

## WRAC Email Message to Planning, 2-18-24

Subject: Comment on Planning Proposal re CEQA Construction Noise Thresholds

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Dear Mindy:

On behalf of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), we call your attention to the fact that the deadline for submission of comments on the Planning Dept.'s proposal regarding the CEQA construction noise thresholds falls on a federal holiday (February 19). Under California law, comments are therefore due on the next day that is not a holiday, or February 20. See California Code of Civil Procedure Sec. 12a:

"If the last day for the performance of any act provided or required by law to be performed within a specified period of time is a holiday, then that period is hereby extended to and including the next day that is not a holiday."

We assume the Planning Dept. office will not be open on February 19. We therefore hope and trust that you will accordingly accept all comments that are submitted on February 20.

In addition, we respectfully request that the Planning Dept. grant a **further 30-day extension of time to comment**. As we explained in our [letter of January 9, 2024](#), neighborhood and community councils require sufficient time for review of matters by their respective committees and boards and of course are subject to rules that govern their meetings. Most WRAC member councils' boards meet only once a month. We understand that **several of our councils have diligently sought to consider this matter within their required procedures**, but their boards haven't yet been able to take this up. In some cases, our member councils' land use committees have taken positions on the matter for recommendation to their respective boards, but their boards (which are expected to consider the recommendations) do not meet next until *after* February 19.

We reiterate WRAC's Standing Rule 4, which demands sufficient time for our member councils to meaningfully comment on Planning matters. WRAC's member councils combined represent approximately 500,000 Angelenos. This proposal could potentially have a significant impact on constituents of the Westside of Los Angeles. We therefore request an extension of the deadline for comment on this matter to March 20.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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and  
Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair  
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