

# WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

January 13, 2021

Agenda Item # 10 (H)

## WRAC MOTIONS

### **Support CF 20-1536 (STAP Program/Digital Signs in Bus Shelters)**

Passage deadline: March 2021

#### **Passed by**

- Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (modified version)
- Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
- Pacific Palisades Community Council
- Westwood Community Council

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-cf-20-1536-stap-program-digital-signs-in-bus-benches/>

#### **Motion**

Refers to City Council file [20-1536](#)

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports the Bonin/Blumenfield motion in CF 20-1536, and further requests that:

- prior to contract finalization, the City conduct an extensive and open public process, in which detailed information about STAP, the RFP and the contract negotiation process is made widely available and members of the public, community leaders and neighborhood/community councils are invited to provide ongoing input on community impacts, problems and ridership needs with respect to STAP;
- in connection with any contract that is eventually negotiated, the City 1) respect and abide by Community Plan, Specific Plan, Scenic Highway and Coastal Zone protections and requirements, including in the public right of way, and 2) address constituents' concerns about preservation of community character, protection of residential neighborhoods, public safety, environmental impacts and privacy infringement;
- all protections for scenic corridors, for local street furniture preferences and for neighborhoods with Specific Plans and codified prohibitions against off-site advertising that were negotiated and included in the JCDecaux contract be carried forward in any new contract that is negotiated; and

- the City restrict any new digital signs in or near bus shelters to sign districts in the 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use.

## **Oppose BONC Social Media Policy**

**Passage deadline: March 2021**

### **Passed by**

- Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (modified version)
- Del Rey Neighborhood Council
- Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (modified version)
- Palms Neighborhood Council (modified version)

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-bonc-social-media-policy/>

### **Motion**

Whereas the proposed BONC Social Media Policy is a direct overreach in power and scope of limiting the ability of Neighborhood Councils to effectively communicate with their constituency; it requires onerous and unenforceable clauses; is overly complicated when existing rules cover many of the issues outlined and a simpler approach would be more appropriate; Therefore the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the proposed BONC Social Media Policy.

## **Prioritize School Reopenings**

**Passage deadline: March 2021**

### **Passed by**

- Del Rey Neighborhood Council
- Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (modified version)

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/prioritize-school-reopenings/>

### **Motion**

Whereas schools provide “essential academic and social-emotional learning” environments, and a broader array of resources including “physical, mental health, and therapeutic services”<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas “school closures impede learning and compound inequities, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged children”<sup>2</sup>; and particularly disadvantaged are students who are at a young age, have special needs, or are from underprivileged households;

Whereas many states and countries have successfully prioritized the opening of schools over businesses, instead of the other way around;

Whereas Federal, State and local governments can offer stipends, grants, and loans to businesses and employees who may be forced to close, however the same government bodies cannot offer redress to students for lost opportunities and benefits derived from education;

Whereas “safe and consistently open schools are essential for many parents and guardians ... to reenter the workforce”<sup>1</sup>, and forcing working parents into full time childcare is neither fair nor sustainable;

Whereas the health of all students, staff and teachers must be protected, the federal government and State of California must provide school districts with the resources needed for the safe reopening of schools and to contain outbreaks (should they occur) including the prioritization of school staff and teachers in vaccine distribution;

Therefore, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports prioritizing the reopening of elementary schools and special-needs classes ahead of other services that are currently allowed to be open.

<sup>1</sup>Levinson M, Cevik M, Lipsitch M. Reopening primary schools during the pandemic. New England Journal of Medicine. 2020 Sep 3;383:981-985.

<sup>2</sup>Armitage R, Nellums LB. Considering inequalities in the school closure response to COVID-19. The Lancet Global Health. 2020 May 1;8(5):e644.

<sup>3</sup>Ludvigsson JF. Children are unlikely to be the main drivers of the COVID-19 pandemic – a systematic review. Acta Paediatrica. 2020 May 19.