

WRAC: [ADMINISTRATIVE, POLICY]

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Foundational Platform (for vote of approval from each NC).

WRAC is an alliance of Community and Neighborhood Councils which span the entire west side of the City of Los Angeles. Our regional concerns are brought up for discussion by our board members and our board is comprised of Community and Neighborhood Council leaders appointed to our board. Our positions are adopted only after a super-majority of member councils has affirmed the position in question.

WRAC holds to the following foundational principles in the areas that we have determined to be our alliance priorities: land use and zoning, housing and homelessness, mobility and transportation, public safety, education and environment. We hold that the LA Department of City Planning and its Planning & Zoning Department adhere strictly to existing planning and zoning codes and ordinances. We urge that regulations be upheld and that communities impacted by land use and development projects be allowed ample time to review and comment on any matter seeking discretionary action that is up for review. We always urge all governing agencies with jurisdiction over the approval, execution or enforcement of projects to scrupulously apply applicable codes and standards to all projects.

Similarly on housing and homelessness, WRAC urges governing bodies to adhere to strict scrutiny of community plans, local character, zoning and building regulations as well as building and safety codes and zoning restrictions. We expect agencies and entities to conduct meaningful outreach to the communities represented at WRAC, through our member councils, and address housing and homelessness relief in a responsible way that is mindful of existing communities as well as the need for increased housing density.

With respect to mobility and transportation, WRAC is acutely aware of the need for new and creative solutions to gridlock and Westside mobility, as well as mass transportation. We expect research results on transit and mobility to be made available to communities impacted by pending infrastructure or mobility planning. We urge sufficient notification to all affected parties to allow them to comment on any proposed developments or transportation infrastructure proposals in areas that impact our member councils. Strict scrutiny of existing laws, regulations, ordinances and standards for infrastructure development and construction, particularly in hillside and coastal areas which disproportionately impact the Westside, be applied to transportation and the development of citywide or neighborhood mobility plans and infrastructure.

We exist to empower stakeholders, and encourage and support more transparency in City governance.