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January 23, 2024

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 the first WRAC meeting of the new year: January 22, 2024.

Guest Speaker:

We welcomed **Deputy City Attorney (DCP) Veronica de la Cruz** – formerly Community Prosecutor with the West LA Criminal Division – who provided information and answered the board's questions about the work of the City Attorney's new "Community Law Corps" (CLC). Veronica (one of 4 DCPs now assigned to the CLC) explained that the CLC, a brand-new unit within the C.A.'s Municipal Law branch, is tasked with improving the quality of life in neighborhoods citywide and focusses on *civil* (not criminal) issues. Veronica is the DCP for Council Districts 5 and 11(WRAC), as well as Districts 8, 9 and 15. She, along with her assigned "community resources specialist," Nicole Ruiz, will respond to inquiries from constituents in these Districts and will also work pro-actively on measures to address and/or prevent problems as they arise on the civil side. All questions should first be made via phone call or email to the CLC, which will in turn enter the data and then forward the inquiry to Veronica or Nicole (if from one of their assigned Districts). Phone: 213-978-7878; email: att.communitylawcorps@lacity.org; website: <https://cityattorney.lacity.gov/clc>.

We thank Veronica for engaging with us and providing insight into the CLC's work.

Government Reports:

We were pleased to have reports and updates from several government representatives: CD 11 Representative **Michael Amster**; Asm. Bryan's Representative **Michelle Persoff**; **Janet Turner**, representing U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu; and **Denzel Henderson**, Planning Dept. Community Liaison. **Deborah Hong** of LADWP also introduced her successor as the new LADWP Westside Community Liaison, **Aldenae Williams**. We welcome Aldenae and congratulate Deborah on her promotion as LADWP Community Relations Team Manager. Thanks as always to our government reps for attending and keeping us updated.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

-- **Upcoming Board Meeting: February 26, 2024.** Please note: Per Board consensus, our February meeting will be postponed to the 4th Monday in February, since February 19 (the 3rd Monday) is the Presidents' Day holiday.

-- **Upcoming Guest Speakers:** The board suggested a number of government officials as possible speakers at upcoming board meetings, including U.S. Representative Ted Lieu, Planning Dept. Director Vince Bertoni, and the Board of Public Works President. We will reach out and hope to schedule speakers in the near future.

WRAC Committees: The upcoming WRAC committee meetings in 2024 are as follows: LUPC February 12, 2024; MTC February 21, 2024; HOC February 27, 2024. The WRAC HOC also hopes to schedule a special in-person meeting this spring (for committee members), to learn more about the work and methodology of LAHSA from its Executive Director, Dr. Va Lecia Adams, and City and County elected officials.

New & Pending Motions

-- **New Motions:** The Board passed the following motions for recommendation to member Councils:

- *Support for CF 23-0914 / Park (regulation of oversized vehicle/RV parking)*
- *Request amending the LAMC 41.18 restriction on camping near sensitive uses to include dwelling in vehicles of all sizes [motion as amended at the meeting]*

These motions are now recommended by the WRAC Board for consideration by member Councils. See the text of the motions at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/> (click on the “See More” buttons for more details and background for each motion). Please consider taking up these new motions at the earliest opportunity.

Additionally, the Board approved a “request for information” letter recommended by the WRAC HOC, to be submitted directly to the LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS), requesting BOS to explain why implementation of SB 43 was delayed for two years.

One proposed motion – to *oppose further study, EIR and implementation of the Metro Traffic Reduction Study (TRS) (aka congestion pricing) on the Westside* – was referred-back to the MTC for further consideration and redrafting. Meanwhile, as announced at the meeting, Metro has invited interested constituents to take an **online survey** regarding the Study through the end of January at: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/b27e5f788140449596cfaaa1d4becced>.

-- Pending Motions:

As also announced, one formerly pending motion has now been passed by a majority (8) of member Councils and is now an adopted WRAC position: *Oppose Rezoning of R-1 and Sensitive Multi-Family Neighborhoods*: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-rezoning-of-r1-and-sensitive-multi-family-neighborhoods/>. Please let us know by January 27 if your board has **considered** and **voted to oppose** this motion.

Two additional motions remain pending, with passage deadlines now in February 2024 (*Parking Space Replacement Policy Request* and *Request to Revise the LAMC/Zoning*). If you haven’t already done so, please consider placing one or more of the currently pending motions on your upcoming board agendas.

Reminder: Pending motions are *recommended only* – they are not WRAC positions until they are passed by at least a majority (8) of member Councils, who are free to decide whether to take up any pending motions.

See you at our next Board meeting on **February 26, 2024**.

Best regards,

Robin and Chris