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October 21, 2025

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 20, 2025, WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

Numerous government representatives joined our October 20th meeting. They shared reports on the work of their elected officials and described bills or motions that they have introduced and/or have passed in their respective legislative bodies: Janet Turner, Deputy District Director for Congressman Ted Lieu; Sophia Liebman, Field Representative for state Senator Ben Allen; Sherwin Shamoeil, Field Representative for Assemblymember Rick Zbur; LaQuisha Bryant, Field Representative for Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, Amanda Laflen, Westside Deputy for Supervisor Lindsey Horvath; and Michael Amster, Councilwoman Traci Park's Field Deputy. Denzel Henderson of the Planning Dept. also shared information about the status of the Westside community plans. We thank all the reps for reporting to us.

Chair's Announcements/Informal Board Decisions:

-- We are still attempting to arrange for speakers at possible upcoming breakfast meetings at Belmont Senior Living in Westwood. These include Paul Krekorian, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Major Events (2028 Olympics) and D.A. Nathan Hochman. Jay Handal (WLASNC) is continuing to follow up with Director Krekorian.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

-- **Upcoming Board meeting:** November 17, 2025.
-- **Upcoming committee meetings:** MTC 11/19/25; HOC 10/28/25.

Member Updates: Vice-Chair Chris Spitz briefly reported on SB 79 and WRAC's successful advocacy on the need for a federal investigation into the use of taxpayer funds to address homelessness, which we believe played a role in the U.S. Attorney's decision to conduct such an investigation (leading to the arrest of two individuals and still ongoing). WRAC's important work is often reported in the *Westside Current* and does not go unnoticed by public officials!

Passed & Pending Motions:

-- A WRAC motion has passed and a position letter has been sent -- **Support CF 25-0848 / Expedite After-Action Reports:** <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-cf-25-0848-expedite-after-action-reports/>.
-- The Board passed one motion for recommendation which has already been passed by seven Member Councils and needs only one more vote to become a WRAC position – **Support CF 25-1083 / Report on Impacts of SB 79 on Los Angeles.** Please consider taking up this motion if you haven't already.
-- We also passed the following motion for recommendation (with substitute language in the same spirit as the motion originally from the MTC) – **Support STC Project, including On-Campus UCLA Station at UCLA Gateway Plaza; Oppose Changing UCLA Station Location to Gayley Ave. & Strathmore Dr.** Again, we hope that Member Councils will agendize this important motion at the earliest opportunity.

See both now-pending motions at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/>.

Lastly, a third motion on the agenda (regarding SB330 and the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance) failed for lack of a second.

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.

Happy Halloween -- and see you on November 17th!

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.