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August 22, 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 August 21, 2023 WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

We welcomed several government representatives, who gave reports and updates on the work of their respective elected officials: Michael Amster, Field Deputy for CD 11/**Councilwoman Traci Park**; Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy for **Supervisor Holly Mitchell**; Jake Ettinger, District Representative for State **Senator Ben Allen**; and Janet Turner, Deputy District Director for **Congressman Ted Lieu**. We thank all the government reps for attending our meetings and keeping us updated!

WRAC Meetings, Events & Membership:

-- **Website:** Robin and WRAC Secretary Tyler Laferriere updated the board on the status of the new WRAC website, which looks great and is expected to be up and running soon. Many thanks to Tyler for volunteering his time to work on this important project. If you have high-resolution photos of your communities (scenic/coastal/iconic images of areas in CDs 5 and 11), please email them to Tyler at tyler.laferriere.mvcc@gmail.com.

-- **New Board Members:** Robin welcomed new WRAC Board members: Marcello Robinson (NWNC Vice-President/primary rep); Evan Curran (NWNC board member; alt. rep); Tanya Leal (PalmsNC board member/alt. rep); Drew Ruesch (MVCC Chair/primary rep); and Ann Hayman (WWNC board member/alt. rep).

-- **Upcoming Board Meetings: Next meeting: September 28, 2023.** Since Chris will be out of town during much of the month of October, the Board indicated consent to moving the October meeting from October 16 (the 3rd Monday) to **October 30, 2023**.

-- **Upcoming Anniversaries:** Chris provided information about milestone anniversaries celebrated this year by two of our respected member Community Councils: PPCC – 50th Anniversary (est. 1973) and BCC – 25th Anniversary (est. 1998). PPCC and BCC are among the founding members of WRAC and are honored to participate actively with our fellow neighborhood and community councils in the Alliance!

WRAC Committees: Mobility & Transportation Committee (MTC) chair Selena Inouye was present and reported on the Committee's work and meetings (the MTC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month). The chairs of the Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC/Maryam Zar) and Homelessness Committee (HOC/Jay Handal) were unfortunately unable to attend. Chris reported in their absence that the LUPC meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of each month and that the HOC will next meet on August 29; the HOC agenda is now posted on the WRAC website and includes numerous important homelessness-related items. All are invited to attend WRAC committee meetings. Member councils that have not yet appointed reps to WRAC committees are encouraged to do so at the earliest opportunity.

New & Pending Motions:

-- **New Motions:** The Board passed three new motions for recommendation to WRAC member Councils:

(1) Oppose City's Participation in Metro-TCN Program:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-metro-tcn-program/>

(2) Request to Refer Metro TCN to City Council Transportation Committee & LADOT:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-to-refer-metro-tcn-to-city-council-transportation-committee-ladot/>

(3) Request to Revise the LAMC/Zoning:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-to-revise-the-lamc-zoning/>

Please consider taking up these motions at the earliest opportunity. **Note:** Time is of the essence with respect to the Metro TCN motions (#s1 and 2 above) due to upcoming written comment submission deadlines and hearings (see information on the respective motions' webpages).

-- **Pending Motions:** Three additional motions remain pending, with passage deadlines in September: 1) *RSO Housing Replacement (previous deadline again extended one month)*; 2) *Minimize Light Pollution (previous deadline extended one month)*; 3) *Parking Space Replacement Policy Request (deadline September)*. 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 agendaizing these motions.

-- **Other:** WRAC's meetings are public and all interested persons may attend. However, we respectfully request, consistent with our longstanding policy and practice, that meeting attendees who are not Board members or governmental representatives kindly identify themselves by name and affiliation (if any), *i.e.*, not to participate anonymously going forward (online or in-person). See this policy articulated in the WRAC LUPC Meeting Guidelines (Nos. 8-11): <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/April-11-2022-WRAC-LUPC-Guidelines.pages.pdf>. Specifically:

"Anonymous attendance, monitoring, or participation in any LUPC meeting shall not be permitted, whether the meeting is conducted in person or on a virtual meeting platform."

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 September 18!

Best regards,

Robin and Chris