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October 22, 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 October 21, 2024, WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

We were pleased to have updates from the following government representatives, who reported on a wide range of topics. We heard from: **Cairo Rodriguez**, Field Deputy for CD 5 (Yaroslavsky); **Samantha Gallegos**, Field Representative for Sen. Allen; **Zac Gaidzik**, West Area/Coastal Deputy for Supervisor Horvath; and Planning Dept. Westside Community Liaison **Chris Galindo**. LADWP Community Liaison **Aldena Williams** also attended and answered questions. Thanks as always to our government reps for keeping us updated.

NC Funding Group: Kay Hartman, Palms NC President, will be one of the WRAC representatives to the new NC Funding Group. Venice NC member Nico Ruderman has also volunteered, subject to approval of his council. We may appoint an additional alternate representative. Please let Robin know ASAP if you would like to volunteer for this position.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

- **Upcoming Board meeting:** November 18, 2024; our guest speaker will be Jared Rivera, Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement and liaison to DONE.
- **Upcoming committee meetings:** HOC (special Roundtable) 10/28/24; MTC 11/20/24 ; LUPC (TBD).
- **Future Board meetings:** The Board decided to cancel our December 16, 2024, meeting and to go forward with (not to postpone) our meetings on January 20, 2025 (MLK, Jr. Day) and February 17, 2024 (Presidents Day).

New & Pending Motions:

-- **New Motions:** The Board passed *three motions* for recommendation to Member Councils: **Items 7a through 7c** on the 10/21/24 agenda (motions relating to homelessness funding investigation, unfinished construction and digital billboards along the 405). See text and details about the motions at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/> (click on the "Read More" button for each motion). WRAC Member Councils are encouraged to take up these now-pending motions at the earliest opportunity.

One motion proposed by the MTC (**Item 7d** on the 10/21/24 agenda, relating to disabled and EV parking under AB 2097) was returned to the committee for clarification and strengthening.

-- **Pending Motions:** The passage deadline for one motion that has been pending since February 2024 was once again extended one month, to November 2024 (*Cap on Waivers for ED1/Streamlining Ordinance Projects; see the pending motions webpage linked above*). This motion had been passed by seven Member Councils; only *one more vote* is needed for this to become an adopted WRAC position! Barbara Broide (Westside NC) has volunteered to contact the Member Councils that have not yet considered the motion to answer questions and explain what the motion seeks to accomplish. Hopefully at least one additional Member Council will be able to agendize this motion in the coming weeks.

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.¹

We also emphasize that WRAC is of course a *cooperative coalition* which seeks, whenever possible, to advocate for our member Councils' common / regional interests and concerns, as reflected in motions that a majority or more of WRAC Board representatives have voted to recommend for possible consideration by our Member Councils – and may eventually become adopted WRAC positions.

See you at our next Board meeting on **November 18, 2024**. *Happy Halloween!*

Best regards,

Robin and Chris

¹ As we were reminded at the meeting, even if a given motion is not passed by a majority of Member Councils and thus does not become an adopted WRAC position, those Member Councils that have passed the motion are free to submit (and should submit) CIS and/or position letters on their own behalf. Collectively, positions expressed by several Member Councils, even if short of a majority in WRAC, are meaningful and may have a positive impact.