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July 18, 2023

To: WRAC Member Councils (Chairs/Presidents and Board Representatives)  
From: WRAC Vice-Chair Chris Spitz (presiding on July 17 in the absence of Chair Robin Greenberg)

In case you missed it, here's an update on our July 17, 2023 WRAC Board meeting.

### Government Reports:

We were pleased to hear from Planners with the **Planning Dept.'s Housing Unit** – Blair Smith and Cally Hardy, accompanied by Community Liaison Denzel Henderson – who provided an informative presentation via a Power Point on the Housing Element Rezoning / “Citywide Housing Incentive” program. They discussed the history of the Housing Element update, the rezoning requirements and deadlines imposed on the City by state law, and various rezoning measures and strategies going forward. The Planners explained that cities must demonstrate zoning capacity to meet their Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers, and stressed that the City must meet its obligation to adopt and effectuate a rezoning program to accommodate at least *255,432 new units of housing capacity by February 2025*. They also participated in a brief Q&A with WRAC Board members. Members with additional questions may reach the Housing Unit Planners at [housing.element@city.org](mailto:housing.element@city.org). For more information about the Housing Element Rezoning program, visit <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/housing-element-rezoning-program#about>.

The Board also heard from Denise Allen and Lizzeth Martinez with the **So. Cal. Metropolitan Water District**, who presented a Power Point with information about the “Sepulveda Feeder Line Repair” project – part of a multi-year program to rehabilitate the District’s major water feeder (conduit) pipes. The work will take place in the Sepulveda Pass on Sepulveda Blvd., near (but not on) the 1-405, during November-December 2023, with only one traffic lane to be closed. The WRAC member Council most affected, Brentwood Community Council, has no objection to the project.

In addition, we had an update from Michael Amster, CD 11 Field Deputy, on the work of **Councilwoman Traci Park** on several homelessness-related matters.

### WRAC Meetings, Events & Membership:

-- **Meetings/Events:** Chris gave a recap of the success of the WRAC Board Member Roundtable series, featuring Councilwomen **Traci Park** and **Katy Yaroslavsky**, **County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath**, **City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto** and **Mayor Karen Bass**. The initial 2023 Roundtable series has concluded; although no new Roundtables are planned, we welcome Board member suggestions for speakers at Board meetings and/or possible future Roundtables

-- **New Board Members:** Chris welcomed new WRAC Board members: Brian Averill (VNC President/primary rep); Jeremy Schonwald (DRNC Vice-President/alt. rep); Josh Nadel (PalmsNC board member; primary rep); Kay Hartman (PalmsNC President/alt. rep); and Drew Ruesch (MVCC Chair/primary rep – unable to attend).

-- **Next Board Meeting: August 21 2023.**

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

### New & Pending Motions:

-- **New Motion:** The Board passed one new motion for recommendation to WRAC member Councils: *Parking Space*

*Replacement Policy Request:* <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/parking-space-replacement-policy-request/> (motion recommended to the Board by the WRAC MTC). Please consider taking up this motion at the earliest opportunity.

-- **Pending Motions:** Three additional motions remain pending, with passage deadlines in August: 1) *RSO Housing Replacement (previous July deadline extended one month)*; 2) *Support for Director's Determination re Murphy Drill Site (only one vote needed to reach majority)*; and 3) *Minimize Light Pollution*. See all pending motions at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/> (click on the "See More" buttons for more details and background for each motion). If you haven't already done so, please also consider agendizing these motions.

-- **Other:** Another MTC-recommended motion on the agenda did not pass (request for CD 11 to hire a Transportation Deputy; individual CD 11 member Councils may request this if they are so inclined); and the Board referred a lengthy motion recommended by the WRAC LUPC (LAMC/Zoning requests) back to committee for suggested streamlining and/or division into shorter motions, with key points that may be more easily explained to, and better understood by, WRAC member Council boards.

**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 our next Board meeting on August 21st!

Best regards,

*Chris*