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November 22, 2024

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5  
Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11  
Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilmember, CD 4  
Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10

*Via email to all addressees and submission to the clerk filing portal in CF 23-0623*

**Re: CF # 23-0623: Request Cap on Development Waivers for ED 1 & Affordable Housing Streamlining Projects**

Dear Mayor Bass and Councilmembers Yaroslavsky, Park, Raman and Hutt:

As you know, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, in Council Districts 5 and 11 and portions of Council Districts 4 and 10. Our Alliance collectively represents over 500,000 Angelenos.

WRAC Member Councils are concerned about the City's practice of issuing unlimited development waivers for affordable housing projects with no corresponding increase in affordability. As a result, a majority (8) of WRAC's member councils have passed the following motion, or modified versions in keeping with its spirit:

*"In regard to CF 23-0623, the Westside Neighborhood Alliance of Councils (WRAC) requests the City cap development waivers at five (5), with no more than one (1) of which may be related to the environment, for Executive Directive 1 (ED1) and Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance projects, and further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (CMs Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and Hutt) bring a motion in Council or otherwise direct the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) to institute a DCP policy to effectuate this purpose."*

The following WRAC Member Councils have adopted the above motion: Brentwood Neighborhood Council, Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa, Palms Neighborhood Council,\* Venice Neighborhood Council, West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council, Westside Neighborhood Council,\* Westwood Community Council, and Westwood Neighborhood Council (\*modified versions).<sup>1</sup>

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

*Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz*

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

cc (via email):

Vince P. Bertoni, AICP, Director of Planning, DCP; Lisa Webber, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning, DCP

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<sup>1</sup> North Westwood Neighborhood Council has voted to oppose this motion. No other WRAC Member Councils have voted to oppose the motion.