

Background Information – WRAC-recommended motions (1-14-21 PPCC Board meeting)

A) Prioritize elementary school reopenings

Chris Spitz comments:

This motion is intended (if passed in WRAC) to send a message to government officials (including the County Public Health Dept.) about the importance of making the reopening of our elementary schools a priority. The motion is supported by PPCC's Education Rep Peter Powell (Dean of Students and faculty member, Corpus Christi School). CM Bonin also supports making school reopenings a priority; visit <https://11thdistrict.com/> (click on News & Media).

Note that the motion asks that resources be devoted to make reopening safe when the time comes; it does not call for immediate school reopenings. Note also: Gov. Newsom has recently announced a plan to prioritize school reopenings under certain conditions: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-30/newsom-promises-cash-for-california-schools-to-create-covid-19-reopening-plans>. However, as the LAT reports, LAUSD Board Member Melvoin (who supports the Governor's plan) is concerned that "local politics or union bargaining positions could have more to do with campus reopenings than safety or science." If adopted, this motion would reinforce for public health officials that Westside LA constituents believe that safety and science should come first in school reopening decisions.

B) Oppose BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) social media policy

BONC Information: <https://empowerla.org/commission/>

Draft (Proposed) BONC Social Media Policy:

<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Draft-Digital-Media-Policy-for-BONC-on-9.29.2020.pdf>

Chris Spitz comments:

*PPCC board members may wish to glance at the 11-page, single-spaced policy document linked above, which would govern every aspect of neighborhood council digital communications (everything from "likes" & "friends" to content, "account administrators" and "moderators," LAPD reporting requirements, etc.). These types of onerous bureaucratic restrictions on neighborhood council communications are among the reasons why PPCC has consistently **chosen to remain un-certified**. Although as a practical matter the policy would not affect PPCC, we should stand in solidarity with our WRAC NC colleagues by voting to support this motion.*

C) Support CF 20-1174 (unfinished development/enforcement)

Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1174> (matter assigned to City Council Planning & Land Use Management Cmtee; no hearing scheduled to date).

Chris Spitz comments:

Pacific Palisades has experienced occasional incidents of residential development projects remaining unfinished for long periods of time, sometimes years – as have many areas of the Westside (according to comments by community leaders at WRAC meetings). The Koretz motion would instruct LADBS & the City Attorney to report on possible enforcement measures and/or remedies for these situations. Again, PPCC should stand in solidarity with our WRAC colleagues by voting to support this motion.