

Communication from Public

Name: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter from the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), regarding the proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance, specifically pertaining to the position of six WRAC member councils concerning front yard parking and paving restrictions. Thank you, Christina Spitz, WRAC Vice-Chair, www.westsidecouncils.com



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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa
North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

November 29, 2024

Hon. John S. Lee, Chair, City Council Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee
Hon. Heather Hutt, Vice-Chair, PLUM Committee, and Members: Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky,
Hon. Imelda Padilla, and Hon. Kevin de Leon

Via email and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF 24-1399

Re: Council File 24-1399 (proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance); Item 14 on the 12/3/24 PLUM Committee Agenda

Dear PLUM Committee Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Hutt and Members Yaroslavsky, Padilla and de Leon:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, in Council Districts 5 and 11 and portions of Council Districts 4 and 10. Our Alliance collectively represents over 500,000 Angelenos.

WRAC Member Councils have reported that parcels with front yards which have been paved over for parking can be found throughout the Westside of Los Angeles, with no enforcement by LADBS or otherwise. As a result, the following motion has been recommended by the WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee and the WRAC Board, and passed to date by six (6) WRAC Members:

“The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils requests that the City revise the Landscape Ordinance to clarify that pavement for extra parking is prohibited in the front yards of all parcels, except for garage driveways and circular driveways (maximum of 50% of the front yard). The Planning Dept. shall add that prohibited excess pavement shall be removed at the owner’s cost, or a citation issued.”

The following WRAC Members have now passed the above motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council* (**modified version in keeping with the motion’s spirit*); Brentwood Community Council; Neighborhood Council Westchester-Playa; West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council; Westside Neighborhood Council; and Westwood Neighborhood Council.

The above motion will become an adopted position of WRAC when a majority (at least eight (8)) of WRAC Member Councils pass the motion.

Recognizing that the proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance approved by the City Planning Commission contains provisions prohibiting front yard parking and restricting front yard paving (Sec. 7), we respectfully request that the PLUM Committee consider the position of the six WRAC Member Councils as noted above in connection with Item 14 on the 12/3/24 agenda. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

cc: Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11; Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilwoman, CD 4; Osama Younan, General Manager / Superintendent of Building, LADBS

