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February 26, 2026

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 February 23, 2026, WRAC Board meeting.

Guest Speaker: We were honored to be joined by our guest speaker, CD 5 Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky. The Councilwoman spoke extensively and provided details about her work on three focus areas: public safety, housing and homelessness and basic city services. She also answered several questions that had been submitted in advance, and participated in additional Q&A with Board members and other meeting attendees. We thank Councilwoman Yaroslavsky for speaking with us about her work and for answering our questions.

Government Reports:

The following government representatives joined our February 23rd meeting, shared reports on the work of their elected officials, and described legislative efforts to date: Samantha Gallegos, Field Representative for Senator Ben Allen; and Sherwin Shamoeil, Field Representative for Assemblymember Rick Zbur. Leah McKenzie, LADWP Community Liaison, also reported briefly about LADWP's work in Pacific Palisades. George Hakopiants, CD 5 District Director, and Cairo Rodriguez, CD 5 Field Deputy, were also present (accompanying Councilwoman Yaroslavsky).

Chair's Announcements:

- WRAC will host the CD 11 Candidate Debate on March 1, 2026. See more information under Member Updates below.
- Our next meeting will be a special breakfast meeting at Belmont Senior Living in Westwood on March 16, 2026, with guest speaker District Attorney Nathan Hochman. Breakfast buffet to begin at 7:30m, meeting to start at 8am. **Please send in your questions for D.A. Hochman as soon as possible; please also let us know who will be attending for your councils (due to space limitations, no more than two representatives per council).**

WRAC Meetings & Events:

- **Upcoming Board meeting:** March 16, 2026; special breakfast meeting with guest D.A. Nathan Hochman.
- **Upcoming committee meetings:** MTC 3/18/26; HOC (date TBD).

Member Updates: The Debate Committee – Jay Handal/WLASNC, Nico Ruderman/VNC and Chris Spitz/PPCC – provided details about the Forum to take place on March 1, 2026, at the 1st Lutheran Church of Venice, 815 Venice Blvd., from 1-3pm. The candidates attending: Councilwoman Traci Park; attorney Faizah Malik; and Palisades resident Jeremy Wineberg. Josh Haskell of KABC 7 is the moderator. All WRAC Member Council representatives are welcome! See more details here: <https://westsidecouncils.com/event/mar2026-2026-los-angeles-city-council-district-11-candidates-forum/>.

Status of Motions:

- The following motion has been passed by 7 Member Councils, with only one more needed for the motion to become an adopted position of WRAC: **Support CF 25-1484 (Park): Regulation of Sober Living Density in Los Angeles.** See: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-cf-25-1484-park-regulation-of-sober-living-density-in-los-angeles/>. We urge you to take up the above motion at the earliest opportunity.

-- After Board discussion, the motion on the agenda recommended by the WRAC MTC – **Support First Mile/Last Mile Plan for the D Line WLA VA Station Before Ohio Ave. Safety and Mobility Project Installation** – failed to pass. We thank MTC Chair Selena Inouye for attending and explaining the motion, and despite the outcome with this particular motion, we also thank the MTC members for their ongoing work and for bringing to the Board’s attention important transportation issues impacting the Westside.

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 the **CD 11 Candidate Forum** this coming Sunday, March 1, as well as the **WRAC breakfast meeting** on March 16, 2026 – and *don’t forget to send in your questions for D.A. Hochman, and to let us know which representatives from your councils will be attending on March 16!*

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.