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August 18, 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 August 17, 2026, WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

The following government representatives joined our July 20th meeting, shared reports on the work of their elected officials, described legislative or other district efforts to date and answered Board member questions: Michael Amster, CD 11 Field Deputy; Janet Turner, District Representative for U.S. Rep. Ted Lieu; Zac Gaidzik, West LA-Metro Deputy for Supervisor Lindsey Horvath; and Carlos Penilla, Sr. Field Representative for Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas. Mr. Penilla noted that he will soon be transferring to represent Eastside areas of the Senator's district, and our WRAC NCs located in her district will have new representation; contact carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov for more information.

Chair's Updates:

-- Robin noted that our next regular meeting date, September 21, falls on Yom Kippur; she asked if the Board objected to rescheduling our September meeting to the following Monday, **September 28, 2026**. There were no objections. The meeting postponement to September 28 was therefore deemed approved.

-- Robin also explained that per our bylaws, the **election of WRAC officers** will take place at the September WRAC Board meeting. Officers serve two-year terms and are not subject to term-limits. She asked Board members to consider whether they wished to become candidates for one of the officer positions. Robin, Chris and Tyler are willing to continue to serve in their positions, if necessary, but would welcome others coming forward to serve. Chris noted that this is particularly true of Tyler, who is very busy with his work and other volunteer service obligations – although he has graciously advised that he would continue as Secretary for the time being if no one else wishes to become a candidate for that position. Robin and Chris both thanked Tyler for his generous service and the key role he has played in WRAC over the past few years.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

-- **Upcoming Board meeting:** September 28, 2026

-- **Upcoming committee meetings:** MTC 8/19/26; HOC (future meeting date TBD). Selena Inouye, longtime MTC Chair, was present and noted that the Committee meets regularly; recent quorum issues are being resolved. A brief discussion ensued about matters that the MTC will be taking up. Chris, Robin and Steve Sann (Westwood CC) each thanked and commended Selena for her excellent, longstanding service as Chair of the MTC.

-- **Ad Hoc Candidate Forum Committee:** Committee Chair Nico Ruderman advised that he and other members of the Committee have reached out to all the Mayoral, City Attorney and Senate District 24 candidates; although some of the candidates' campaigns expressed interest and/or commitments, at this point the campaigns are no longer responding to the Committee and it appears that unfortunately, we will not be able to host a Forum (although WRAC could invite individual candidates to speak with us). Nico also explained that he is no longer a member of Venice NC and was not attending the meeting as the VNC representative. Chris, Robin and Steve Sann expressed regret that Nico is no longer the VNC representative to WRAC and would not be serving on the WRAC Board; they commended him for his exemplary service to WRAC on behalf of VNC, and expressed hope that he would be able to continue to participate in WRAC matters. Chris noted that *WRAC's bylaws do not require our officers, Board reps or committee members to be board members of a WRAC NC or CC.*

Recommended and Pending Motions:

- No new motions were considered or recommended.
- No motions are pending.
- Members that they may recommend to WRAC motions passed by their Boards that are regional in nature.

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 our next Board meeting on **September 28, 2026**. Let us know before the 28th if you are interested in serving as an officer of WRAC in the coming term . . . and enjoy the rest of summer!

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.