

# WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

December 9, 2020

Agenda Item # 13 (H)

## WRAC MOTIONS

### **Pending WRAC Motions from 2020 -- as of October 22, 2020<sup>1</sup>**

**20-01. Allow NCs to Communicate with Non-City Entities/Electeds:** June 17, 2020; Matt Wersinger (approved minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WRAC-June-FIN-minutes-1.pdf>):

RESOLVED \_\_\_ NC/CC insists that Neighborhood Councils are not prohibited from communicating with non-City of Los Angeles government representatives and/or staff not with entities other than those within the City, regarding issues impacting their neighborhoods; and that Neighborhood Councils are free to discuss any issues of local concern.

**Councils passed:** DRNC, BABCNC – **Total 2**

**20-02. Oppose State Housing Density Bills/Support Other Measures re Affordable Housing:** August 19, 2020; WRAC LUPC/Barbara Broide (approved minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/WRAC-Aug.-2020-Minutes.pdf>).

Although Los Angeles TOC program provides some affordable housing, the housing crisis [ie workforce and moderate to low income] will not be solved without significant public funding. Zoning increases and increase in supply will not significantly reduce housing costs. Los Angeles is already zoned for 8 million persons, and can accommodate the 456,000 new RHNA homes already, so up-zoning in single family neighborhoods and other neighborhoods will not make housing more affordable.

Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC opposes these 8 proposed state bills: SB 902; SB 1120; SB 1085; SB 995; SB 1385; AB 725; AB 3040; AB 2345 because they will not increase affordability in Los Angeles. Instead, \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC supports more public grant funding from state, cities and federal resources and encourages state bills that forward the goal of funding housing at levels that would make a positive difference to solving our affordable [ie workforce and moderate to low income] housing crisis such as SB 1299.

**Pending;** not yet passed by any member councils. *[Note: motion may be moot; TBD at 11/16 meeting]*

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<sup>1</sup> For still-pending WRAC motions passed in 2019, see: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Pending-WRAC-motions-from-2019.pdf>

**20-03. Request City to Comply with Ellis Act Provisions:** August 19, 2020; WRAC LUPC/Stacy Shure (approved minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/WRAC-Aug.-2020-Minutes.pdf>).

Resolved: That SB 330 provides that “protected” (RSO) units must be replaced on a 1:1 basis and this is not being complied with in Los Angeles; further SB 330 provides that “protected” (RSO) tenants may maintain residency in their units during the Ellis Act Eviction process until 6 months prior to commencement of construction, which is also not being complied with in the City of Los Angeles.

Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC demands that the City of Los Angeles comply with the provisions of SB 330 immediately to minimize the effects of displacement in the face of rising development caused by non-compliance with these provisions. And, further, that the City Attorney direct HCIDLA to add these two provisions to an Ellis Act Eviction checklist before approving any Ellis Act Eviction.

**Councils passed:** WNC, MVCC – Total 2 *[Note: motion may be moot; TBD at 11/16 meeting]*

**20-04. Eliminate “Gut and Amend” Bill Process:** September 16, 2020; WRAC LUPC/Barbara Broide (approved minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WRAC-September-2020-Minutes.pdf>).

Whereas the Sacramento Legislative process known as “gut and amend” eliminates transparency and public participation by misleading the intent and content of the bill being considered,

The NC/CC \_\_\_\_\_ recommends the following reform: Eliminate the “gut and amend” bill process and request the City of Los Angeles include in its Sacramento legislative priorities the elimination of the “gut and amend” bill process.

**Councils passed:** MVCC – Total 1.

**20-05. Support Council File 20-1174 (Unfinished Development/Enforcement):** October 19, 2020; Robin Greenberg (draft minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WRAC-October-19-2020-Minutes.pdf>).

Motion to support Council File 20-1174 (Koretz and Ryu). Whereas there are unfinished development projects citywide, which were issued building permits, in some instances, more than 8 years prior, such unfinished projects causing the building sites to become eyesores and a disturbance to abutting property owners and neighborhood residents, therefore the City Council is to instruct the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with the department’s enforcement of Municipal Code 91.106.4.4.3 to provide remedies such as a completion bond, which sets time limits to complete projects.

**Pending;** not yet passed by any member councils.

**20-06. Support Council File 20-1175 (Vacant Structures/ACE Citations):** October 19, 2020; Robin Greenberg (draft minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WRAC-October-19-2020-Minutes.pdf>).

Motion to support CF 20-1175. Whereas the city of Los Angeles has Notices to Abate Vacant Structures that are not being adhered to, therefore, the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) shall begin issuing ACE citations for violations of LAMC 91.8904 that notifies property owners and financial institutions that carry a mortgage on the property via written correspondence, that they could be subject to fines, criminal prosecution and recovery of city abatement costs through a lien on the property.

**Pending;** not yet passed by any member councils.

**20-07. Support Council File 20-1213 (Evacuation Routes):** October 19, 2020; Robin Greenberg (draft minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WRAC-October-19-2020-Minutes.pdf>):

Motion to support Council File 20-1213 (Bonin and Koretz). Whereas some of the hillside communities of the Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Bel Air and the Hollywood Hills are located in very high fire hazard severity zones and because many of the streets in these hillside communities are substandard and because many of the most recent fires have started in these hillside communities, forcing evacuations in the early morning and late night hours, and whereas some coastal areas of CD 11 are tsunami zones and/or subject to sea level rise, therefore the Department of City Planning, with assistance from the Emergency Management Department, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and the Los Angeles Fire Department, is directed to report back on the capacity, safety, and viability of existing and potential evacuation routes in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and tsunami zones and those areas subject to sea level rise and to identify the policies and development standards, including land use and building restrictions, necessary to support these evacuation routes.

**Councils passed:** PPCC, BCC (modified versions) – **Total 2**

**20-08. Community Plan Update Process - Requests to Planning:** October 19, 2020; Barbara Broide (draft minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WRAC-October-19-2020-Minutes.pdf>).

Motion to support and include for official input to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning in reference to the WRAC Member Community Plan updates, a delay of 6 months due to COVID 19 and restrictions related to public access, meetings and participation and further request the following:

An appropriate assessment of how the COVID 19 and future pandemics will impact current and future mobility, housing, design, environmental and health and safety needs and concerns,

Current and future data projections relevant to the task of updating all WRAC member Community Plans,

Incorporation of an additional step in the Community Plan update timeline that allows for presentation of the staff draft plan and an associated public comment period, or a second and revised concept plan phase. Allocation of time for staff to review public comments and incorporate changes to reflect input prior to issuing any NOP for the start of the environmental review process. It is improper to issue an NOP and conduct a DEIR for a draft plan that the community has had neither the chance to see or review.

Thorough public outreach is a must and should include all stakeholders. The Planning Department has not allocated proper time or resources, and City Council must do so moving forward so that no stakeholders are left uninformed about the process.

**Councils passed:** WNC, DRNC (modified versions), MVCC – **Total 3**