**B Referral of WIDO proposal to WRAC for Implementation** **(5 minutes)** (Joseph D Murphy

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**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall refer the below proposal, which it adopted unanimously at its January 20, 2015 meeting, to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, and encourage WRAC to take responsibility for its implementation*:*

The VNC Board endorses in concept and encourages implementation of the below

proposal contained in the Discussion Forum Committee’s VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix

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| **Idea ™** | **Submitted by**  **Joe Murphy (310-305-1444** [**joedmur@gmail.com**](mailto:joedmur@gmail.com)**)** | **Suggested**  **Implementation Strategy** | **Generated while**  **Brainstorming 🡣** |
| **Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)** | Require government departments to prepare & publish a report indicating the impact of their proposed actions on the walkability of the communities in which the actions are to be implemented. Currently, many government departments act without being required to consult a community & without regard to impacts of their actions on community walkability such as: (i) Cutting down trees; (ii) Installing street-lights & telephone poles & bus-stops in sidewalks; (iii) Widening streets; (iv) Unknowns. | Create committee with the necessary expertise to:   * Draft & lobby **Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)** into all applicable ordinances * Arrange for easy community monitoring of compliance of all departments with the **WIDO** | **Focus on Children**  **Participation**  **Walkability**  **Diversity**  **Creativity**  **Collaboration**  **Brainstorming** |

My reasons for submitting this motion are:

1.    A recognition that it would be unrealistic for me to assume this responsibility since I do not have the skill sets or the political connections or the time necessary to see this through to a thoughtful conclusion – and I’m assuming that similar limitations apply to my peers and to VNC committee members.

2.    Another factor, which I believe argues for the broader involvement which WRAC seems better situated to provide, is the essential need to create a consensus across lines. Failure to do this often results in unproductive short-term decisions and mixed or no effective actions by elected officials.

3.    This is a long-term effort and has to anticipate these sorts of problems in order to produce a realistic successful result. The proposal is much more complicated than appears on the surface. ***“endorsement in concept"*** is a red flag that the item as presented to the board may require significant modifications in order to comply with its intent.