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October 20, 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 October 19, 2026, WRAC Board meeting.

Government Reports:

We were pleased to have a presentation from the Mayor's new Westside representative, Krystal Rodriguez, who explained that she will attempt to meet with all councils in Areas 5 and 11 in the coming weeks, and is eager to work with us. We were also joined by the following government representatives, who 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; Nick Faries, Field Representative for Senator Ben Allen; and LaQuisha Bryant, Field Representative for Assemblymember Tina McKinnor. Aldenae Williams from LADWP also attended, noting that she expects to attend our meetings through March 2027, while Leah McKenzie is on maternity leave.

Chair's Updates:

-- Announcing that the next WRAC meeting is on November 16, 2026, Robin asked whether the Board wished to cancel our December 21, 2026, meeting; the Board unanimously agreed to cancel the December meeting.
-- Robin also requested the Board's opinion on whether we should postpone our January and February 2027 meeting dates, which fall on federal holidays (1/18/27 MLK Day and 2/15/27 Presidents Day) by one week (respectively, to January 25 and February 22, 2027). The Board unanimously agreed to postpone the meetings as indicated.
-- In addition, Robin asked for the Board's opinion on holding in-person breakfast meetings in 2027, potentially to host newly elected City and State officials and the Director of LA28. The Board unanimously agreed with holding in-person meetings in 2027 for this purpose. The following members volunteered to join a special ad hoc "In-Person Meetings" committee, to work on the advance planning necessary for these events: Steve Sann, Chris Spitz, Nico Ruderman, Jay Handal, Connie Boukidis, Kay Hartman.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

-- ***Upcoming Board meeting:*** November 16, 2026
-- ***Upcoming committee meetings:*** MTC 10/21/26; HOC 10/27/26 (CW Park has been invited to attend).

Adopted and Pending Motions:

-- Adopted motion: the Board passed the motion in agenda item 7a (approval of a letter to be sent directly to City Council, based on WRAC's prior position opposing an increase in land use appeals fees). The letter has now been sent; see: https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/WRAC-Letter-Appeals-Fees.pdf.

-- No motions are pending.

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.

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 **November 16, 2026.** Happy Halloween!

Best regards,

Robin and Chris