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, supporting the reduction of speed limits on identified streets and requesting consideration of additional speed limit reductions. Christina Spitz, WRAC Vice-Chair, www.westsidecouncils.com

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February 2, 2023

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5
Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11
Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilmember, CD 4
Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10

Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF

Re: **CF 21-1223 – SUPPORT Speed Limit Reductions; Request to Consider Future Reductions**

Honorable City officials:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a coalition of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10.

WRAC's member councils support efforts to reduce speed limits on streets identified in CF 21-1223, and further support consideration of possible additional speed limit reductions as part of discussions of future neighborhood or regional traffic improvements.

In this regard, more than a majority of WRAC member councils (9 councils) have adopted the following motion (or modified versions in keeping with its spirit), which is an adopted position of WRAC:

"WRAC supports the following position in regards to the recent adoption of Ordinance 187427 regarding speed limit reductions:

i *WRAC supports the action taken by the LA City Council on March 7, 2022 in passing Council File 21-1223 regarding Speed Limit Reductions.*

ii *WRAC supports the efforts to reduce the speed limit by 5 MPH on streets that were recently identified for 5 MPH speed limit increases. (See the attached Ordinance number 187427 with the complete list of streets affected.)*

iii *Moving forward, it is the suggestion of WRAC that City Council open a Council File to consider that future speed limit reductions be discussed and planned as neighborhood or regional traffic improvements rather than individual street improvements. These improvements should be coupled with measures to minimize vehicle traffic being redirected onto adjacent neighborhood streets. For example, we would like to see LADOT incorporate traffic calming measures and active transportation elements. Traffic calming measures might include compact traffic circles/mini roundabouts, restricted turns, curb extensions/bulb-outs, speed humps and tables, and diagonal diverters, half closures, full closures, and median barriers to reduce cut-through traffic.*

iv *In addition, WRAC requests that the Council Offices engage the local Westside Councils in ongoing discussions about what additional streets should be considered for speed limit reductions as well as establish a method whereby Council and stakeholder feedback on this issue can be submitted directly to LADOT."*

The language of the above motion has been approved by the following WRAC member councils: Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Mar Vista Community Council, Pacific Palisades Community Council, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council,* Venice Neighborhood Council, West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council,* Westside Neighborhood Council,* Westwood Community Council and Westwood Neighborhood Council
*(*modified version maintaining the spirit of the motion).*

No member councils have opposed the WRAC motion or submitted a minority letter to accompany this position.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you engage with WRAC member councils in considering possible additional speed limit reductions as part of discussions of future neighborhood or regional traffic improvements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg

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Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

Attachment – Los Angeles Ordinance No. 187427:
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-1223_ord_187427_4-10-22.pdf