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WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 15, 2026 – 6:30pm

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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 Chair Greenberg (BABCNC) called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. WRAC Secretary/Treasurer Tyler Laferriere called the roll. With 9 councils initially present, quorum was certified (8 required). Kay Hartman (PNC) joined during roll call, bringing the total to 10 councils.

Michael Lynn (SORONC) joined at 6:37, bringing the total to 11 councils.

Paula Gerez (NCWP) joined at 6:43 during the candidate forum discussion, bring the total to 12 councils.

Board Members Present

BABCNC Bel Air-Beverly Crest NC: Robin Greenberg, Chair; Nickie Miner (alternate)

BCC Brentwood CC: Carolyn Jordan (alternate for Carolyn LoBuglio)

DRNC Del Rey NC: Quenton Richards (alternate); Ravi Sankaran joined during roll call

NCWP Westchester/Playa NC: Paula Gerez, Theresa Torrance (alternate)

PPCC Pacific Palisades CC: Chris Spitz, Vice-Chair; Sue Kohl (second alternate)

PNC Palms NC: Kay Hartman (arrived during roll call)

SORONC South Robertson NC: Michael Lynn

VNC Venice NC: Nico Ruderman

WCC Westwood CC: Steve Sann

WLASNC West LA-Sawtelle NC: Vic Pacheco (alternate)

WNC Westside NC: Terri Tippet

WWNC Westwood NC: Connie Boukidis

Also Present:

- Cairo Rodriguez, Sr. Field Deputy – Council District 5/Yaroslavsky
- Michael Amster, Field Deputy – Council District 11/Park
- Janet Turner – Office of Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-36)
- Carlos Peñilla, Senior Field Representative – Office of State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (SD-28)
- Leah McKenzie, Sr. Public Relations Specialist – LADWP
- Santos Sanchez, City Planning Associate – Department of City Planning (note: not present for report; see Item 2c)
- WRAC Secretary/Treasurer Tyler Laferriere
- Robert Schlesinger (public)

Note: The Mayor's Office (Jennifer Hull) was called but did not respond and did not provide a report. The Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath was unable to attend but sent written updates, which were forwarded to board members by Vice-Chair Spitz; Representatives of Congressmembers Brad Sherman and Sydney Kamlager-Dove; Senator Ben Allen; Assemblymembers Isaac Bryan, Jacqui Irwin, Rick Chavez Zbur, and Tina McKinnor; Supervisor Holly Mitchell; Council Districts 4 and 10; LAPD; Planning Dept.; and Metro were not present.

b. Chair Updates –

(1) Status of LA City Elections; Board Position on a Possible WRAC Mayoral and/or City Attorney Candidate Forum. Chair Greenberg noted that approval of the minutes (Item 6) would again be taken up immediately, before proceeding to this item, in order to secure the vote while quorum held.

Following approval of the minutes, Chair Greenberg opened discussion on whether WRAC should sponsor a candidate forum for the upcoming citywide runoff elections. Board members expressed strong and broad support. Key points from discussion:

Member Sann (WCC) cited WRAC's successful history of hosting candidate forums, including a mayoral primary forum co-hosted at Sinai Temple in Westwood during the Garcetti-Gruel race and the well-attended CD11 candidates' forum earlier this year (moderated by Josh Haskell of ABC7, attended by 400-plus people). He emphasized the value of continuing this tradition, called for a media partner and broadcast component, and offered to volunteer. He also floated the idea of a back-to-back format (city attorney forum followed immediately by mayoral forum, using the same moderator), referencing a similar model used at the Hammer Museum during a prior election cycle.

Member Ruderman (VNC) agreed the time to move is now, noting how rushed the CD11 forum planning was. He expressed willingness to co-lead again (with VNC colleague Soraya also interested) and suggested potentially adding the SD24 Senate race, which has become competitive. He endorsed Josh Haskell as moderator and Alex Michelson as a strong alternative.

Carolyn Jordan (BCC alternate) and Member Broide (WNC alternate) both emphasized the importance of prioritizing the City Attorney race, noting that less public attention tends to fall on that race and that last-minute money had significantly influenced the prior outcome.

Vice-Chair Spitz (PPCC) said she could participate on the committee but could not take the lead role she'd played in prior forums. She agreed the City Attorney race should come first, agreed about the urgency of scheduling, and cautioned that getting all candidates to agree on a date would be the most

challenging step. She suggested focusing on the two citywide races (City Attorney and Mayor) rather than the Senate race, since not all board members are in that district.

Member Tippit (WNC) reported that Sherman Oaks NC has already booked the two Mayoral runoff candidates (Nithya Raman and Karen Bass) for a debate in July, and offered to reach out to one of the candidates on WRAC's behalf at a Friday lunch meeting.

Nickie Miner (BABCNC alternate) noted she has a contact at Spectrum News (Alex Cohen) who moderated an earlier BABCNC town hall and could serve as a potential moderator.

Member Sann added that if others on the board missed the meeting due to the World Cup, they should still be welcome to volunteer for the forum committee; this is a significant undertaking requiring many hands.

The Board reached consensus to move forward and form an ad hoc Candidates' Forum Committee. The following members volunteered: Nico Ruderman (Chair), Steve Sann (Vice Chair), Chris Spitz, Terri Tippit, Carolyn Jordan, Tyler Laferriere, and Paula Gerez. Additional volunteers not present at the meeting were also welcomed. Chair Greenberg asked Ruderman and Sann to schedule the first committee meeting and report back to the Board.

2. Government Reports/Speakers

a. Mayor's Office – Jennifer Hull, Westside Representative

Jennifer Hull was called but was not present and did not provide a report.

b. Council Reports –

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

Cairo Rodriguez reported on behalf of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky. Key items:

Sustainable Move Out Event: CD 5, in partnership with UCLA for the third consecutive year, hosted the Sustainable Move Out event at the end of the academic year. Four drop-off locations were established in Westwood Village, allowing students to donate furniture, household goods, clothing, and electronics rather than leave them at the curb. At least one ton (2,000 pounds) of material was diverted from the landfill, and LA Sanitation reported the lowest volume of trash collected at this event in its history. Donated items went to St. Joseph Center, Goodwill, and UCLA Thrift. The office also coordinated bulky item sweeps throughout commencement weekends to keep the neighborhood clean.

Hillside Fire Safety Meeting: CD 5 convened its inaugural Hillside Fire Safety Meeting, bringing together residents, public safety officials, and community stakeholders to discuss wildfire preparedness and resilience. The Councilwoman provided \$20,000 in funding to My Safe LA to support Hillside Communities in CD 5, including smoke detectors, community outreach and education, and assistance with evacuation plans.

Commercial Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance: The City Council considered a motion to explore a commercial tenant anti-harassment ordinance to protect small businesses from harassment and unfair practices that contribute to displacement. The motion moves forward for further study and recommendation before returning to Council.

Oil and Gas Drilling Replacement Ordinance: The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee approved the city's proposed oil and gas drilling replacement ordinance. After the city's original ordinance was struck down in court following a legal challenge by oil industry groups, Councilwoman Yaroslavsky joined local leaders in advocating for corrective state legislation. With

those changes now enacted, the city has a clear path to end urban oil drilling. CD 5 is home to several large oil drilling operations; research shows that living near active oil sites increases risks of asthma, preterm labor, and other respiratory illness. The ordinance now moves to the full City Council.

Climate Vulnerability Assessment: PLUM also reviewed the City's Climate Vulnerability Assessment, examining risks associated with extreme heat, wildfire, flooding, and other climate impacts. Findings will guide future infrastructure investments and planning decisions.

In response to comments:

Member Broide (WNC alternate) noted that the Climate Vulnerability Assessment and any related policies would be undermined if the city simultaneously eliminates setbacks to incentivize housing under SB 79, because doing so would remove mature urban tree canopy and prevent new trees from being planted. She urged the Councilwoman to factor urban greenery into climate resilience policy discussions.

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

Michael Amster began by recognizing outgoing PPCC President Sue Kohl, who was recently honored with a commendation at City Hall, thanking her for her leadership of PPCC during the extraordinarily difficult period following the Palisades Fire.

Key items from Amster's report:

Positano Road (Palisades): Repair work on Positano Road in the Castellammare area of Pacific Palisades – severely damaged by the fire and subsequent slides – has been completed. Positano Road is now open, which Amster described as a significant milestone for the Palisades community.

Brentwood Pole-Top Transformers (LADWP): Working with LADWP, the office coordinated the installation of three new pole-top transformers in Brentwood to meet rapidly growing power demands driven by electric vehicle adoption and larger home electrical loads. The three locations are: Gorham and Green near San Vicente; Gorham at Barrington Avenue; and Sunset Boulevard between San Remo and Allenford. Work is beginning shortly. LADWP will also be presenting on the project to Brentwood Community Council.

Stoner Park Community Meeting (West LA): A community meeting is scheduled for the following Thursday at Stoner Park to discuss the planned walkway project along the Westgate side of the park, which is also used as an informal dog park. The meeting will provide a full briefing on the walkway and proposed sidewalks around Stoner Park.

Revitalize Rose Project (Venice): The project is moving along smoothly, adding new sidewalks, ADA access ramps, crosswalks, and bicycle upgrades along Rose Avenue.

Go Skate Day (Venice Beach): Paul Rodriguez's Go Skate Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 21 at Venice Beach. Amster encouraged attendance for skaters and spectators alike.

Centinela Creek Encampment (Westchester): A major joint-authority operation was completed along the 405 near Centinela Creek, where dozens of unhoused individuals had been camping in an environmentally sensitive area. The operation involved the Cities of LA, Englewood, and Culver City and included offering interim housing to individuals and removing debris and trash from the creek area.

In response to comments:

Member Broide (WNC alternate) asked whether CD 11 is engaged in the Westside Cities COG conversations about the Westside Bus Connection Project, specifically regarding proposed changes to Sepulveda Boulevard, which serves as a Caltrans-designated alternate route for the 405 Freeway.

She noted that if Sepulveda is restricted when the 405 goes down, there would be significant traffic impacts on CD 11 and the Sawtelle community. She expressed concern that the COG is downplaying cut-through traffic risks. Amster thanked her for the heads up.

c. Additional Government Reports – At the discretion of the Chair

Janet Turner – Office of Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-36)

America 250 Veterans Commemoration: The Congressman launched a social media project for July 4th honoring America's 250th anniversary. Constituents in CA-36 are invited to submit a photo and brief tribute to a living or deceased veteran or reservist via a Google Doc. The deadline is June 30 at 5:00 p.m. Turner committed to resending the flyer to board members who had trouble accessing it.

H.R. 7968 – Small AI Innovators Empowerment Act: Would support small AI businesses to help them compete in the emerging market and create jobs.

H.R. 3747 – Alzheimer's Early Detection: Would equip primary care providers with tools and training to detect, diagnose, and treat Alzheimer's disease early.

Kay Hartman (PNC) and Vice-Chair Spitz (PPCC) noted difficulty accessing the Veterans Commemoration flyer; Turner confirmed she would resend it from her office the following day.

Carlos Penilla, Senior Field Representative – Office of Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (SD-28)

Peñilla noted that the Senator chairs the Labor Committee in Sacramento, and her legislative package focuses primarily on employee rights and workplace fairness. He highlighted:

SB 964 – Continuity of Care: Would allow doctors to immediately adjust patient medication dosages rather than waiting for paperwork authorization to increase prescribed doses.

SB 626 – Prenatal Care: Enhances access to prenatal care. For more details on the Senator's full legislative package, members may email Penilla at carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov.

Sun Bucks Program: Governor Newsom announced the Sun Bucks program, providing school-age children who are not in school during summer months with access to a school lunch program.

SD-28 Tourism: Tourism in SD-28 continues to perform strongly, particularly with FIFA activity. Prior-year visitor spending exceeded \$6 billion, generating more than \$500 million in state and local tax revenue and supporting more than 54,000 jobs in the tourism and travel industry. The Senator's Instagram account lists FIFA fan zones and city ticket events organized by district.

Child Car Seat Inspection Program: On June 6, the Senator's office partnered with CHP to host a child car seat safety inspection event at Loyola Marymount Child Care Center. Twenty-one vehicles were inspected by seven officers in a four-hour session – the highest participation CHP had ever seen at such an event. Families from Westchester to Mar Vista and Del Rey attended.

Leah McKenzie, Sr. Public Relations Specialist – LADWP

Brentwood Pole-Top Transformers: Echoing Amster's report, McKenzie confirmed LADWP is installing three pole-top transformers in Brentwood. A dedicated webpage is forthcoming; she will share the link when it goes live.

LADWP Presentation to PPCC: LADWP will present to Pacific Palisades Community Council the following week on water systems infrastructure – expected to include an update on the reservoirs – and encouraged all PPCC members to attend.

No Planning Department or Metro representative was present.

3. Board Member Updates – Limited to 5 minutes total

Vice-Chair Spitz (PPCC) reported two significant PPCC leadership transitions effective at the end of June:

New PPCC President: Allison Holdorff Polhill, Senior Counselor to Councilmember Nick Molvoin, will become PPCC's new President. She was elected unopposed and is expected to continue as a WRAC representative (as primary or alternate) in the coming weeks.

New PPCC Vice Chair: Reza Akev will serve as PPCC Vice Chair. He has been active in Palisades recovery efforts, chairs the PPCC Infrastructure Committee – which is deeply engaged on the major unresolved infrastructure issues – and has been working closely with LADWP on water infrastructure discussions, including the upcoming reservoir update.

Outgoing PPCC President Sue Kohl, who was present, thanked the board for the kind acknowledgment and credited Vice-Chair Spitz for her steadfast partnership throughout the extremely difficult post-fire period.

4. Committee Reports – Limited to 5 minutes total

a. WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC) – past mtg 5/20/26; next mtg 6/17/26

Vice-Chair Spitz noted that the MTC agenda for the June 17 meeting would be posted shortly and encouraged all member councils that have not yet designated a representative to the MTC to do so. No formal MTC report was delivered.

Member Broide (WNC alternate) provided an update on the Westside Bus Connection Project: the Westside Cities COG has extended its online survey period after a June Zoom meeting where slides were not available to participants in real time. Slides are now posted and the survey is open. The three corridors under study are: (1) Sepulveda Boulevard from UCLA to the airport area; (2) Santa Monica Boulevard from the 405 to Moreno Drive (the LA/Beverly Hills border); and (3) La Cienega Boulevard to Jefferson Boulevard (northward toward the airport). Members who travel or have constituents on these streets were encouraged to complete the survey.

b. WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) – next mtg TBA

Vice-Chair Spitz reported that the HOC continues to meet only when member councils submit agenda items. No items have been submitted, so no meeting has been scheduled. The committee remains available to take up homelessness motions of regional significance.

5. Public Comment

Chair Greenberg asked for public comment from non-members. Member Broide (WNC alternate) raised her hand and Vice-Chair Spitz noted that her comments, while substantive, should technically come during board member discussion. Spitz offered a “pass” and Broide proceeded with two land use updates:

AB 2005 (SB 9 Cleanup Bill): Broide reminded the board that AB 2005, which she had described at the May meeting as an “oppose unless amended” bill, would weaken the owner-occupancy requirement in SB 9 (the lot split law that allows single-family lots to be split with two duplexes, ADUs, and junior ADUs on each parcel). The original intent of SB 9 was to prohibit investors, REITs, and LLCs from exploiting the lot split provision. AB 2005 would allow investor entities to

participate, opening single-family neighborhoods to institutional competition with individual homebuyers. WNC voted to request its council member to introduce a motion opposing AB 2005. The bill does include a positive provision allowing family trusts to participate, provided the trustee resides on the property, which is considered acceptable. Broide noted there is also a parallel bill in Sacramento to allow a second detached ADU on R1 lots. Members were encouraged to check the status of AB 2005 and consider their councils' positions.

SB 79 – Local Alternative Plan and SCAG Maps: Broide updated the board that the city is required to adopt a local alternative plan to implement SB 79 by July 1, 2026, or SB 79 would trigger in full, allowing buildings up to 7 stories on R1 properties adjacent to transit. The City Council adopted a local alternative plan capping development at 3 stories (with an option for a 4th story if 20% or more of units are 3-bedroom or larger). Broide noted a concern with how the 3-bedroom incentive is being applied: she has seen proposals for 3-bedroom apartments as small as 600–700 square feet, which she described as substandard family housing and effectively “boarding houses.” The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) also released maps approximately one week ago identifying transit locations linked to SB 79 implementation; members were encouraged to review them. Broide is preparing a land use report for PlanCheck and will share it with Vice-Chair Spitz for distribution to the board.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Note: Per Chair Greenberg, Item 6 was taken up immediately following the roll call, before Item 1b, to take advantage of quorum. The May 18, 2026 meeting minutes were approved by 8-0-2, with abstentions from Connie Boukidis (WWNC) and Kay Hartman (PNC), both of whom were not present at the May meeting, as moved by Chair Greenberg and seconded by Carolyn Jordan (BCC alternate). No discussion. (Note: Robert Schlesinger attempted to second the motion but was reminded by Vice-Chair Spitz that he is not a board member or designated alternate.)

7. New Business – None.

8. Old Business

a. **25.19. Support Restoration of Full Funding for NC Elections in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget** – April 2026 (*passage deadline July 2026*). 4 councils adopted: MVCC,* NWNC,* PalmsNC,* WLASNC (*modified version).

b. **25.20. Support Budget Advocates 2026 White Paper** – April 2026 (*passage deadline July 2026*). 1 council adopted: WLASNC.

Chair Greenberg noted that both items 8a and 8b are not needed to be acted upon at this meeting. Vice-Chair Spitz added that, given the city budget has now been adopted and NC elections funding has been confirmed, both motions are effectively moot and she recommended removing them from the agenda going forward. The Board agreed by consensus. WRAC currently has no pending motions.

9. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Before adjournment, Chair Greenberg noted she had attended the CD 5 election night watch party and then traveled to Brad Sherman's watch party in Encino, commenting on the experience of watching vote tallies come in. Member Tippit noted that most campaigns have rebranded election night parties as “watch parties” given the extended vote-counting process.

Kay Hartman (PNC) raised the issue of Charter Reform, noting that Palms NC chaired a committee that produced approximately 20 recommendations for the Charter Reform Commission, of which 7

were accepted. The City Council then moved forward with only one. She expressed concern that the remaining recommendations – which the Council indicated could be addressed by ordinance rather than charter amendment – will require additional pressure to be enacted. She suggested WRAC consider playing a role in advocating for those ordinances at a future meeting.

Chair Greenberg thanked Secretary Tyler Laferriere for his continued work on the minutes and the board for a productive meeting.

Next meeting to be held on **July 20, 2026**.