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January 16, 2024

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Hon. John S. Lee, Council District 12 and Chair, City Council Public Works Committee (PWC)  
Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Council District 3 and Vice-Chair, PWC  
Hon. Imelda Padilla, Council District 6 and Member, PWC

*Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF 21-1469-S2*

Re: **Council File 21-1469-S2/Alternative Sidewalk Repairs - SUPPORT**

Dear Mayor Bass and Councilmembers Lee, Blumenfield and Padilla:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition, founded in 2009, of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10. WRAC Member Councils collectively represent approximately 500,000 Angelenos.

Our Westside neighborhoods have long-experienced dangerous conditions with broken, damaged sidewalks, posing hazards for all pedestrians. At a 2023 WRAC Roundtable with Mayor Bass, questions were asked about what can be done to address the broken state of our sidewalks and the impediments that disabled constituents must face in navigating damaged walkways – conditions present in all WRAC Member Council communities.

In light of these conditions and concerns, nine of WRAC's Member Councils have now adopted the following motion (or taken a modified position in keeping with its spirit), which is accordingly an adopted WRAC position:

*"[WRAC] supports CF 21-1469-S2 in addressing the need for more cost effective and efficient processes for repairing sidewalks, which are dangerously risky throughout the Westside.*

*"[WRAC] further requests that the report-back include recommendations for measures to protect existing street trees during sidewalk repair."*

The following WRAC Member Councils have advised that they have adopted the above motion or modified versions in keeping with its spirit: Brentwood Community Council, Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Mar Vista Community Council,\* Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa, Pacific Palisades Community Council, Venice Neighborhood Council, West Los Angeles-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council, Westside Neighborhood Council\* and Westwood Neighborhood Council (\*modified versions).

WRAC therefore respectfully requests that the PWC take up this matter at the earliest opportunity, and urges the PWC and full City Council to approve the motion in Council File 21-1469-S2 and additionally, to request "report-back" recommendations for measures to protect street trees during repairs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz*

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

cc (via email): Hon. Traci Park, Council District 11; Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Council District 5; Hon. Nithya Raman, Council District 4; Hon. Heather Hutt, Council District 10