



Building A Better Community



Minutes

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council “Virtual” Regular Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday March 26, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 <i>(Selected 09/27/2023)</i>	X	
Bayliss, Shawn	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025)	X	
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 04/26/2024 / Seated 05/22/2024)</i>	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2025) / VP – Legislative Affairs		X
Goodman M.D., Mark	Bel-Air Association		X
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / VP – Operations <i>(Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Gros, Mirco	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions (2025)	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / President <i>(Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025)	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(Elected 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Elected 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kemp, Michael	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(Appointed 01/19/2025 w/ Paden Alternate)</i>	X	
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association <i>(Appointed 01/24/2024)</i> <i>(Excused/sick)</i>		X
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Silver, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 04/26/2024 / Seated 06/26/2024)</i>		X
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2025)	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2025) / Secretary	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2025)	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2025)	X	
Vacant Seat	Benedict Canyon Association		0
Vacant Seat	Laurel Canyon Association		0
Total:		25	9

President Longcore provided welcoming comments and procedures for holding the meeting virtually, per SB411, and relevant Brown Act rules. At 7:07 PM, he called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Secretary Steele called the roll with quorum met. After the arrival of Member Mann at 7:21 PM, we had 25 members present. Following the departure of Member Templeton at 8:45 PM, 24 members remained.

1. The Agenda was **approved** by unanimous consent, as moved by Member Stojka.
2. **Motion** to approve the February 26, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) was **approved** by all but 3 abstentions from Members Kaden, Weinberg and Templeton, as moved by Greenberg and seconded by Smith.
3. **Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies**

Kenneth Miller, Hillside Rep, Office of Katy Yaroslavsky CD 5

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Kenneth introduced himself, noting, as we may recall, that he was formerly the Mayor's Westside Area Rep. He is now CD 5's "Hillside Rep" replacing Field Deputy Haley Martinez, who is now Katy Yaroslavsky's Legislative Deputy. Kenneth reported that the Councilwoman is chairing the Budget and Finance Committee, working on priorities, setting off with the Mayor's proposed budget due to be released next month. The Councilwoman introduced a motion in early March to transfer \$100,000 for street repairs in CD5, for expedited city services. Questions were asked and answered.

Walker King, Deputy District Director, for Councilmember Nithya Raman, CD 4

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Walker shared his team's message on behalf of Deputy Rep., Sidney Liss, who couldn't be here. Regarding parking on Mulholland and Nicada, they received our letter and continue to work with LADOT to figure this out ASAP. He reported dirt *falling down from* 8189 Gould which the Bureau of Street Services will remove soon. He said that the situation is *not* affecting the overall stability of the hillside. He noted that PLUM rejected the proposed project on Runyon Road, and that the applicant will likely be appealing to Council. Member Kwan asked about a road closure on Mulholland.

Mandy Laflen, Metro & Westside Field Rep, Office of Supervisor Lesley Horvath:

ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov

Mandy shared that there is a follow-up motion to Supervisor's motion in November to create a consolidated and concise one-stop County Department to deal with homelessness, first recommended three years ago. Supervisors Horvath and Barger have a motion to start the audit, and the city is doing something to pull back funds from LAHSA. Questions asked as to how the money was being spent, how they are accounting, if they are creating a supreme spread sheet, to which Mandy noted that at the County level we will be able to see budgets and where the money is going, and that the city is voting on something like this.

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<https://neighborhoodinfo.lacity.gov/>

Shin Black, Chief from LAFD Battalion 9, related that all over the city, on the 2nd Saturday of May, May 10th, is Fire Service Recognition Day, with the theme this year, "Stronger Together and a Tribute to Unity." There will be an open house for every fire

station around the city, specifically, a lesser known station, FS #37 at 1090 Veteran, (in UCLA campus) is holding its first annual pancake breakfast. He noted that FS#37 is the first ladder truck that will respond to our area, for all of BA & BC for LA City (they cover Westwood and the west side of Bel Air). They want the opportunity to meet the people in the community and will be putting on demonstrations along with the pancake breakfast. Family and all are welcome; details will be sent. It will kick off in the morning with a pancake breakfast, similar to what you see at FS# 71 which has their pancake breakfast on May 18th; CD4 will be working with and attending both breakfasts. They're working out parking at the 4 story UCLA parking structure and also have a parking lot to the north that can hold a certain number of vehicles, and a third option working with CD4 about shutting down part of Veteran and using Veteran as a parking facility.

Octaviano Rios:

- As to NC fund rollovers, Octaviano noted that the Funding staff seems optimistic for up to a \$10,000 rollover but need to wait to see what the Mayor's council proposes.
- This year's Congress of Neighborhoods is scheduled for Saturday September 27th.
- An email was sent with free access to the Roberts Rules Made Simple account & resources. Each board member has access to the training video; he'll send the link.
- The Department held a youth conference for 100 youth ages 14-17 at City Hall, a type of mini-congress or conference of neighborhood at City Hall all day. They also participated with the Budget Advocates in early March with a session on the budget process and how NCs influence the development of the budgets. There is an opportunity to provide a CIS on the Mayor's proposed budget that is yet to come.
- They partnered with a non-profit with Salvadorian American Leadership and Information Fund for a one-hour info session on immigration, to keep the community safe.
- In response to whether we'll get the rollover this year, as it gets closer to the end of the Fiscal Year, the City Clerk's office will let us know, along with deadlines for submitting requests, and getting access to credit cards. Questions were asked and answered regarding funding. NCs will be picking up the tab for Zoom and are moving forward with Canva. They are still picking up the cost of the Roberts Rules of Order training.

4. General Public Comment

There were no comments from the public on topics not on the adopted agenda.

5. President's Report

(1) City-required training and eligibility to vote: President Longcore reminded us that as board members you have to do required trainings or will not be eligible to vote. We have six who need to get up to date. He recommends getting your Cornerstone password reset if needed. Ask and we will get them to send you an email with that information; then please set your password right away as they expire, remember it, and do the trainings. This is something we all have to do to stay in good stead/standing and to give your vote count.

(2) Priorities in agenda setting: We recently passed a standing rule on setting agenda items. Dr. Longcore related that last month there was an item agendized that he knew would be controversial. He is concerned that as we engage in topics that are further from our core shared interest as neighbors and take up important but admittedly divisive issues that are more part of a national political conversation, that it erodes our cohesion as NC reps, where we need to rely on each other especially in times of danger and disaster. He'll be a little more discerning on what topics we agendize and keep the focus on areas where our

expertise as hillside residents gives us particular relevance and try to avoid things we don't have specialized knowledge in that are part of a national political discussion. He noted that our avenue to put things on the agenda will remain; we can get another board member to co-sign and make the requests, and this is a way we can play to our strengths, which is that we all live here together as neighbors and have special expertise as hillside residents that he thinks is important that we bring to the city. This is a little adjustment he will make going forward and hopes everyone approves and would approve of those things that bind us together as neighbors.

(3) City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks "Park Needs Assessment" process. They'd like every NC to write a report of whatever format is desired by June 2nd 2025. He'll mail the survey out. He thinks the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues may be where Mindy might take that up and have a meeting to recommend something to us. We have a deadline and opportunity to weigh in.

Park Needs Assessment: <https://needs.parks.lacity.gov/>

(4) Pending new "Zone Zero" regulations under consideration at the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Dr. Longcore referred to a map of the new Fire Hazard Severity Zones, as seen in the LA Times yesterday, noting that we were already in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). He would ask that we all watch for the new information regarding requirements for vegetation and managing vegetation, as required by the State and the City as it is important that everyone know what's going on. He'll share this information with us if we or our stakeholder groups want to get involved with this.

<https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/defensible-space-zones-0-1-2/> Draft doc: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/zjon15kw/march-zone-0-draft-rule-plead.docx>

New Business

6. 1400 North Vista Moraga 90049 AA-2023-8121-PMLA ENV 2023 8122 CE

Applicant: Tony Natsis; Reps: Benjamin Eshaghian & Tony Russo, Crest Real Estate;

Assigned Staff: Jackson Olson, Planning Assistant jackson.olson@lacity.org

Proposed Project: Preliminary Parcel Map for Subdivision of one 143,359 square foot lot into two new lots of 113,546 sq ft & 29,812 sq ft in a RE20-1-H-HCR Zone.

See the Initial Submittal Documents in the case file:

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenummer/AA-2023-8121-PMLA>

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenummer/ENV-2023-8122-CE>

PLU Committee Motion: The PLU Committee opposes the proposed subdivision because it concludes that the required findings for the proposed subdivision cannot be made for the following reasons: (1) the subdivision will increase residential density in a fire prone area and thereby exacerbate community fire danger, (2) the new parcel would be accessed by Linda Flora which has inadequate fire evacuation routes, and (3) evidence was presented that the Project Site provides significant wildlife habitat which would be impacted by future development.

As the project was scheduled to have a City Planning hearing the morning after the PLU meeting but before the full BABCNC Board has met, a letter was sent by the PLU Committee, stating the Committee's position for consideration and requesting that the record for the

decision in this matter be extended 30 days after the hearing so that the Board can consider the item and its position be registered. (**Attachment B**) The letter was provided to the Deputy Advisory Agency prior to the start of the meeting Wednesday 03/12/2025 at 9:30 am. [Mr. Russo noted later in the presentation that the hearing was continued to the 24th of April.]

Project Representatives, Ben Eshaghian and Tony Russo of Crest Real Estate, gave a brief presentation/update, beginning with the proposed parcel map.

Tony Russo related that the City failed to notice this properly so it has been continued to the end of April. They are addressing NC concerns as best they can. They got a biological report showing no wildlife corridor or impacts to wildlife or biological resources as a result of the parcel map, from a qualified biologist. Tony noted that they are trying to work with neighborhood groups the best they can, and noted that though Bel Air Association (BAA) isn't necessarily supporting the project, they are working with them. They are having the streetlights, two on Linda Flora, to be of a certain design that matches other streetlights in Bel Air, and they are working with Jonathan Brand, Director of BAA, asking for installation of a camera for security concerns up and down the street. He reiterated that BAA is *not* necessarily supporting the project but these are some conditions they'd like... if the subdivision does get approved by the City, which the client has agreed to.

Dr. Longcore clarified that this is not within BAA territory but lies within a separate HOA that has its own CC&Rs and the logic here is if this parcel was carved out from that, it would have access to a street that is affecting BAA as opposed to having its access through the other HOA, where it is currently found. Tony noted that it is part of the Bel Air Place HOA that is a private street, Vista Moraga but the new parcel would not access that HOA or be fed into that HOA and arguably would not affect that HOA, which is why they are working with the BAA.

Dr. Longcore noted that because of the hearing scheduled after the PLU hearing, the opinion of the PLU committee was sent to the City, to the Zoning Administrator, with the request that they keep the record open for the board to be able to consider that motion adopted by the PLU committee. Tony noted that the Zoom link was broken and the city screwed up so they continued their hearing. Dr. Longcore opened the floor to public hearing.

Public Comment was given by Jack Rifembark who works for the Talla family at 1396 Vista Moraga and Mr. Talla spoke at the previous hearing (*at our PLU committee*) in opposition but couldn't be here tonight. He noted that Mr. Talla asked him to communicate that they still vehemently oppose this application for reasons including 1) the Pacific Palisades fire has taught us the folly of density in these canyon and hillside communities and we need to make a change in our behavior before people don't make it out next time; 2) the family sees a lot of wildlife using the property including mountain lions; and, 3) lastly, even though it may not be in front of the committee that all of this violates the conditions, covenants, and restrictions signed by the applicant saying that he wouldn't do this, he thinks it should be considered whether the enforcement mechanisms available from the city would be sufficient to curtail his future behavior. The way he understands it now, the main enforcement mechanisms will ask him to sign conditions to covenants asking him to restrict his future behavior, and they have already seen the type of follow through he has on signing prior conditions to covenant and restrict future behavior.

[There was no further public comment and public hearing was closed.]

Motion from PLU Committee was moved by Member Miner and the item was on the floor for board Q&A and discussion.

Member Miner expressed her concerns for wildlife, trees and air, the need to preserve the quality of life in the hills; the leaks onto Linda Flora, which has one way out in terms of fire; a long narrow windy street with a precipice on one side; would be dangerous to have more construction and more people up in that area. She opined that the person bought the land with a certain amount of acreage, perhaps he wants to subdivide it, which she feels shouldn't be done. She thinks it was bought as is and used as is, and we do *not* need more density in the hills just because.

Member Wickers asked what the purpose is behind the subdivision and whether there are future building plans and whether there are any protective tree species. Tony noted that there were no protected trees in the Proposed Parcel B and no plans for development at the present time for the parcel but presumably a new single family home would be able to be built there.

Member Kemp asked further if any development plans have been done but it sounds like no preliminary plans, which Tony confirmed, noting just subdividing. Asked, Tony noted that there would be only one home per lot, zoned RU20, plus an ADU theoretically.

Templeton clarified that there is already a large existing home on the 113,000 square foot, and on the new parcel, asked if it could be 6,000 or 7,000 sq ft home, Tony thinks a slope band analysis would have to be done to determine maximal size. Asked about the likelihood of a further subdivision, Tony responded that it would be unlikely for the larger lot to be further subdivided.

Dr. Longcore noted that the president of that HOA was present at the PLU meeting and made very clear that the HOA opposed this, and that it was in violation of their CC&Rs, which Dr. Longcore noted are not our business. He noted that there was some dispute whether or not the language was appropriate. The CC&Rs say you cannot subdivide your property.

Member Wickers asked further about the trees, to which Tony noted there are mostly pines; he doesn't have percentage. For context, for Member Wickers, Dr. Longcore shared his screen to see the parcel, pointing out the existing home and the part being carved out.

Brief discussion was held on whether it would be necessary for Member Brand to recuse himself from voting on this item, to which Dr. Longcore related that because he is here representing the BAA, it is presumed that is what he'll do on this board; however if he feels he has a financial interest in this or lives within 500 feet of this property, it would be assumed he has a financial interest in it, and the City Attorney is available before meetings to take questions like that. Member Weisberg related that she abstained in the vote at PLU Committee because BAA Representative Brand was in a conversation with Tony Russo. Dr. Longcore noted that one is *not* automatically excluded because you come from the area. Your responsibility is to represent that area.

The motion in favor of the PLU Committee **motion to oppose** the proposed subdivision based on the three noted elements **passed** by 17 yeses: Levotman, Greenberg, Kamin, Steele, Wickers, Mann, Kemp, Miner, Weinberg, Stojka, Kadin, Holmes, Templeton, Schlesinger,

Barcohana, Sandler, Marburg, 1 no from Member Smith, and 6 abstentions from Members Gros, Weisberg, Bayliss, Brand, Longcore, and Marble,

7. Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion to approve February 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment C**)

Postponed to next month, for lack of the MER due to technical issues.

8. Zoom License

Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$200 to renew the BABCNC Zoom annual license for fiscal year 25/26.

9. Canva License

Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$130 to renew the BABCNC Canva Pro annual license for fiscal year 25/26.

Motion to take roll call vote for items **8 & 9 together**, and report separately, **passed** as **moved** by Levotman, seconded by Kamin by **20-0-0**; **9 absent** & **5 ineligible** to vote.

10. Request for Stop Sign at Nicada and Mulholland

Dr. Longcore related that this is an outgrowth of conversations with Jarrett Thompson at CD5 and the reporting from our stakeholder, Dr. Pierson, who lives close to there, of a couple of significant motor vehicle accidents at Nicada and Mulholland...

Motion: To request of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council Districts 4 and 5 to investigate the feasibility of, and install, stop signs for traffic on Mulholland Drive to be placed at Nicada and Mulholland to address the safety issues, evidenced by two recent motor vehicle accidents at this location. (**Attachment D**)

Dr. Longcore also heard from former longtime board member Larry Leisten who told him that this was recommended years ago and was told they didn't want a stop sign that would impede traffic but the solution would be a stop light that would be timed, to correspond with the stop light at Beverly Glen and Mulholland. *He noted that the stop light was recommended but was not done.*

The motion was **moved** by Member Stojka and **seconded** by Member Miner.

Dr. Longcore noted that if we want to say light, someone would have to amend to say **stop signs or traffic signal**. Following board discussion **the amendment** to say stop signs or traffic signal was **approved** by unanimous consent.

Board concerns were further discussed regarding the ramifications of the response to stop signs versus a traffic signal as well when there was DOT traffic officer up there, person there, which was paid for by CD5 funds, including recommendation for a study, as well as historical objections to having a no-left hand turn there.

Public Comment: Dr. Pierson shared that she has been at this intersection for 30 years observing all the horrendous accidents, and these most recent accidents occurred a week apart. Two constituents, an elderly couple were almost lost and fortunately were prevented from going into the canyon, as they hit a live street light post, which landed

on their car and across Mulholland. She described a second accident: a Porsche would have gone over the other side of Mulholland but was stopped by a fence. She provided detailed description of what she has seen at that intersection in terms of traffic.

Her suggestion to begin with, noting the expense of a street sign and facility of installing it makes it more available to see if it is functioning; it can also be removed. In contrast, street lights are a greater expense. In terms of increasing the facility of flow of traffic so it isn't backed up on Nicada, if you are able to use one stop sign on the eastbound of Mulholland; coming around a sweeping curve; then there is street racing; so, if there is a stop sign, they are obligated to observe it. When there is traffic, people who are trying to turn left would be facilitated, they would stop and allow them to turn; people trying to make a right would have less to focus on and make a right hand turn. And the left turn people would only need to be concerned about the westward flow of traffic.

As for as the ease of her going up her driveway, it's only when the people blow through, they almost broadside her. There is another driveway that goes down and hers goes up the hill, then there is Nicada and every other direction there is a cliff. Now that we have such heavy traffic it needs to be addressed before someone goes flying off the cliff. She noted that the older couple were swerving because with all the cars parked on the shoulder, it looked like two lanes of traffic and they thought they were going into another lane, and the car they hit the tail end of was going east and they were heading west. She thinks a stop sign is good, it is a start and it's cost effective.

Amendment: Member Templeton moved to **amend** to remove the reference to a stop sign or stop light but just ask for a report to increase safety in that intersection without unduly affecting traffic. Stojka would like to plant a seed. Miner noted that if they could put up a stop sign at least they would be doing something. Mindy seconded.

Replacement motion: Says instead of investigating feasibility of stop signs, say investigate increasing traffic safety at Nicada and Mulholland and address the safety issues as evidenced by two recent MVAs at this location. The motion was seconded and would be a majority vote to do that.

Discussion included request by Member Wickers to emphasize safety to which Dr. Longcore noted that he will append some of the photos. Member Sandler asked if the MDRB could be asked to weigh in; there is a blind curve and they know Mulholland. Dr. Longcore would have to check. There may be info in the Specific Plan but he doesn't think the DRB reviews city proposals.

Dr. Longcore noted that now, we are changing our letter to say investigate the safety of this intersection. Miner would leave in stop sign or traffic light, and encompass any and all measures of safety, all measures of safety for a dangerous intersection that has had many accidents. She would be a no on the amending motion. Member Kamin thinks it is important to name some sort of ideas of what we think might be helpful.

- A yes vote on the substitute motion asking them to investigate and improve safety.
- A no vote sticks with the main motion with stop sign or stop light.

The **substitute motion** asking them to investigate and improve safety that doesn't mention stop light or stop sign **failed** by 5 yeses: Wickers, Templeton, Holmes, Schlesinger, Mindy, and 14 noes.

Attention was turned back to the main motion to include stop sign or light. Longcore noted that this is to back up Jarrett as he has had these conversations with DOT.

[Member Templeton left at 8:45 with 24 members remaining.]

Main Motion: To request of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council Districts 4 and 5 to investigate the feasibility of, and install, stop signs **or stop light** for traffic on Mulholland Drive to be placed at Nicada and Mulholland to address the safety issues, **as** evidenced by two recent motor vehicle accidents at this location. **(Attachment D)**

The motion **passed** by 22 yeses, 1 no from Mann and 1 abstention from Longcore.

11. Runyon Canyon Variance Appeal

Motion: To support the appeal of approvals, and oppose the construction of a second house at 3003 N. Runyon Canyon Road (in Runyon Canyon Park) that would involve 28 times the allowable grading, fail to meet State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations, and involve a 410-ft long 20-ft tall retaining wall to hold up 14,000 cubic yards of fill as described in Council File 24-1371.

Background: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1371_PC_PM_03-20-2025.pdf and https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1371_misc_03-21-25.pdf

Dr. Longcore introduced this and noted that it is opposed by the Hillside Fed and the MRCA; and PLU Committee just recommended disapproving the project and it will go to Council and that this is a to support the appeal of the approvals, which is to disapprove the project and file that as a CIS in the council file.

The motion was **moved** by Dr. Longcore, and **seconded** by Member Kamin who noted, on behalf of DSPNA, Ellen has been leading the charge in opposing this as well.

The motion **passed** by 22-0-0 and 1 recusal Bayliss, who is married to someone connected to the project on the applicant side.

12. Red Flag Day Staffing

Motion: To support the motion in Council File 25-0158 that would require certain City departments to develop plans for additional mandatory staffing levels on Red Flag days, report on options for pre-deployed resources in strategic very high-**fire**-hazard severity zones as identified through historical data and fire modeling, and provide a cost estimate for enhanced deployment during Red Flag days.

Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-0158>

Moved by Dr. Steele, **seconded** by Nickie Miner.

Member Brand spoke in favor of the motion, noting that even prior to the fires, this is something he has been asking the Council Office and Parking Enforcement every red flag day; noting it is easy to take parking enforcement officers away from ticketing students at UCLA and put them in the hill just five or six days a year. People don't listen to it, they just listen to tickets. None spoke in opposition. The motion **carried** unanimously, by 23-0-0.

13. WRAC Motion – Request to Address Wildfire Coastal Debris Catastrophe

Motion: *Whereas* the recent devastating wildfires have left the LA streets and landscape covered with a multitude of toxic chemicals, heavy metals, hazardous materials, ash and fire debris;

Whereas the recent heavy rainstorms have washed an enormous amount of this toxic material down to our coastline;

Whereas the EPA and FEMA, against strong public opposition, have chosen to use the beach lots along our coast as sorting sites;

Whereas our beaches are now covered with hazardous fire debris and black sludge;

Whereas no significant water/beach testing information has been released to the public;

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, strongly urges that this environmental catastrophe be taken seriously, with an immediate plan to fund, test, share information, and protect our coastal environment and the millions of people who enjoy it, by City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles County authorities with respective operational control of our beaches in the region, including Dockweiler State Beach, Venice Beach, Santa Monica Beach, Will Rogers State Beach and Topanga Beach.

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council urges that one or more of our Councilmembers who represent WRAC member councils to bring a resolution in Council immediately 1) to address this catastrophe on all beaches over which the City has operational control, and 2) to request that the City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles County, respectively, take further, immediate action to address the catastrophe on all beaches over which they have operational control in the region.”

Background: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-to-address-wildfire-coastal-debris-catastrophe/> This motion is to focus on the debris, heavy metals, toxic materials from the fire zones into the coastal enforcement. Member Mann **moved**, **seconded** by Greenberg. Member Stojka asked how you pay for that, and whether a budget should be part of it. The motion **passed** by 23-0-0.

14. WRAC Motion – Oppose SB 677 (Wiener)

Motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes SB 677 (Wiener), which mandates further streamlining and automatic approval of certain permits for increased housing development throughout the state, and places all areas within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), including all or parts of Pacific Palisades, Brentwood and Bel Air-Beverly Crest, at risk of public safety, by *failing to provide for an unconditional exemption for areas within the VHFHSZ*. We therefore request that our Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils bring a resolution in City

Council forthwith to add opposition to SB 677 to the Council's state legislative priorities for 2025–26.

Background: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-sb-677-wiener/>

Following brief discussion noting that this is to increase the number of by-right permits; removing discretionary elements from building permits, and removing local control, the motion **passed** 22-0-1 with the abstention from Member Gros, as moved by Greenberg, and seconded by Miner.

15. WRAC Motion (MTC) – CF 24-1151 / Allocation of Revenues from Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program

Motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the allocation of revenues from the Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program to items that are not specifically related to public transit. We therefore oppose using these funds for “Transportation improvements and temporary staffing related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games.” A \$200 million federal grant is already in the works to help with the proposed use of public buses at the 2028 Games. Council Files: 24-1151 and 21-1224 (CFMS).”

Background: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/BACKGROUND-BUS-LANE-VIOLATIONS-REVENUE.pdf>

Travis provided a summary of the motion that was moved by Greenberg and seconded by Smith, The motion **passed** by 23-0-0.

[9:01 PM] Good of the Order:

Irene Sandler noted that on April 3rd, 4th and 5th the public can attend a meeting with Metro as to the Sepulveda Transit Project DEIR, 25,000 pages. Travis noted that they should be extending the comment period to 60-90 days.

Maureen Smith spoke on party house activity on Mulholland and noted that SLO Allen will help her with this. Across the street is in Sherman Oaks not LA. They'll work on it and she hopes to not have a horrible summer.

Dr. Longcore noted that we will meet in person April 23rd at TreePeople. Be there early. We'll have some refreshments. We've invited Don Loze's family; first agenda item will be recognizing Don.

Travis will contact folks separately on how we can raise money from the board, to get a tree planted in his honor. He noted that we have identified opportunity in the \$1,500 range for a tree in the park for the conference center there.

The meeting adjourned at **9:06 PM**.

The **next meeting** is on **April 23rd** with a **Meet and Greet** (light dinner) at 6:30 PM, and meeting starting at **7:00 PM** at Coldwater Canyon Park (TreePeople Conference Center), at 12601 Mulholland Drive.

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