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August 18, 2024

Los Angeles City Council Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Committee: Hon. Paul Krekorian, Chair; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Vice-Chair; Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Member
Council Members representing WRAC Member Councils: Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, CD 5; Hon. Traci Park, CD 11; Hon. Nithya Raman, CD 4; Hon. Heather Hutt, CD 10
Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): General Manager Carmen Chang

Via email and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF 24-1111-S14

Re: CF 24-1111-S14 (improper submission of WRAC letters as CIS by NWWNC)

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council and DONE General Manager Chang:

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 Districts 4 and 10. North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) is one of WRAC's Member Councils.

We bring to your attention the fact that on August 15, 2024, NWWNC improperly and inexplicably submitted as a CIS in the above file a *2021 letter written by WRAC* (as to an effectively moot matter on which the City Attorney has already opined): https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-1111-S14_cis_08-15-2024.pdf.

WRAC has taken no position on CF 24-1111-S14 and did not authorize NWWNC to submit this letter in this CF or otherwise, nor is NWWNC authorized to submit any letter on WRAC letterhead to government officials.

In reviewing the 18 other CIS submitted by NWWNC in this CF, we see that *another 2021 WRAC letter* was filed improperly as a CIS by NWWNC in April: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-1111-S14_cis_04-12-2024.pdf. The submission of this WRAC letter by NWWNC in CF 24-1111-S14 was also unauthorized and improper.

NWWNC is entitled to take positions and to convey its own positions as it sees fit. However, WRAC's bylaws, publicly posted on our website, clearly provide that **only the WRAC Chair or designee is authorized to make public statements or to communicate with government on behalf of WRAC**: <https://westsidecouncils.com/bylaws/> (Art VIII, Sec. 1). The submission of WRAC position letters without permission contravenes this provision as well as the spirit of Art. VI, Sec. 4 (only the WRAC Chair shall be the authorized user of WRAC letterhead).

We accordingly request that **the City Clerk withdraw the WRAC letters** and that the letters not be considered as CIS in connection with this CF. Further, although WRAC is a private alliance and as such is not under the authority of DONE, we understand that WRAC's *individual NC members* remain subject to applicable DONE rules. We alert DONE to these facts should it deem any action to be necessary with respect to the conduct of NWWNC.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated prompt attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg & Christina Spitz

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

cc (via email): see p. 2, following

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To: Los Angeles City Council Members and DONE GM

cc:

Los Angeles City Clerk Holly Wolcott and Council & Public Services Division Clerk

DONE Advocate to NWWNC: Erica Gatica

NWWNC: Josh Trifunovic, President; Marcello Robinson, Vice-President & Primary Representative to WRAC;

Elizabeth Brady, Treasurer & 2nd Alternate Representative to WRAC; Jacob Wasserman, Secretary; Connor Webb, 1st

Alternate Representative to WRAC