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September 20, 2023

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles (via email)

Re: Inside Safe – WRAC Request for Information

Dear Mayor Bass:

As you know, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles. WRAC thanks you again for joining us at the WRAC Board member Roundtable this past June and sharing important information about your work and goals for the City.

We also appreciate your ongoing collaboration with Councilwomen Traci Park and Katy Yaroslavsky, who represent the majority of WRAC member Council communities in CDs 11 and 5 – especially regarding your efforts to address homelessness with the Inside Safe program.

As we stressed in connection with the Roundtable, WRAC is ready to lock arms with you as we tackle the pressing issues facing our City. In that spirit, the WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) seeks to develop recommendations for *constructive and meaningful solutions to the continuing homelessness crisis on the Westside*. In order to adequately study the issues and make effective recommendations, the WRAC HOC requires up-to-date data on the status of the Insight Safe program.

We therefore request your assistance in coordinating with the Los Angeles Homelessness Agency (LAHSA) and other relevant officials, as needed, to obtain and provide to WRAC the following information:

- Up-to-date data of the number of people brought inside as part of Inside Safe
- Geographic areas addressed as part of Inside Safe thus far
- Number of people who have transitioned from temporary housing to permanent housing
- Number of people who have fallen out of transitional housing
- Names and information on third-party organizations that the city is partnering with as part of Inside Safe
- Timeline outlining next steps for those in temporary housing, as well as those individuals who have not been sheltered as part of Inside Safe.

The WRAC HOC respectfully requests that this information be delivered on or before the day preceding the next WRAC HOC meeting, October 23, 2023.

Thank you very much for your consideration and assistance with this important request.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

(cc information on p. 2, following)

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cc (via email):

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Hon. Lindsey Horvath, LA County Supervisor, SD 3, and LAHSA Commission Chair

Hon. Traci Park, CD 11

Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, CD 5

Mercedes Marquez, Mayor's Chief of Housing & Homelessness Solutions

Jared Rivera, Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement

Jacqueline Hamilton, Mayor's Director of Neighborhood Services/Senior Advisor

Jay Handal, Treasurer, West LA-Sawtelle NC and Chair, WRAC HOC