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August 5, 2024

Hon. Nithya Raman, Chair, City Council Housing & Homelessness Committee (HHC)

Hon. Bob Blumenfeld, Vice-Chair; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Hon. Kevin de León and Hon. Monica Rodriguez, Members, HHC

Additional co-sponsors of CF 24-0140-S1: Hon. Traci Park, Hon. Paul Krekorian, Hon. John Lee, Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr. and Hon. Imelda Padilla (second)

Via email and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF 24-0140-S1

Re: Council File 24-0140-S1 (Park, Krekorian, et al.); HHC hearing 8/7/24

Dear City Councilmembers:

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 represents over 500,000 housed and unhoused Angelenos.

Since July 2024, five (5) WRAC member councils have passed the following motion in support of the above-referenced Council File (or modified versions in keeping with the spirit of the motion):

“The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils strongly supports the motion in CF 24-0140-S1 (Park, Krekorian and other CMs), calling for the City Attorney to analyze the impact of the Supreme Court’s ruling in City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson – that anti-camping laws do not violate the 8th Amendment’s prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment – on the City’s ability to regulate encampments in public spaces in Los Angeles, and further calling for a report by the Chief Legislative Analyst on current laws restricting camping in the 87 other cities in Los Angeles County that will impact the City of Los Angeles.”

The following WRAC members have passed the above motion or modified versions: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council; Brentwood Community Council*; Neighborhood Council Westchester-Playa; Pacific Palisades Community Council*; West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council [*modified versions**].

We are advised that more member councils will be taking up this motion at upcoming meetings; if at least eight (8) member councils pass the motion, it will then become an adopted position of WRAC.

We stress that WRAC has taken multiple positions in support of the use of LAMC Sec. 41.18 (with offers of housing and services) to address encampments which threaten public health and safety in numerous public right of way (PROW) areas in our Westside neighborhoods. WRAC member councils appreciate that 41.18 has been used effectively in several Westside areas to ease unsafe and unhealthy conditions and to assist our unhoused neighbors. 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: Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles (*via email*)

Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5; Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10 (*via email*)