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September 19, 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 September 18, 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; Jake Ettinger, District Representative for State Senator Ben Allen; Janet Turner, Deputy District Director for Congressman Ted Lieu; and Michelle Persoff, Sr. Field Representative for Assemblymember / Majority Leader Isaac Bryan. We thank all the government reps for attending and keeping us updated.

### WRAC Meetings, Events & Membership:

-- **New Board Members:** Robin welcomed new WRAC Board members: Nico Ruderman (VNC board member/alt. rep to WRAC) and Sandy Brown (WCC board member; alt. rep to WRAC).

-- **Upcoming Board Meetings:** **October 30, 2023** and **November 20, 2023.**

-- **Upcoming Guest Speakers:** October 30 – **LAPD Capt. Richard Gabaldon** (Commanding Officer, West LA Division); November 20 – (tentative) **Sen. Ben Allen** (Senate District 24). Mark your calendars!

**WRAC Committees:** The chairs of the WRAC Committees (LUPC, HOC and MTC) were unable to attend. Chris reported as follows: The MTC will meet this coming Wednesday, September 20. The HOC's next meeting will be on September 26 (HOC meetings are now scheduled to take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month). The HOC passed the new motion referenced below (requesting data on Inside Safe) at its last meeting on August 28. The LUPC passed two motions (also referenced below) at its last meeting on September 11. The next LUPC meeting will be on October 9. All are welcome to attend WRAC committee meetings (agendas are posted on the WRAC website).

### New, Adopted & Pending Motions:

-- **New Motion:** The Board passed the following motion: *Support public park and skateboard facility at the West LA Commons:* <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-public-park-skateboard-facility-at-west-la-commons/>.

The motion is now recommended for consideration by member Councils. Please consider taking up this motion at the earliest opportunity.

The Board returned one motion to the WRAC LUPC (PROW vacations / 9/18 agenda item 8c(i)) for further clarification/revision.

The Board also authorized the following letters to be sent directly to pertinent City officials: 1) *Request DCP compliance with City Council directive to report back on short-term rental enforcement* (9/18 agenda item 8a); 2) *Request data on Inside Safe* (9/18 agenda item 8b; two additions by the Board). Letters will be sent shortly to City officials.

-- **Adopted Motions:** Two motions were approved by a majority of member Councils in September and are now adopted WRAC positions: 1) *Oppose Metro TCN* (position letter written and submitted; 2) *Minimize light pollution* (position letter pending; please let us know by September 22 if you have considered and voted to oppose this motion).

-- **Pending Motions:** Additional motions remain pending, with passage deadlines in October or November: 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 the currently 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.

**[Note:** One pending motion (request referral of Metro TCN to City Council Transportation Committee & LADOT, for study of traffic impacts) may effectively be moot: WNC alt. rep Barbara Broide reported to the Board that since the City Planning Commission’s approval of the program and related ordinance on September 14 (with little or no attention paid to the serious issue of traffic impacts), the matter is expected to be expedited for City Council approval without further interim review. Barbara suggests that at this point, individual member Councils that oppose Metro TCN should urge Councilwomen Yaroslavsky and/or Park, as applicable, to call for removal of digital billboards proposed in our Westside areas – particularly in or near sensitive locations – from the Metro TCN program list (map of proposed Westside billboard locations linked at <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-metro-tcn-program/>).]

-- **Other:** WRAC’s meetings are public and all interested persons may attend. However, as Robin announced at the September 18th Board meeting, 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. Thank you again for your continuing interest in and engagement with WRAC.

See you at our next Board meeting on **October 30, 2023** – don’t forget the new meeting date for *this month only* (5th Monday of the month).

Best regards,

*Robin and Chris*