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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 16, 2025 – 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84095705158?pwd=JGw2s8bM4JsNzlaaLacZJuAMaxt0Md.1#success>

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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: July 21, 2025 -- in-person at Belmont Senior Living, Westwood; breakfast buffet 7:30am; guest speaker Mayor Karen Bass from 7:50-9am; business meeting after Mayor departs. **Submit questions by 7/10** and **names of up to two reps** who will attend for each member council (seating limited).

2. Government Reports/Speakers

a. Mayor's Office – Marian Ensley, West Area Representative

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

a. Chris Spitz (Vice-Chair) -- update on CPRA request (recommended by the WRAC HOC; approved by 9 member councils):

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/WRAC-CPRA-Request5-30-25.pdf>

4. **Committee Reports** – Limited to 5 minutes total.
 - a. **WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC)** – met 5/21/25; next mtg. 6/18/25
 - b. **WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC)** – met 5/27/25; next mtg. 7/29/25
 - c. **WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC)** – no meetings since Oct. 2024; chair Maryam Zar unable to continue due to other commitments; LUPC now inactive until new chair is found.
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 May 2025 meeting minutes
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Motion (WRAC HOC/Jay Handal) -- Request Mayor to Consent to City Controller’s Audit of Inside Safe:**

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urges Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to immediately consent to a full audit of the City’s Inside Safe program by Los Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia.”
 - b. **Motion (WRAC HOC/Jay Handal) – Request Mayor and CAO to Disclose the sources of funding for the Inside Safe Program:**

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urges Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and/or the City Administrative Officer Matthew Szabo to disclose the full extent of all sources of funding for the City’s Inside Safe program.”
 - c. **Motion (WRAC HOC/Chris Spitz) – Support CF 20-1376-S5 (Park):**

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports CF 20-1376-S5 (Park), which calls for certain amendments of LAMC Sec. 41.18 and a report back by the City Attorney on the feasibility of amending 41.18 to prohibit encampments as per the Governor’s model ordinance.”
 - d. **Motion (PPCC/Chris Spitz) – Oppose Legislation Mandating Housing Density without Funding Mechanisms**

"The State of California has enacted a series of housing-related bills aimed at increasing residential density in cities and municipalities statewide, including SB 9, SB 10, and others. While the stated intent of these bills is to address the statewide housing crisis, implementation of these measures

often places significant burdens on local government without providing the necessary infrastructure, services, or fiscal support. These mandates frequently override local planning authority, diminish the ability of cities to tailor land use to their unique needs and capacities, and strain existing infrastructure and funding resources.

" _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), therefore:

"1) requests that our elected state officials take steps to initiate a pause on all enacted legislation that provides for statewide housing density and/or streamlining mandates, unless and until clear funding mechanisms are identified and enacted to accompany the legislation, in order to support the resulting impact on infrastructure, public safety, and municipal services; and

"2) opposes any pending and future legislation that proposes statewide housing density and/or streamlining mandates, unless clear funding mechanisms are identified to accompany any such bills, in order to support the resulting impact on infrastructure, public safety, and municipal services.

"The imposition of increased density — without accompanying state funding or resource allocation — exacerbates existing challenges, particularly in areas vulnerable to wildfire, evacuation constraints, and other environmental or geographic hazards, such as the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Flood Zones or other environmentally sensitive locations as determined by local governments throughout the state."

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

8. Old Business

Pending motions expiring at end of June unless extended again (a – c)::

- a. **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 June 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC *Note/C. Spitz comments:* Motion pending with numerous extensions for 9 months; only 3 councils in CD 5 have taken up or passed the motion since February 2025 (4 mos. ago); circumstances relating to homelessness in LA city and county have changed since the Governor's E.O. was signed in May 2024, more than a year ago; the motion is arguably now moot.
- b. **24.13. Support for Brentwood Community Council Resolution and Requests to LA County Board of Supervisors** – September 2024 (*passage deadline June 2025*). **6** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP,* PPCC, WLASNC, WWNC (**modified version*). *Note/C. Spitz comments:* Motion pending with numerous extensions for 9 months; no additional councils have taken up or passed the motion since January 2025 (5 mos. ago); circumstances relating to homelessness in LA city and county have changed since the BCC resolution (basis for the motion) was adopted in August 2024, more than 10 mos. ago; the motion is arguably now moot.

- c. **25.05. Allocation of Revenues from Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program** – February 2025 (*passage deadline June 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BAB CNC, BCC, NCWP, VNC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC. *Note/C. Spitz comments: The motion has been extended once.*

Pending motions not expiring until July-August (d – g):

- d. **25.06. Oppose SB 79 (Wiener) / Support CF 25-0002-S19** – April 2025 (*passage deadline July 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BAB CNC, BCC, NCWP, PPCC,* WNC,* WCC, WWNC (**modified versions*).
- e. **25.07. Amend LAMC 56.15 – No Riding E-Bicycles on Sidewalks** – May 2025 (*passage deadline August 2025*). **6** councils adopted: BAB CNC, NCWP,* VNC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC* (**modified versions*)
- f. **25.08. Postpone Caltrans Repaving Project on the 405** – May 2025 (*passage deadline August 2025*). **6** councils adopted: BAB CNC, BCC, NCWP, PPCC, WLASNC, WWNC
- g. **25.09. Oppose RFP for IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Project** – May 2025 (*passage deadline August 2025*). **5** councils adopted: BCC, PPCC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC (**modified versions*)
9. **Adjourn** – Next meeting to be held on **July 21, 2025** – in-person at Belmont Senior Living, Westwood; breakfast buffet 7:30am; guest speaker Mayor Karen Bass from 7:50-9am; business meeting after Mayor departs; member councils to submit questions for the Mayor by July 10, and names of up to two reps who will attend for each council (seating limited).