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April 22, 2025

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

In case you missed it, here's an update on the April 21, 2025, WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

We welcomed LADWP representatives Katherine Rubin (Director of Environmental Affairs) and Nermina Rucic (Director of System Planning), who gave a detailed update on the status of the Scattergood Generating Station Modernization Project as well as recent LADWP progress in meeting goals to provide clean energy. We thank them for this important presentation to our members.

We were also pleased to hear from several government representatives, who gave reports on the work of their of their elected officials, including describing several bills or motions that they have introduced in their respective legislative bodies: Janet Turner, Deputy District Director for Congressman Ted Lieu; Carlos Penilla, Sr. Field Representative for state Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas; Sherwin Shamoeil, Field Representative for Assemblymember Rick Zbur; Zac Gaidzik, Westside/Coastal Field Deputy for Supervisor Lindsey Horvath; Cairo Rodriguez, Field Deputy for Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky, and Michael Amster, Field Deputy for Councilwoman Traci Park.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

-- Upcoming Board meeting: May 19, 2025

-- Upcoming committee meetings: MTC 4/30/25; HOC 5/27/25; LUPC TBD (status unclear; members are requested to consider the status of this important committee going forward)

-- *In-person Board meeting:* Steve Sann (WCC) advised that Belmont Senior Living in Westwood is happy to host our July 21, 2025, meeting (breakfast buffet open at 7:30am, meeting start time 8am). Regarding a potential guest speaker: per informal Board consensus, we will first reach out to invite the Mayor; if she declines or we don't receive a response within a reasonable time, we'll next invite Supervisor Horvath, who may be available (per Zac Gaidzik).

New & Pending Motions:

-- New Motions: The Board considered two motions for possible recommendation to Member Councils:

- a. Amend LAMC 56.16 No Riding of E-Bicycles on Sidewalks. The Board remanded the motion back to the MTC for work on more specific motion language.
- b. Oppose SB 79 (Wiener) / Support CF 25-0002-19. The Board passed the following motion for recommendation to Member Councils; please consider taking up this motion at your earliest opportunity: https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/b-oppose-sb-79-wiener-support-cf-25-0002-19/

-- Pending Motions: See details about the pending motions at: <u>https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/</u> (click on the "Read More" button for each motion). WRAC Member Councils are encouraged to take up these still pending motions, several of which need only 1 or 2 votes to become WRAC adopted positions. 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 May 19, 2025.

Best regards,

Robin and Chris

¹ 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.