her staff advises that she wishes to speak with us at a future Board meeting and we will work on re-scheduling Asm. McKinnor in the coming months.

We were pleased to hear from **Capt. Michael Applegate**, Commanding Officer of LAPD Pacific Division. The Captain provided extensive information about Pacific Division operations and crime metrics, and participated in Q&A with Board members. We thank Capt. Applegate and all our LAPD officers and look forward to continuing productive engagement with LAPD. We also hope to be able to schedule Capt. Craig Heredia, Commanding Officer of West LA Division, to speak with the Board in the coming months.

In addition, we had reports and updates from additional government representatives: Janet Turner for Congressman Lieu; Sherwin Shamoeil for Asm. Rick Zbur; Fernando Morales, CD5 District Director; and Zac Gaidzik for Supervisor Lindsey Horvath. Asm. Bryan's Representative Michelle Persoff was unable to attend but sent brief updates in an email with Chris; please let Chris know if you'd like to see her email updates.

We also heard briefly from Veronica de la Cruz-Robles (West LA Division Neighborhood Prosecutor). Ms. Robles advised that due to new rules/restructuring by City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto, both she and Claudia Martin (Pacific Division Neighborhood Prosecutor) will no longer be able to engage extensively with neighborhood and community councils. Board members expressed serious concerns with this development and thanked Ms. Robles and Ms. Martin for their many years of dedication to our member Councils. Board member attendees at the June 5th Roundtable with the City Attorney will be able to ask questions and express concerns about the new rules. For information about an online petition to protest these changes, please contact member Steve Sann ([stevesann2001@yahoo.com](mailto:stevesann2001@yahoo.com)).

### **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)**; and **Mayor Karen Bass (June 26)**. All events will continue to be held at Belmont Village Senior Living in Westwood.

**Next Board Meeting: July 17, 2023** (the Board voted in April to cancel our June meeting).

**WRAC Committees:** There were no Committee reports.

### **New & Pending Motions:**

The Board passed two new motions for recommendation to WRAC member Councils:

1) *Support for Director's Determination re Murphy Drill Site*; and 2) *Minimize Light Pollution*. See both motions at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/> (click on the "See More" buttons for more details and background for each motion).

**Please note:** individual member Councils that pass the Drill Site motion in the near future are urged to submit comment letters in due course to the South LA Area Planning Commission (hearing scheduled for June 20; see more information on the motion webpage).

Please consider taking up these motions at the earliest opportunity.

A previously pending motion has now been passed by a majority (8) of member Councils and is now an adopted position of WRAC: *Request for Audit of STAP Program* (see: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-audit-of-stap-program/>). Please let us know by May 25 if you have *considered* and *voted to oppose* this motion.

Finally, the passage deadlines for two additional still-pending motions were extended to July: *Request re RSO Housing Replacements; Community Plan Updates Request* (see: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/>). 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 – and at our next Board meeting on July 17th!

Best regards,

*Robin and Chris*