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Westwood Community Council
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June 3, 2024

Hon. Traci Park, Council District 11
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Council District 5
Hon. Nithya Raman, Council District 4
Hon. Heather Hutt, Council District 10
Vincent P. Bertoni, AICP, Director, Dept. of City Planning (DCP)

Via email to all addressees

Re: **Request Compensation for Transfer of Public Right of Way (PROW) Easements**

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

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 often experienced situations in which the DCP permits vacation of PROW easements at the request of developers to increase the size or scope of private development projects, without requiring any compensation to the city or community benefits in exchange for the transfer of this public land.

In light of these conditions, a majority 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:

"The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) requests that the city receives monetary compensation and/or receives community benefits, for the transfer of easements in the public right of way, equivalent to the fair market value of the property transferred, and that this value received is invested in the Community Plan area affected.

"WRAC 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 advised that they have adopted the above motion or modified versions in keeping with its spirit: Bel Air-Beverly Crest NC,* Del Rey NC, Mar Vista CC, NC Westchester/Playa, Pacific Palisades CC,* Palms NC, Westside NC and Westwood NC (*modified versions).

WRAC therefore respectfully requests that at the earliest opportunity, Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils bring a motion in Council and/or direct the DCP, as requested above, to effectuate this purpose. 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. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles; Lisa Webber, AICP, Deputy Director of Project Planning, DCP