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September 29, 2026

2026 Candidates for Mayor, City of Los Angeles:

Hon. Karen Bass and Hon. Nithya Raman

and

2026 Candidates for City Attorney, City of Los Angeles:

John McKinney and Marissa Roy

Via email to addressees and/or their campaign managers

Re: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – Request for Candidates, if Elected, to Respond to and Support WRAC Positions on Homelessness

Dear Mayor Bass, Councilmember Raman, Mr. McKinney and Ms. Roy:

Introduction:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition, founded in 2009, of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, in City Council Districts 5 and 11 and portions of Districts 4 and 10 – from Westchester/Playa del Rey to Pacific Palisades, and from Venice to South Robertson. Our Alliance collectively represents over 500,000 housed and unhoused Angelenos.

Per our bylaws, WRAC takes no position on candidates for elected office. This letter is written to inform you of WRAC's longstanding positions on homelessness, and as an urgent request for each of you, if elected, to respond to, support and work with us in proposing, effectuating and enforcing policies and procedures that WRAC supports to effectively address homelessness in Los Angeles.

Background re Homelessness:

WRAC's communities have had decades-long experience with homelessness, including community leaders with years-long, first-hand experience dealing with homelessness matters in their neighborhoods, often working with government and private-sector partners to obtain services for the thousands of unhoused individuals who are present throughout the Westside. We are familiar with the serious needs and challenges facing unhoused individuals in Los Angeles (including the critical need for effective mental health and addiction services in tandem with housing), as well as with the impacts of homelessness on neighborhoods and businesses (including deaths, crimes, fires, drug-trafficking, graffiti, property destruction, public health challenges, neighborhood quality of life, and the like).

Tragically, homelessness continues to grow seemingly unabated, despite the billions of dollars in taxpayer funds purportedly spent to solve the crisis. While WRAC recognizes the complexity of the problem and appreciates well-meaning efforts by officials to attempt to address the crisis, the fact that homelessness persists in large numbers – along with non-transparency and widespread unaccountability in the management of programs and services, including most prominently by LAHSA – is unacceptable.

WRAC Positions:

In the decade since 2016, WRAC has adopted numerous positions on homelessness which we have conveyed to federal, state, county and city officials (including Mayors, City Councilmembers and City Attorneys). A total of 26 WRAC position letters on homelessness can be seen on the WRAC website. Brief summaries of our positions and links to our letters are provided below (pp. 2-3). In particular, please note our **2024 letter requesting an investigation into the use and/or misuse of taxpayer funds to address homelessness**. The U.S. Attorney for Los Angeles is conducting such an investigation, and on September 16, 2026, the Dept. of Justice issued a press release announcing that two out of three nonprofit founders or employees who had been charged in separate federal homelessness fraud and corruption cases were arrested for alleged misappropriation for personal use of millions of dollars in taxpayer funds intended to address homelessness.

Request / Conclusion:

Underlying all WRAC positions on homelessness is recognition of the overriding need for actual **transparency** and **accountability** in management of the City's homelessness programs and services – coupled with **effective action** by City officials to **prevent fraud, safeguard our communities** and **provide necessary and effective help** for our unhoused neighbors.

We respectfully request and urge each of you, if elected, to respond to, support and work hand-in-hand with WRAC and our Westside constituents, in proposing, effectuating and enforcing policies and procedures supported by WRAC to address homelessness in Los Angeles – including provision for full transparency and accountability in management of all homelessness programs and services; effective action to prevent fraud; enforcement efforts to effectively safeguard our communities; and provision of critically necessary help with mental health and addition services for our unhoused neighbors.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation. We look forward to working with you, if elected, on measures to protect and improve not only the Westside but the entire City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg, Chair, WRAC

Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair, WRAC / Vice-Chair, WRAC Homelessness Committee

Jay Handal, Chair, WRAC Homelessness Committee

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

cc (via email):

Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11

Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5

Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10

Summaries of WRAC homelessness positions

2016 Support the “Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act” (S 1013 / HR 3484).

2020 Concerns about use of Recreation Centers as homeless shelters during Covid 19 crisis.

2021 Direct LA Sanitation to immediately abate, correct and remove all hazardous, unsafe, unhealthy and unsanitary conditions in Westside homeless encampments.

2021 Enforce all laws prohibiting blockage of the public right of way on the Westside.

2021 Enforce all laws prohibiting illegal drug distribution, human trafficking and other serious crimes in or near

Westside homeless encampments.

2021 Demand to facilitate greater use of 5150 holds and conservatorships, to enable life-saving care for severely mentally ill unhoused individuals in Los Angeles.

2021 Call for additional funding and resources to support additional safe and reputable Safe Parking sites and programs on the Westside.

2021 Oppose the use of beaches, beach parking lots and public parks to house the unhoused (use of parks subject to approval of area neighborhood councils and stakeholders).

2021 Support proposed regulation of vehicle dwelling in Los Angeles, by amending LAMC 85.02 to, among other things, prohibit such dwelling in residential areas and to connect vehicle dwellers with supportive services and housing.

2021 Urge designation of sites by Councilmembers for enforcement under LAMC 41.18, in consultation with WRAC member councils, provided that offers of shelter have been made and refused.

2021 Support resolution to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property in any public right of way within 500 ft. of schools.

2022 Support amending LAMC 41.18 to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property in any public right of way within 500 ft. of public libraries.

2022 Request consideration of numerous factors in a report-back on the siting of homeless shelters.

2023 Request for transparency and hard data from Mayor on status of the Inside Safe program.

2024 & 2025 Request amendment of LAMC 41.18 to prohibit vehicle dwelling and camping within 500 ft. of sensitive sites. Minority opposed: NWNC

2024 Support regulation of oversized vehicle / RV parking in residential & sensitive areas, commercial zones.

2024 Support the “Housing Unhoused and Disabled Veterans Act” (HR 8340).

2024 Request City Homeless Reporting Dashboard.

2024 Support for letter re Governor’s order addressing camping on State land.

2024 Support for City Attorney analysis of impact of Supreme Court *Grants Pass* ruling. Minority opposed: NWNC

2024 Further support for LAMC 41.18. Minority opposed: NWNC

2024 Request investigation by federal, state, county and city authorities into use of taxpayer funds to address the Los Angeles homelessness crisis. See:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WRAC-Letter-Investigate-HomelessFundingFpdf>

2025 Request City Attorney report-back on feasibility of amending LAMC 41.18 to prohibit homeless encampments as per Governor’s model ordinance. Minority opposed: NWNC

2025 Request Mayor and CAO to disclose sources of funding for the Inside Safe program.

2025 Request Mayor to consent to an audit of the Inside Safe program by Controller Mejia.

Links to WRAC letters regarding homelessness:

Adopted positions:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/adopted-positions/>

Other communications:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/adopted-positions/>