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November 18, 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 November 17, 2025, WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

Several government representatives joined our November 17th meeting. They shared reports on the work of their elected officials and described legislative efforts to date: Janet Turner, Deputy District Director for Congressman Ted Lieu; Samantha Gallegos, Field Representative for state Senator Ben Allen; Zac Gaidzik, Westside/Coastal Deputy for Supervisor Lindsey Horvath; and Sidney Liss, Councilmember Nithya Raman's Field Deputy.

LAFD Capt. 1 Michael Suarkeo, EMS/Emergency Resilience Officer with the Operations South Bureau, was also on hand, at the invitation of Cairo Rodriguez of CD 5. Since the Board had no questions for the Captain about arson incidents on the Westside, he instead spoke about his work with emergency preparedness and offered to come to individual WRAC Member Council meetings to provide more information about the LAFD "CERT" (Certified Emergency Response Team) program. Contact: michael.suarkeo@lacity.org. We thank Capt. Suarkeo and 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 (including, tentatively, Paul Krekorian on plans for the Olympics and D.A. Nathan Hochman).
- Board members agreed to cancel our December 2025 meeting and meet next on the 4th Monday in January, 2026.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

- **Upcoming Board meeting:** January 26, 2026.
- **Upcoming committee meetings:** MTC 11/19/25; HOC 1/27/26.

Member Updates: Barbara Broide (WNC) briefly reported on a Planning Report that she has prepared, with updates on important matters involving planning & land use. The Report will be separately distributed with this recap.

Pending Motion:

- The following motion has reached passage by 7 Member Councils (last night, WCC passed the motion, adding to the 6 already referenced on the agenda): **Support STC Project, including On-Campus UCLA Station at UCLA Gateway Plaza; Oppose Changing UCLA Station Location to Gayley Ave. & Strathmore Dr.** See this still-pending motion at: <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/>. *The motion needs only 1 more vote to become an adopted WRAC position.* Please consider taking this up at your next meeting, if you haven't already.

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

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.

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 Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays – See you in the New Year on January 26th (we will not meet in December)!

Best regards,

Robin and Chris