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WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 19, 2025 – 6:30pm

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1. Welcome/Introductions

- a. **Call to Order and Certification of Quorum** - Chair Greenberg (BABCNC) called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Host & WRAC Secretary/Treasurer Tyler Laferriere called the roll with quorum met. Member Sann arrived at 7:00 pm.

10 Board Members Present:

BABCNC Robin Greenberg, Chair

PPCC Chris Spitz, Vice-Chair

BCC Carolyn LoBuglio

NWNC Connor Webb

PalmsNC Reza Akef

VNC Nico Ruderman

WLASNC Jay Handal

WNC Barbara Broide

WCC Steve Sann (*arrived at 7:00 pm*)

WWNC 2nd Alt. Amie Baron (*left at 7:50 pm*)

Nonvoting Alternates Present:

Nickie Miner (BABCNC), Quentin Fleming (PPCC) and Walton Chiu (WLASNC)

Also Present:

Janet Turner, Deputy District Director - Congressmember Ted Lieu, 36th District of CA

Carlos Penilla, Senior Field Rep - Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, CA's 28th Senate District

LaQuisha Bryant, Senior Field Representative - Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, AD 61

Zachary Gaidzik, Field Deputy - LA County Supervisor, 3rd District / Lindsey Horvath

Michael Amster, Field Deputy - LA City Councilmember, District 11 / Traci Park

Cairo Rodriguez, Sr. Field Deputy - LA City Councilmember, District 5 / Katy Yaroslavsky

Leah McKenzie - LADWP

Chris Galindo, Planning Liaison - LA City Planning Department

Tyler Laferriere, Host & WRAC Secretary/Treasurer

Selena Inouye, Chair, WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC)

Yolanda, Board member of VNC and Robert Schlesinger, Board member of BABCNC

b. Chair Updates –

- (1) Next Board meeting: June 16, 2025
- (2) Update: Status of future in-person board meeting (July 21, 2025, in-person at Belmont Senior Living: breakfast 7:30 AM, mtg. 8 AM; guest speaker Mayor Karen Bass.

2. Government Reports/Speakers

a. Mayor's Office – Marian Ensley, West Area Representative was not present.

b. Council Reports –

(1) Cairo Rodriguez, Sr. Field Deputy – Council District 5 / Yaroslavsky

- Contact Cairo by email at cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org or by phone at 323-866-1828.
- Cairo reviewed budget allocations including mention of the new Homeless Oversight Bureau, which he noted is not the budget they would have written but a budget we can afford, a step forward from a month ago.
- He noted that there is an exhibit paying tribute to the Jewish Composers of Hollywood in collaboration with the Academy Museum (The Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts & Sciences Museum) at City Hall.
- He invited folks to participate in the next “Shine LA” cleanup event on May 31st, and recommended organizing cleanups.
- Member Broide asked what the Budget Committee cut from the Mayor's budget that allowed the saving of 1,000 jobs and the retention of LAPD civilian employees. Cairo will email her an answer to that. Vice-Chair Spitz asked and Cairo responded that there will be public comments on Wednesday and the special meeting Thursday on the budget.

(2) Michael Amster, Field Deputy – Council District 11 / Traci Park

Michael.amster@lacity.org - Michael provided updates beginning with report on a motion the Councilwoman just introduced in response to the Governor's directive around homelessness. He noted that as we know, the **[Grants Pass](#)** decision by the Supreme Court changed the constitutional legal precedent for which the City of LA and other government bodies, underneath the 9th Circuit, operate under. The City of LA has yet to take meaningful steps in response to the Grants Pass decision. He noted that the Governor, in his order, provided something of a draft ordinance for cities to act upon. The Councilwoman's position is that what Governor Newsom is calling for is what CD 11 has been doing throughout all the neighborhoods and will continue to advocate for the city of a whole to change its direction. He noted that this motion is in furtherance of that as well. The motion would amend and strengthen LAMC Section 41.18 to enable the city to enforce against camping around areas like police departments, fire stations and other critical infrastructure among other meaningful additions that would enhance the city's ability to regulate homelessness. That motion was just introduced last week, (**Council File# 20-1376-S4**) **https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1376-S4_misc_4-22-25.pdf** and he will provide updates at our next meeting.

- He noted that in the budget discussions, one department the Councilwoman particularly went to bat for was the Animal Services Department, having the WLA Shelter CD 11, and they have successfully advocated for the shelters to be preserved in that no shelters are closed.

- The Councilwoman has called for increased investment in LAFD, to preserve the civilian jobs in the LAPD and has called for more funding for the Emergency Management Department, has called for homelessness-related funding until key decisions are made. The key theme of the Councilwoman's advocacy around the budget issue is to retain core services as much as possible to preserve what is essential for the city function.
- The Councilwoman recently joined DA Nathan Hochman at a press conference where it was made clear retail theft in LA would no longer be tolerated and "Smash and Grabs" would be prosecuted within LA County to the full extent of the law, a very high priority for her, making sense for public safety, the economy, and all around, for Angelenos.
- He noted that since schools from the Palisades have shifted inland, some crossing guards that were dedicated to the Palisades haven't necessarily shifted over to the schools that have now taken in Palisadians, e.g., Nora Sterry Elementary in WLA that now hosts Marquez Charter Elementary and Brentwood Science Magnet Elementary that now hosts Palisades Charter Elementary. He noted that the Councilwoman got a directive for the LADOT to get crossing guards to provide proper support as these school campuses are essentially two in one.
- The Councilwoman has been prioritizing 41.18 zones throughout the district where needed; most recently placing signage along the Barrington underpass, underneath the 10 Freeway and very soon will put them up around the Bundy Triangle working with Senior Lead Officer Bermudez on both of those special enforcement zones.
- As to RVs, he noted that the Councilwoman is fixated on Washington Boulevard and main roads in Venice; they've had several impoundments there recently.
- Recently he gave a tour of City Hall to students from the Archer School with a bit of education on city government; something he and his colleagues are trying doing to give them that exposure. Let him and his colleagues know if we have any connections to schools in CD 11 and they'll be happy to work on more City Hall tours for those students in CD 11.

Vice-Chair Spitz (PPCC) thanked Michael and the Councilwoman for their great work. The floor was opened to questions, beginning with Vice-Chair Spitz who asked when the 41.18 zones are created if the individuals are given a bed or shelter, to which Michael noted that the people are given outreach; there are some circumstances where officers well document that certain individuals have been given outreach time and again, and in those circumstances, especially at the Bundy Triangle, they are able to enforce right away. He emphasized that with 41.18, LAPD needs to be vigilant because when an individual camps in a special enforcement zone, if they are there for a long time and have put a great deal of stuff out on the sidewalk, they also need LA Sanitation to get out there with LAPD officers to assist.

Member Handal (WLASNC) expressed his disappointment that though the Budget and Finance Committee work hard to get through a tough situation, getting through the budget, which was horrible but taking out any additional police hiring at this time in our city is a huge mistake. He spoke as someone who had been burglarized twice in the last month, at their Pico store. He feels that it is sad and asked if with 8,400 sworn officers for 465 square miles, and \$300 million in law suits through LAPD, has anyone picked up on the fact that if the officers are overworked

and are too tired, that this is the reason for the increase in liability expenses. He thinks that all the council offices involved in this take a good hard look at the budget. He noted that while he likes art, when there are 40-some odd departments, he wants to reach someone when he dials 911. He cautions that this next year we will have attrition in the LAPD, it won't get safer and that they're making a big mistake.

Member Broide (WNC) asked what school grade levels are good for his tours of city hall, to which Michael noted that he has taken kids on these tours from all grades: from the 3rd grade through high school. She also asked, when CD 11 engages with homeless individuals, is there an effort to track them over time, to understand when someone may be a candidate for California CARE Court or an intervention that the person is *not* able to take care of themselves. Michael responded, as to tracking individuals, their office has just begun activating a multidisciplinary team who goes out into the streets, engaging individuals, trying to assist people with their nuanced needs and getting them the services they require. He noted that he and his colleagues have been submitting their sites to their new multidisciplinary team and are maximizing their resources as much as possible to track and keep up with individual cases. He deferred further questions on this to CD 11's Casey Pratts, Homelessness & Housing Coordinator, and Carol Williams, Homeless Outreach Liaison, as well as the Mayor's office whom they coordinate with regarding the Inside Safe Program.

3. Additional Government Reports –

Janet Turner, Deputy District Director - Congressman Ted Lieu, 36th District of CA - janet.turner@mail.house.gov Janet noted that Representative Lieu sent his best wishes. She noted that the House passed a resolution that the Congressman supported for Law Enforcement Officers, HR 2240, which passed, for officer safety and wellness. He has been writing letters, one to the President and to Secretary Kennedy with great concern about cuts to the Head Start program, and a letter to FEMA to address the toxic soil contamination after the LA Fires. He also wrote a letter to FEMA asking them *not* to cancel the Brick Funding Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program to help communities prevent hazards, such as has been seen working for Rolling Hill Estates to counteract the landslides they have had. She noted that this is working nicely, taking water out of the soil, and has stopped major slides. Janet related that the Congressman is very busy; lots of other bills have been proposed which she'll tell us about next month. If we have any federal issues, reach out to her.

Carlos Penilla Senior Field Rep - Senator Lola Smallwood Cuevas, CA's 28th Senate District - carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov Carlos noted that Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas has responded to concerns about SB 79 noting it was in Senate Appropriations and he'll let us know in 10 days if it gets out of Appropriations to the floor. (He was having sound problems, and explained that they have had communications problems with their phone all day; sound quality was poor.) Asked about where this bill is, his response was not captured due to poor sound quality; however, he added that they also had some letters in support.

LaQuisha Bryant, Senior Field Rep, Office of Assemblymember Tina McKinnor; AD 61 - laquisha.bryant@asm.ca.gov gave a brief report, as to Assembly Bills AB 8311, on dwelling units for persons at risk of homelessness due to the wildfire, AB 851 for Real Property Transactions for the County of La Wildfires and Unsolicited Offers, AB 470, the Telecommunications Carrier of Last Resort Bill, AB 596, Occupational Safety for Face Coverings, AB 749, the Youth Sports for All Act, and a new bill, AB 1383, Public Employees' Retirement Benefits, which bill would make targeted adjustments to the State law regarding the retirement system. It would increase the compensation cap under Government Code Section 7522.10 to align with the current IRS Code. Member Broide asked LaQuisha about something she heard on the Livable California Conference call about AB 1383, noting it was felt that that was a rollback of something that Governor Brown corrected, and especially the representatives from small cities were extremely concerned that this would imperil their ability to operate and return to a time when pensions were going to break their budgets and render them insolvent. She noted that there appears to be two sides on that issue, heavily supported by labor unions but may be an unsound practice returning to something that Governor Brown corrected some time ago. LaQuisha will communicate with her about this via email after presenting the issue to their Chief of Staff, the lead on this bill, and members, to review.

[Steve Sann (WCC) arrived at 7:00 pm]

Zachary Gaidzik, Field Deputy - LA County Supervisor, 3rd District / Lindsey Horvath Zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov

Zac gave a detailed report, much of which can be found on the Supervisor's website at <https://lindseyhorvath.lacounty.gov/>

Zac discussed the debris removal program, their work with FEMA on behalf of Tahitian Terrace and continued work for Palisades Mobile Home Park. Board members expressed concern about our streets being completely destroyed, noting that the fast cleanup comes at a price; the excavators drive on our roads like they are nothing; crossing Sunset and tearing apart our streets. It has been fastest cleanup but every street is destroyed; like the Wild West.

Zac noted, as to ocean life, the Board of Supervisors passed Supervisor Horvath's emergency motion to address the dramatic rise in stranded marine mammals suffering from domoic acid poisoning. He noted that the Marine Mammal Care Center (MMCC), the only NOAA-authorized responder in the region, is facing a significant funding and resource gap in responding to daily rescues. Her motion asked and the Board approved \$100,000 Emergency allocation to the Marine Mammal Care Center to support daily rescues and medical care, and asked for a report back in 5 business days with funding options up to \$600,000 to cover emergency marine mammal rescue and medical care. This motion directs county departments to develop a marine mammal emergency response plan for future stranding events and harmful algal blooms. They also need to look forward in how to build climate resiliency for our Santa Monica Bay. The Supervisor's options also include a public education campaign and long-term strategies such as

beach vendor donation programs, parking pass partnerships to fund the marine life protections. Remember to report marine mammals in distress Contact the MMCC Rescue Toll-free hotline: 1-800-39-WHALE or an alternative number: (424) 450-0570.

Board member questions were asked as to storm drain runoffs impacted by the algal bloom caused by the runoff of the fire debris, storm drains in Malibu versus septic tanks, and about transition of staff from LAHSA to the County; if Mental Health can prioritize beds for the Westside, while unable to continue to wait for LAHSA, as well as how to revitalize our streets.

Chris Galindo, Planning Liaison - LA City Planning Department - chris.galindo@lacity.org
Chris apologized for lack of communication recently, especially considering the budget. He had no pressing updates but noted that we can follow up at planning.liaison@lacity.org or with Denzel Henderson at denzel.henderson@lacity.org with any concerns. Member Broide asked about the WLA Community Plans to which he noted that he thinks a new draft will be coming out very soon.

Leah McKenzie from LADWP related that she was here just to listen in.

4. Board Member Updates –

J. Handal (WLASNC; Co-Chair, Budget Advocates) – report on Budget Day, June 21, 2025.
<https://www.budgetadvocates.org/>

Member Handal is asking everyone to go back to your neighborhood and community councils and publicize to your councilmembers and constituents that on June 21st at 7:30 AM, on the 3rd floor rotunda at City Hall breakfast will be served until 8:45 AM when Budget Day begins at 9:00 AM. This is the year people need to pay attention as the budget has been a disaster: it is costing jobs and services. Budget = Services. This year people need to pay attention and show up. Jay noted that there are 33 Budget Advocates. This year's lineup for Budget Day at City Hall includes Mayor Bass, Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Controller Kenneth Mejia, Deputy Chief Controller, Rick Cole, CM and Budget & Finance Committee Chair, Katy Yaroslavsky, Steven Chung, CEO of the LAEDC, Carmen Chang, General Manager of EmpowerLA, Joy Atkinson, President of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, CAO Matt Szabo, Assistant CAO, Ben Ceja, Mr. Hale from the Mayor's budget team, former GM Service Employees International Union Local 347, Julie Butcher, for insight from the past, and moderator Frank Stoltz from LAist.

Jay noted that we'll get a lot of information and data; at the end of the plenary session we break out into rooms on the 20th and 10th floors to listen to each district about your concerns in your district. He'll send Chris the flyer link to send on to your NC's emails. Jay noted that he has been doing this since 2008, and is back as Chair; If you haven't read the White Paper, please read it, at least read the top two pages. He noted that it is by far the hardest hitting White Paper they ever have done, and this is the most critical budget we've ever seen, with three events coming up that we are not ready for. Go to www.budgetadvocates.org to see the White Paper, sign up with Eventbrite, get your board members to show up and be educated on why we're not getting the services we pay for.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighborhood-council-budget-day-2025-tickets-1362112558329>

C. Spitz (WRAC Vice-Chair) – letter re-funding Animal Services, 2025-26 budget:
<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/WRAC-Letter-Animal-Services-Budget.pdf>

Vice-Chair Spitz noted that the White Paper is amazing, and thanked Member Handal. She noted that Chair Greenberg and she sent a letter requesting that funding be kept in for Animal Services, particularly the two shelters that were proposed to be closed. The letter was sent May 1, based on past WRAC positions, showing that WRAC has supported funding for the Animal Services.

5. Committee Reports –

WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC) – met 4/30/25; next mtg. 5/21/25.

MTC Chairwoman Selena Inouye reported that we have a great group that meets monthly and she appreciates all the people that WRAC has appointed to the committee; have a lot of different viewpoints and has three motions to consider today. Selena asked, since these reps are working so hard, if they ask you to agendize a motion from their committee, please consider doing so.

WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) – no April mtg; next mtg 5/27/25 HOC Committee Chair, Jay Handal (WLASNC), reported that there will be a monthly meeting on 05/27, on the impact on LA of the Governor's new statewide order to remove encampments, the impact of the new city budget on the RV dwelling encampments, the impact of the county and the city forming its own department, the impact on LAHSA with the other two forming their own department; increase in encampments moving jump on the Westside, moving up towards Westchester and that area. Discussion on 911 calls on homeless housing facilities; facilities that are supposed to have security people on them that we are spending a lot of resources of LAPD responding to a lot of calls there; federal investigation on homeless funds; a motion as the Mayor has not allowed the city controller to do an audit of the Inside Safe Program. Email issues to Chris or himself with agenda items get them onto the agenda for the 27th.

WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) – no mtgs since Oct. 2024; next mtg. 6/9/25 (tentative) Vice Chair Spitz related that the Chair still doesn't know if she wants to continue to in that capacity; however, pledged to hold a meeting June 9th.

Member Broide related that there are some very important bills in Sacramento related to housing; it is important that all councils be aware of them. She did a report for PlanCheck that she'll send to us. Perhaps it can go out, especially since the two Community Councils can move forward quickly communicating with Sacramento. Livable California identified six bills that they consider the worst bills in the legislature now that should be on that list.

- 6. Public Comment** – There was no public comment from non-member attendees on items NOT on the agenda.
- 7. Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes **passed** 9-0-0 as **moved** by Chair Greenberg and **seconded** by Member Handal.
- 8. New Business**

a. Motion (MTC/B. Broide) – Amend LAMC 56.16 – No riding e-bicycles on sidewalks

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports banning all classes of e-bicycles (e-bikes) from riding on a sidewalk or a boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles, to address serious public safety concerns and reports of rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians.

“To accomplish this objective, _____ NC/CC supports the Los Angeles City Council passing, and the Mayor approving, an ordinance updating Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15. BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read (additions in *italics/underlined*):

“1. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, unicycle, skateboard, cart, wagon, wheelchair, roller skates, or any other device moved exclusively by human power, on a sidewalk, bikeway or boardwalk in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. (Amended by Ord. No. 166,189, Eff. 10/7/90.) *No person shall ride, operate or use any class of electric bicycle (e-bike) on a sidewalk or boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“2. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle on Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Via Marina within the City of Los Angeles, except that bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle riding shall be permitted along the bicycle path adjacent to Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Washington Boulevard. (Amended by Ord. No. 153,474, Eff. 4/12/80.) *(Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“3. No person shall operate on a beach bicycle path, or on an area of a beach which is set aside for bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle use, any bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or tricycle which provides for side-by-side seating thereon or which has affixed thereto any attachment or appendage which protrudes from the side of the bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or tricycle and is used or designed to carry another person or persons thereon. *(Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“ _____ NC/CC further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a motion in Council requesting amendment of Municipal Code Sec. 56.15 as set forth above.” *[Last paragraph added as a friendly amendment by C. Spitz, accepted by B. Broide]*

Vice-Chair Spitz noted that this motion was sent back to committee and the board asked Selena to address it. The motion was moved by Member Broide (WNC), seconded by Member Sann (WCC).

Selena noted that the MTC took our feedback into consideration and brought the motion back, answering what it looks like to ban e-bikes in terms of the existing LAMC. The motion has the suggested changes to the LAMC. Selena was available for questions. Discussion was held, beginning with Member Webb (NWNC) who was opposed to this motion, noting that it is already illegal to ride dangerously and the rider would be held liable. It would be fair for us to ask for better enforcement but that all this does is criminalize safe riding on the sidewalks. He gave examples and problems with this in the city like LA. Vice-Chair Spitz responded that it isn't changing the language with respect to human-operated bikes, but adds additional language that is not conditional about riding e-bikes that should not be allowed at all on the sidewalks.

Selena agreed and noted that there is a reference to other cities who have updated their code; this is a request to update the LAMC to specifically mention e-bikes. The committee discussed need to have e-bikes banned, noting that the cities of Santa Monica, Inglewood, Beverly Hills, Manhattan Beach, and WeHo have all updated their codes saying e-bikes are not allowed on the sidewalk. Human powered bicycles are allowed on the sidewalk currently, except the exception of Oceanfront Walk on Venice, there was a specific ordinance passed, saying on the Venice boardwalk, bicycles are not allowed to ride.

Member Handal (WLASNC) noted that kids on motorbikes with no helmets, protection, rushing past people, e.g., older people, he understands that these are like motorcycles that are not regulated. If they are going to be reckless...are we just going to ask them to pass another law that nobody is going to enforce? He wishes that the city attorney would look at our books and say we have 1200 laws to get rid of because we have no chance of enforcing them. He likes the idea of prohibiting but nobody will enforce this. For that reason he will vote no: He is against laws that can't be enforced and budgetary items that put us in the hole that they pass anyway and make it the council's problem. Member Ruderman (VNC) agreed with what Member Handal said, that this is probably a law that won't be enforced, and this is an issue they have been dealing with in Venice: people have been injured and died being hit by electric bikes and scooters. They have had a little movement on enforcement on the boardwalk in particular. People will die if they don't get the e-bikes off the sidewalks. Member Chiu (WLASNC) opined that Member Ruderman's concern about Venice is a hyper-local issue as in his area of town, people barely walk on the sidewalks much less ride electric vehicles. He'd like us to think about where the bike riders will go. He noted that it feels like it is something we don't like and want to stop something to stop it.

Member Broide (WNC) noted that they had a discussion if possible to distinguish between different classes of e-bikes and for enforcement purposes would not be possible for an officer to distinguish 1, 2 or 3. And that is why they considered them the same. She noted the variety of conditions, and this was an attempt to address a public safety hazard and the need to protect people on their feet using sidewalks. Member Handal referred to comments made by Member Webb, whom he noted spoke about different levels and speeds of bikes, but when he is walking down Sawtelle or Wilshire even at 20 miles an hour, an older couple having a kid whiz by them is very scary. He feels that you'll never be able to enforce it. It is only good if a kid hits someone and is caught that there is a liability issue because they broke the law. He noted at some point everyone has rights, bikers stay in our lane. There is no enforcement available. Who will discern which class of bikes they are? Member Webb stated that the law as written already means they'd be liable; it wouldn't change liability.

The motion **passed** by 5 yeses from Chair Greenberg, Vice-Chair Spitz, and members Ruderman, Sann and Broide, 2 noes from Members Webb and Handal; 3 abstentions from Members LoBuglio, Akef and Baron.

[Amie Baron (WWNC) left at 7:50 pm.]

b. Motion (MTC/Carolyn LoBuglio) – Postpone Caltrans Repaving Project on the 405:

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urgently requests that Caltrans delay the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation Project

(<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/district-7-news/d7-caltrans-to-host-meeting-for-the-interstate-405-sepulveda-pass-pavement-rehabilitation-project>) until after:

“1) All lanes of Pacific Coast Highway are reopened, and

“2) All Palisades fire debris removal is complete.

“ _____ NC/CC believes that this delay is reasonable given that the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation project is scheduled to take four years, and we ask that Caltrans accommodate this important request.

" _____ NC/CC further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a resolution in Council to effectuate this request on behalf of the City." *[last paragraph added as a friendly amendment by C. Spitz, accepted by C. LoBuglio]*

The motion was moved by Member LoBuglio and seconded by Vice-Chair Spitz.

Brief discussion was held including as to possible expiration of Caltrans funds to which Member LoBuglio (BCC) noted that, in meetings, Caltrans has *not* put that forward. Member Webb (NWNC) noted that one of the projects is the Express Lane on the 405, which will be disruptive, as will the repaving. He suggested that we add some language or postpone this motion until after the Sepulveda meetings this month, where we can ask the question if there has been any attempts to align the projects. Vice-Chair Spitz doesn't think we can wait but we can consider an amendment. LoBuglio noted that they want to start late May early June.

The motion **passed** by 8 yeases from Chair Greenberg, Vice-Chair Spitz, Members LoBuglio, Akef, Ruderman, Sann, Handal and Broide; 0 noes and 1 abstention from Member Webb.

c. Motion (MTC/B. Broide) – Oppose RFP for IKE sidewalk kiosk program:

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes Council File 22-1154-S1 and the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the IKE Smart City LLC interactive digital kiosk program, because it would:

“1) allow installation of hundreds of 8 to 9 foot tall two-sided digital advertising kiosks on sidewalks through the City, which WRAC previously opposed in January 2023 (<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/WRAC-Letter-re-IKE-program.pdf>), and

“2) directly compete with, and undermine, the success of the City's Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) and other community benefit programs that the City and its transit riders rely upon to provide much-needed shade, shelter, transit information and public service announcements.”

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

The motion was moved by Member Broide who wanted to make sure the motion doesn't read as on the agenda.

Member Broide amended the motion - to remove "IKE Smart City LLC" and leave it (RFP) for the Interactive Digital Kiosk Program.

Vice Chair Spitz noted that she wasn't sure about seconding the motion as WRAC already has opposed the IKE program. Member Broide explained that the original council file was 22-1154. CM McKosker introduced this motion to issue an RFP in 30 days. She learned that Mr. McKosker was a paid lobbyist and formed his own company and lobbied over years for IKE Smart Cities. IKE Smart Cities program has mapped out for a lot of our cities to have these kiosks and as the city has invested money in the STAP program... this will steal funds from that program and render it unable to reach its goals. The city has a 20-year commitment to that program, so this would be robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Vice-Chair Spitz seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8 yeases from Chair Greenberg, Vice-Chair Spitz, and Members LoBuglio, Akef, Ruderman, Sann, Handal and Broide; 0 noes and 1 abstention from Member Webb.

Member Broide will send material on this to Venice and Westwood to look at the maps.

8. Old Business

Oldest pending motions – a.-d., all introduced in Sept. 2024 (multiple deadline extensions)

- a. **24.16. Request Revision of Landscape Ordinance to Clarify that Front Yard Paving for Extra Parking is Prohibited** – September 2024 (passage deadline May 2025). 7 councils adopted: BABCNC,* BCC, NCWP, NWNC, WLASNC, WNC, and WWNC (*modified version). WRAC Nov. 2024 letter (re position of 6 member councils; NWNC passed motion in Jan.): <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/WRAC-Letter-Landscape-Ordinance.pdf> Status: City Council on 1/7/25 directed the C.A. to prepare final ordinance with provisions similar to the WRAC motion (draft approved by the CPC) (see Sec. 7 on unnumbered p. 13):

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-1399_misc_11-05-24.pdf; still pending in PLUM.

Note: No additional councils except NWNC (4 months ago) have passed this motion in 8 mos.

Vice-Chair Spitz noted that this is still outstanding, awaiting the final draft ordinance by the City Attorney; not sure if we keep going with this after 8 months not reaching the 8 councils.

No action was taken as this will automatically drop off.

- 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 May 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, and WWNC
Note: only 3 councils *in CD 5* have passed this motion in the last **8 mos.**
Motion to extend this for one month to June **passed** as moved by Vice-Chair Spitz and seconded by Member Akef.
- c. **24.13. Support for Brentwood Community Council Resolution and Requests to LA County Board of Supervisors** – September 2024 (*passage deadline May 2025*). **6** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP,* PPCC, WLASNC, and WWNC (**modified version*)
Note: No councils have passed this motion since October 2024 (**7 mos. ago**).
Motion to extend this for one month to June **passed** as moved by Vice-Chair Spitz and seconded by Member Akef.
- d. **24.15. Request Suspension of Work on Westside Community Plans until Housing Element Policies and Mapping are Adopted** – September 2024 (*passage deadline May 2025*). **5** councils adopted: BCC, NCWP, WLASNC, WNC, and WWNC
Note: No councils have passed this motion since November 2024 (**6 mos. ago**); the Housing Element Rezoning Program was adopted in February 2025, per the Planning Dept., *i.e.*, **motion is likely moot**. See: <https://planning.lacity.gov/plans-policies/housing-element-rezoning-program>.

No action was taken as this is moot and will expire at the end of May.

More recent pending motions

- e. **25.05. Allocation of Revenues from Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program** – February 2025 (*passage deadline May 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP, VNC, WLASNC, WNC, and WWNC
Motion to extend this for one month to June **passed** as moved by Vice-Chair Spitz and seconded by Member Akef.
- f. **25.06. Oppose SB 79 (Wiener) / Support CF 25-0002-S19** – April 2025 (*passage deadline July 2025*). **4** councils adopted: BCC, PPCC,* WNC,* WWNC (**modified versions*).

BABCNC has it on their agenda for Wednesday. Vice Chair Spitz (PPCC) would encourage people to take up this matter. Member Ruderman noted that Venice will likely take this up in June. Member Webb (NWNC) noted that it was amended to include rail line and G-line in the Valley and J-line on the 110. There is no fire zone on the Westside that would be impacted by

this bill. Member Sann noted that if the transit corridor project goes forward, that would impact some communities in the High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. There will be a station on the UCLA Campus, and could affect some of the communities situated just above that area. The Sepulveda line could have an impact. Member Handal (WLASNC) asked Walton to put this on our board agenda for this month. Member Handal noted that he had emailed back and forth with Jay Ross, and agreed with him on where this should be going.

Member Broide (WNC) clarified that for those properties that qualify - this would approve 7-story projects ministerially. Discussion was held on the issue of whether or not this just pertains to rail. Member Broide thinks with the Olympics coming and there will be bus express lanes established for the Olympics, some of which will remain, and even if temporary, will allow projects to seek entitlements related to their presence. Member Webb noted that the half mile and quarter mile radius around stations does permit localities to change that in a way that maintains the overall number of units; but places it in different spots, e.g., to place them on a boulevard... Vice-Chair Spitz offered to look at that.

9. **Adjourn** – Chair Greenberg related that members of BABCNLC went to four fire stations in the last couple of weeks, those fire people are the best. Vice-Chair Spitz followed up on that, noting that the Pacific Palisades station #69 is still standing. She had an interesting report from a young firefighter, the son of the physical therapist whom she sees was three weeks on the job, and on the night of the Palisades fire, there is a video showing that the fires were going on around him. He ended up on the rooftop and along with another young rookie, saved FS 69 and the house adjacent, the only house saved among hundreds of houses. He was awake for 36 hours, and due to his bravery they saved Station 69. They all thanked him.

Member Sann gave a shout out to Vice-Chair Spitz and Chair Greenberg for having the Mayor come to our in-person meeting at Belmont Village in July. He noted that it is a testament to WRAC that she spoke to us once a few years ago and sees us as an important group. Member Sann noted that it will be a wonderful breakfast and hopes we get wonderful attendance for this in person meeting. Vice Chair Spitz and Chair Greenberg thanked Member Sann.

Chair Greenberg adjourned the meeting with wishes to all for early summer at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting will be held on **June 16, 2025** (via Zoom at 6:30 pm.)