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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 21st 2021 – 6:00pm

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Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Chair

1. **Welcome/Introductions**
 - a. **Chair Updates**
 - b. **Upcoming Guests –**
 - i. **July – LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell**
 - ii. **August – LA City Controller Ron Galperin**
2. **Government Reports -**
 - a. **City of Los Angeles Redistricting – Michelle Pritchard, CD11 Redistricting Rep**
 - b. **State Redistricting – Commissioner Isra Ahmad**
 - c. **Mayor’s Office – Brad Fingard**
 - d. **Council Reports TBD**
 - e. **Additional Government Reports – At the discretion of the Chair**
3. **Board Member Updates - Limited to 5 minutes total**
4. **Committee Reports – Limited to 5 minutes total**
5. **Public Comment – Non-member attendees are allowed 1 minute for comment on any agenda items; comment time may be amended by the Chair**
6. **Approval of Minutes —**
 - a. **Motion (Matt Wersinger) – Approval of May 2021 meeting minutes**
7. **New Business**

- a. **Motion (WRAC LUPC / Barbara Broide)** - WRAC opposes the City's use of Specific Plans that would result in upzoning open space and/or low-density residential neighborhoods. The use of specific plans in this manner creates significant negative impacts for all residential communities, the environment and natural resources. We urge our City Councilmembers to reject land use applications for individual development projects that represent a misuse of the Specific plan process. We ask that the City Council inform Planning not to process these types of requests.
- b. **Motion (WRAC LUPC / Stacy Shure)** - WRAC requests that the Los Angeles City Council postpone consideration of Council File #12-0460-S4 (The Processes and Procedures Amendment to the City Charter) for a minimum of six months in order to enable further community presentations and feedback. The documents in this file, including technical amendments and attachments, are over 900 pages. To date there have been approximately 3 meetings of 1.5 hours each for the Department of Planning to summarize this extensive document and receive limited feedback. Further, "technical amendments" were made prior to the PLUM committee's June 1 consideration which incorporated more than just technical changes that need review and feedback. The language supporting the Neighborhood Councils' charter-given authority to hold public hearings and provide public comment and feedback concerning matters of land use must be restored to the Processes and Procedures amendment sections to ensure it complies with the Los Angeles City Charter and the specific authority it grants to Neighborhood Councils. The community engagement has been insufficient to conduct a full review of the substantial changes involving land use authority and procedures. Further we encourage that the Los Angeles City Council obtain Cumis counsel (independent counsel) to review the document in its entirety to ensure that no transfer of City Council authority occurs as a result of this document and that final authority regarding land use matters remains with the City Council pursuant to the City Charter. There are numerous instances where authority appears to be vested in the Director of Planning, an unelected official, which may be in violation of the City Charter.
- c. **Motion (Chris Spitz)** – WRAC support for ACA 7 (Muratsuchi/D-Torrance & Glazer/D-Contra Costa): proposed bill to place on the ballot for voter decision a Constitutional amendment to restore local governmental control over land use, zoning and planning decisions. *Request for board approval of WRAC letter supporting ACA 7 and requesting that the bill be assigned to the appropriate Assembly policy committee as soon as possible, based on WRAC's support for local land use control as expressed in five of WRAC's adopted positions (Oppose SB 827, SB 50, SB 9 and SB 10; Support SB 15).*
- d. **Motion (WRAC Transportation / Andrew Lewis)** – The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils asks for the proposed stop on the UCLA Campus for the Sepulveda Pass Line project.

We echo the sentiment of Councilman Paul Koretz who has also requested a stop on the UCLA campus for this transportation line. This would be one of the most heavily trafficked metro stops in the State, and would for the first time provide a direct connection from the UCLA campus to the San Fernando Valley.

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor is part of the Measure M expenditure plan, with approximately \$5.7 billion for new transit service to connect the San Fernando Valley and the Westside, scheduled to open by 2033-35. Approximately \$3.8 billion is allocated to extend that service from the Westside to LAX with a 2057-59 opening date.

Metro is making strides to improve travel between the San Fernando Valley, the Westside and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The natural barrier created by the Santa Monica Mountains means that most people traveling between these areas are funneled primarily onto the I-405 Freeway, already ranked as one of the most traveled urban highways in the nation. More than 400,000 people travel through this area every day to commute to work, school, and other destinations along the freeway and beyond.

Having a stop at the UCLA campus would also help transport the tens of thousands of people that travel into UCLA on a Daily-basis, including: UCLA Staff, faculty, students, medical personnel, and visitors.

Not having a stop on the UCLA Campus would be a sorely missed opportunity, and have negative impacts on the West LA region for decades to come. A UCLA on-campus stop would also present the opportunity to potentially connect to the Metro Purple line extension, which will have a stop in Westwood at Wilshire & Westwood.

For this reason as well, we encourage Metro to pursue various first/last mile options, which would then connect the West San Fernando Valley to Downtown LA/Santa Monica with one transfer. These first/last mile options should include a dedicated Bike Lane between the Metro Purple Line stop at Wilshire & Westwood into the UCLA campus.

8. Old Business

- a. **21-06 Enforcement of Crimes In or Near Homeless Encampments** – April 19, 2021 (*passage deadline July 2021*); 6 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC
- b. **21-07 Abate and Correct Unsafe and Unhealthy Conditions In Homeless Encampments** – April 19, 2021 (*passage deadline July 2021*); 6 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC* (**modified version*)
- c. **21-08 Increase Funding to Support Additional Safe Parking Program** – April 19, 2021 (*passage deadline July 2021*); 7 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, DRNC, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC,* WWNC* (**modified version*)
- d. **21-09 Enforce Laws Prohibiting Blockage of Public Right of Way** – April 19, 2021 (*passage deadline July 2021*); 6 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC,* WWNC (**modified version*)
- e. **21-10 Facilitate Greater Use of 5150 Holds and Conservatorship** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline August 2021*); 6 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, WNC, WWNC, VNC
- f. **21-11 City Attorney Opinion re Financial Interest of Developer** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline August 2021*); 3 councils adopted: BABCNC, WNC, WWNC

- g. 21-12 Clarification regarding Cloud/Ghost Kitchens** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline August 2021*); 5 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, WNC, WWNC
- h. 21-13 Improved Signage & Enforcement EV Charging Stations** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline August 2021*); 4 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC,* WNC, WWNC (**modified version*)
- i. 21-14 Support 20-0584 & 20-0498 – Incentives to Work from Home** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline August 2021*); 4 councils adopted: DRNC,* MVCC,* WLASNC,* WNC (**modified version*)

9. Adjourn

Next meeting will be held on July 19th 2021 at 6pm. Discussion as to virtual or in person.