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# **AGENDA**

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors **March 17, 2025** – 6:30pm

### Join Zoom Meeting:

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Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Chair – Attendees who do not identify themselves upon request of the Chair will be removed (see Item 5 below).

- 1. Welcome/Introductions
  - a. Call to Order and Certification of Quorum
  - b. Chair Updates
    - (1) Next Board meeting: April 21, 2025
    - (2) Update: status of possible future in-person board meetings
- 2. Government Reports/Speakers
  - a. Mayor's Office Marian Ensley and Kenneth G. Miller, West Area Representatives
  - b. Council Reports -
    - (1) Cairo Rodriguez, Sr. Field Deputy Council District 5/Yaroslavsky
    - (2) Michael Amster, Field Deputy Council District 11/Park
  - c. Additional Government Reports At the discretion of the Chair (possible reports from representatives of Congressmembers Ted Lieu, Brad Sherman & Sydney Kamlager-Dove; State Senators Ben Allen & Lola Smallwood-Cuevas; Assemblymembers Isaac Bryan, Jacqui Irwin, Rick Chavez Zbur & Tina McKinnor; County Supervisors Lindsey Horvath & Holly Mitchell; Council Districts 4 and 10; LAPD; LADWP; Planning Dept.)
- 3. Board Member Updates Limited to 5 minutes total
- **4.** Committee Reports Limited to 5 minutes total.
  - a. WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC) met 2/19/25; next mtg. 3/19/25
  - b. WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) no mtg Dec.-Mar.; next mtg. TBD
  - c. WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) no mtg. Dec.-Feb.; next mtg. 3/25/25
- **5. Public Comment** Non-member attendees are allowed 1 minute for comment on items NOT on the agenda; comment time may be amended by the Chair. *In the interest of transparency, and consistent with WRAC's Bylaws (Art. V.5 and Standing Rule 9), anonymous attendance, monitoring or participation in WRAC meetings is not permitted. All meeting attendees are asked to give full names and any affiliations, and if any attendee is paid to attend, the name and address of the attendee's client. Attendees who do not*

respond, when asked by the Chair to so identify themselves, will be removed from the meeting.

# **6.** Approval of Minutes

a. Motion (Robin Greenberg) – Approval of February 2025 meeting minutes

#### 7. New Business.

# a. Motion (Venice NC/Brian Averill) – Request to Address Wildfire Coastal Debris Catastrophe:

"Whereas the recent devastating wildfires have left the LA streets and landscape covered with a multitude of toxic chemicals, heavy metals, hazardous materials, ash and fire debris;

"Whereas the recent heavy rainstorms have washed an enormous amount of this toxic material down to our coastline;

"Whereas the EPA and FEMA, against strong public opposition, have chosen to use the beach lots along our coast as sorting sites;

"Whereas our beaches are now covered with hazardous fire debris and black sludge;

"Whereas no significant water/beach testing information has been released to the public;

- "\_\_\_NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, strongly urges that this environmental catastrophe be taken seriously, with an immediate plan to fund, test, share information, and protect our coastal environment and the millions of people who enjoy it, by City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles County authorities with respective operational control of our beaches in the region, including Dockweiler State Beach, Venice Beach, Santa Monica Beach, Will Rogers State Beach and Topanga Beach.
- "\_\_\_\_ NC/CC further urges that one or more of our Councilmembers who represent WRAC member councils (Hutt, Park, Raman and/or Yaroslavsky) bring a resolution in Council immediately 1) to address this catastrophe on all beaches over which the City has operational control, and 2) to request that the City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles County, respectively, take further, immediate action to address the catastrophe on all beaches over which they have operational control in the region."

# b. Motion (PPCC/Chris Spitz) – Oppose SB 677 (Wiener)

"NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes SB 677 (Wiener), which mandates further streamlining and automatic approval of certain permits for increased housing development throughout the state, and places all areas within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), including all or parts of Pacific Palisades, Brentwood and Bel Air-Beverly Crest, at risk of public safety, by failing to provide for an unconditional exemption for areas within the VHFHSZ.

"We further request that our Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Hutt, Park, Raman and/or Yaroslavsky) bring a resolution in City Council forthwith to add opposition to SB 677 to the Council's state legislative priorities for 2025-26."

Background information for both motions on Google Drive and website Meetings page, linked above

## 8. Old Business

# Pending motions

Motions a-d – pending for six months (possible action to extend deadlines one month):

**a. 24.16.** Request Revision of Landscape Ordinance to Clarify that Front Yard Paving for Extra Parking is Prohibited – September 2024 (passage deadline March 2025). 7 councils adopted: BABCNC,\* BCC, NCWP, NWNC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC (\*modified version). WRAC letter (re position of 6 member councils):

https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/WRAC-Letter-Landscape-Ordinance.pdf
Current status: City Council on 1/7/25 directed City Attorney to prepare final ordinance with provisions similar to the WRAC motion (draft approved by the City Planning Commission): matter referred to the Council PLUM Committee 2/19/25 (pending).

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-1399\_misc\_11-05-24.pdf (see Sec. 7 on unnumbered p. 13)

- **b. 24.12.** Request CW Yaroslavsky to Send Similar Letter re Governor's Executive Order # N-1-24 / Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 5 September 2024 (passage deadline March 2025). 7 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC
- c. 24.13. Support for Brentwood Community Council Resolution and Requests to LA County Board of Supervisors September 2024 (passage deadline March 2025). 6 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP,\* PPCC, WLASNC, WWNC (\*modified version)
- d. 24.15. Request Suspension of Work on Westside Community Plans until Housing Element Policies and Mapping are Adopted September 2024 (passage deadline March 2025). 5 councils adopted: BCC, NCWP, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC

Motions passed at February 2025 meeting (May deadlines):

- e. 25.01. Support Council File 25-0006-S38 re Creation of Climate Resilience District February 2025 (passage deadline May 2025). 4 councils adopted: BABCNC,\* BCC, PPCC,\* WLASNC (\*modified versions)
- **f. 25.02.** Support CF 25-0172 re repair of fire hydrants February 2025 (passage deadline May 2025). 4 councils adopted: BCC, PPCC, NWNC, WLASNC
- **g. 25.03.** Allocation of Revenues from Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program February 2025 (passage deadline May 2025). No councils adopted.
- 9. Adjourn Next meeting to be held on April 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm.