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July 16, 2024

To: WRAC Member Council Board representatives
From: WRAC Chair Robin Greenberg and Vice-Chair Chris Spitz

In case you missed it, here's an update on the July 15, 2024, WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

We were pleased to have robust updates from several government representatives, who reported on a wide range of topics, including preservation of the Marilyn Monroe home in Brentwood, State budgeting for homelessness, beautification and encampment clean-ups, community plan updates, the status of State bills and other measures, and the proposal for significant reform of County government. We heard from: **Michael Amster**, Field Deputy for CD 11 (Park); **Elizabeth Birks**, District Representative for Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas; **Sherwin Shamoie**, District Representative for Asm. Rick Zbur; Supervisor Horvath's Westside Deputy **Mandy Laflen**; the Planning Dept. Westside Community Liaison **Chris Galindo**; and LADWP Community Liaison **Aldenae Williams**. Thanks as always to our government reps for keeping us updated.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

-- **Upcoming Board meeting: August 19, 2024**

-- **Upcoming committee meetings:** MTC July 17, 2024; HOC July 30, 2024; LUPC August 12, 2024

New Board Members: We welcomed new and/or reassigned Board Members/alternates for their respective councils: PPCC: Quentin Fleming, 1st Alternate, Sue Kohl, 2nd Alternate; PalmsNC: Reza Akef, 1st Alternate, Kay Hartman, 2nd Alternate. We look forward to their participation going forward.

New & Pending Motions:

-- **New Motion:** The Board unanimously passed a motion for recommendation to Member Councils – *Support CF 24-0140-S1 (report on impact of Grants Pass)*, item 7 on the 7/15/24 agenda. See the text and details about the motion at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-cf-24-0140-s1-report-on-impact-of-grants-pass/>. WRAC Member Councils are encouraged to take up this motion at the earliest opportunity.

-- **Pending Motions:** Two motions remain pending, one with a passage deadline of August 2024 (*Cap on Waivers for ED1/Streamlining Ordinance Projects*). This motion has passed to date in six Member Councils; only two more councils are needed in order for the motion to become an adopted WRAC position. Another pending motion (*Oppose CF 21-0329-S5 – passage deadline September 2024*) has been passed by five Member Councils to date. See these motions at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/>. If you haven't already done so, please consider placing these pending WRAC motions on your upcoming board meeting 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.

Zoom Annual Expense:

The Board informally discussed the very high cost of maintaining our Zoom webinar and meeting platforms (almost \$2,000 annually). WRAC's annual Zoom fee is now due on August 19; we are very grateful that our Chair Robin has

graciously and voluntarily been assuming this and other expenses for WRAC.

Members discussed the fact that unfortunately, time constraints and other factors make it unlikely that our Alliance will be able to negotiate with DONE to obtain a fee reduction or other assistance with the cost of our Zoom. In the meantime, Robin and WRAC's Secretary/Treasurer Tyler have learned that the cost may be substantially reduced (to less than \$500) simply by eliminating the webinar function (currently the most expensive Zoom feature). The opinion of Board Member representatives was that the Executive Committee is authorized to make changes in the Zoom format to substantially lower the cost, including *eliminating the webinar function*, so that going forward, all WRAC meetings would be held in videoconference rather than webinar format. Representatives present also expressed the opinion that in fairness, and as they are able, ***individual Members should voluntarily contribute pro rata towards reimbursing Robin for this expense.*** We will let everyone know in due course what the reduced cost will be and we'll provide details on how to reimburse Robin.

See you at our next Board meeting on **August 19, 2024**. Happy Summer!

Best regards,

Robin and Chris