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Council Meeting Focuses on Safety

BY MATTHEW BLAKE

When Dan Cooley approached the podium at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, asking the Beverly Hills City Council to greenlight shooting a “Beverly Hills Cop 4” helicopter landing, he knew his audience.

“Make no mistake about it,” said Cooley, a location manager for the upcoming Netflix movie. “This is a hero film about the Beverly Hills Police Department.”

A seven-hour council meeting, from 7 p.m. Tuesday to 2 a.m. Wednesday, went into a few directions including Virginia Robinson Botanical Garden hours (see accompanying story) and a planned single-family home on North Oakhurst Drive (more on this discussion below).

But a theme emerged: Mayor Lili Bosse and the four-person council are very concerned with public safety, and support the Beverly Hills Police Department.

The elected officials backed police in symbolic measures denouncing West Hollywood policy, and the now twice failed effort to recall Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón. And the council approved additional police resources.

“Is there anything you need from us or the community to better help you?” Bosse at one point asked Mark Stainbrook, the city’s chief of police.

A rundown of these police-related items: The City Council’s police support comes amid countywide reexaminations of law enforcement. One place taking a second look is West Hollywood, which may cut up



The City Council hearing stretched into Wednesday morning.

to four sheriff deputies over the next eight months.

West Hollywood also plans to participate in a California pilot program allowing some bars and other retail to be open until 4 a.m. instead of the current 2 a.m. last call. The measure, Senate Bill 930, passed a state House committee but has not received full state legislative approval.

Beverly Hills Councilmember Sharona Nazarian moved to have the City of Beverly Hills denounce West Hollywood’s potential
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Beverly Hills Erewhon Opens Aug. 31

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

On Aug. 31, Beverly Hills will officially welcome its own Erewhon, located at 339 North Beverly Drive, at the old Williams-Sonoma location. Named after Samuel Butler’s novel of a utopian society, Erewhon was launched in 1966 as a stall in Boston dedicated to serving natural foods. The company then moved to Los Angeles in 1969 and opened the first Erewhon on Beverly Boulevard. In 2011, Erewhon was purchased by Tony and Josephine Antoci, who grew the business into a high-end grocery store focused on healthy-natural eating.

Erewhon has expanded to seven locations in Southern California: the original on Beverly Boulevard, Calabasas, Venice, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Silver Lake and Studio City. The growth won’t stop after Beverly Hills. New stores are in the works for Culver City and Pasadena in the near future.

During a pre-launch walk-through on Aug. 22, the Courier met with Erewhon executives. Vice President of Marketing Jennifer Santiago told the Courier that the company works hard to stay consistent across different stores and cities, always trying to deliver on its promise of quality. “What we’re doing is building on health and wellness within communities,” said Santiago. “We bring the best products so that people can enjoy all different types of healthy food.”

The Beverly Hills location will also be home to a few edible exclusives of its own,
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Gohlich and Tway Promoted

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Two familiar – and highly respected – names at City Hall will have new titles affixed to them in the new year. Ryan Gohlich, currently the Beverly Hills Director of Community Development, has been selected as the next Assistant City Manager (ACM) for the City of Beverly Hills. Gohlich will join Nancy Hunt-Coffey in the City Manager’s office when she takes over the City Manager position when George Chavez retires at year’s end.

Gohlich will be tasked with assisting in the day-to-day management of city operations, providing oversight of select departments and working closely with the City Council.

Gohlich began his career with the City of Beverly Hills in 2007 as an Assistant Planner and has served in a variety of roles during his tenure, including Senior Planner and Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner. He earned his



Ryan Gohlich and Timothea Tway

Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Woodbury University.

Hunt-Coffey sees Gohlich, with his extensive experience in city planning, as the right person for the job.

“Ryan is the right guy at the right time,” Hunt-Coffey told the Courier. “There is going to be a lot of development moving forward,
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BHUSD Launches First Community Pledge and Civility Bylaw

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

On Aug. 23, The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) met with over 100 community members to sign the District’s first-ever Community Pledge and Civility Bylaw. The meeting started outside on the Beverly Hills High School campus, where BHUSD Board of Education President Mary Wells celebrated the induction of the new mission, vision and core values for the district. The Board then moved inside for its regular meeting, to
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4 a.m. bars. At the meeting, Nazarian said that West Hollywood officials are making Beverly Hills less safe.

"If West Hollywood does adopt this, this is going to have a significant effect on us," Nazarian said. The councilmember painted the picture of "People drinking at 4 a.m. and then dropping off their kids at 6 a.m."

Other council members pilloried West Hollywood, which is the only L.A. County municipality slated to partake in the pilot.

"A really stupid idea," said Councilmember Lester Friedman.

"A ridiculous idea," Bosse added.

On Aug. 15, the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder announced that efforts to hold a recall election of top county prosecutor George Gascón failed, because the campaign did not collect enough credible signatures.

Elected in 2020, Gascón will be up for reelection in two years.

But council members, who feel the DA is soft on crime, expressed disappointment in the recall failure. Moreover, in a free-flowing "discussion" agenda item, members questioned the county for invalidating petition signatures.

"Every signature should count," said Councilmember John Mirisch. "I would like to have a reckoning as to why there is no opportunity to cure" signatures thrown out because they were duplicate, or people were not registered voters, or address

mismatched with voter.

The councilmember suggested "sabotage" by recall opponents to "consciously sign a fake name."

Such sabotage, Mirisch theorized, speaking at 12:45 a.m., made campaigners falsely complacent in believing they had enough signatures.

Other council members agreed with Mirisch's general point.

"People were really disappointed and surprised by the results," Bosse said. "The numbers just don't add up."

Petitioners gathered 520,000 valid signatures, in other words names and addresses that cohere with a registered L.A. County voter. But they needed 566,000, or 10% of all county registered voters.

Added Bosse, "The community came out really strong for the recall. I have no faith in this process."

Without discussion, the council unanimously said 'yes' to extra public safety money.

Council members greenlighted a \$920,000 contract to Buena Park company Data Specialties Inc. to power the police department dispatch center.

Also, the council voted to provide \$278,400 in city monies to National Auto Fleet Group - a Watsonville-based company - for three extra police vehicles and two fire chief officer vehicles.

In a merging of police and show business, the council allowed a helicopter to

land sometime between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 470 N. Crescent Drive, as part of "Beverly Hills Cop 4."

Part of the city code bans helicopter landings, necessitating the Netflix Productions request.

"Beverly Hills Cop 4" arrives almost 40 years after the original "Beverly Hills Cop" starring Eddie Murphy.

Not known is what money Netflix will give the city for the landing scene. Cooley, the location manager, vowed "sizable" additional compensation, a sum to be ironed out later by the city attorney and Netflix.

There were other notable items from a hearing exceeding the combined length of the first three "Beverly Hills Cop" movies.

In one, council members denied an appeal from Beverly Hills resident Steve Mayer regarding an already approved single-family home at 331 N. Oakhurst Drive.

In a nine-page appeal petition, Mayer expressed concern that the owner might use the two-story home plus basement to shoot YouTube videos, that a sewer easement could economically impact neighbors and that "noise, dust and vibration" might come from the home.

City records identify the property owner as David Ramin, a physician at Cedars-Sinai. The property owner did not attend the meeting. Instead, Beverly Hills lawyer Murray Fischer represented the project applicant.

Mayer himself is not a 331 North Oakhurst Drive neighbor. Per city records, the mailing

address Mayer provided is not in the project's zip code of 90210, rather is 90209.

Mayer successfully accessed 3,613 pages regarding the home through a Public Records Act request, the Planning Department noted. And Mayer, the city noted, is set to receive thousands of more pages through records requests.

Council members denied Mayer's appeal following assurances further project changes would lead to added review.

Finally, in the early morning hours, council members appropriated - despite skepticism - \$142,900 for Next Night, a self-described street festival on Saturday, Oct. 22 at South Beverly Drive between Charleville Drive and Gregory Way.

The money goes to Authentic Agency, a Venice-based company that bills itself as, "An experiential marketing and production agency."

Skepticism arose from city manager's ask for \$35,000 toward a "C-level talent" that could perform at the show.

Council members mistakenly thought that was enough money for the biggest names in music. Mirisch repeatedly, and half-jokingly, suggested Joni Mitchell perform.

An "A-level" household name would probably cost the city north of a \$1 million, Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap explained.

But \$35,000 could "secure someone with some name value." ●



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Residents Asked to Suspend Water Use Outdoors for Two Weeks

BY EMILY HOLSHOUSER

Residents and businesses in areas of greater Los Angeles County, including Beverly Hills, are being asked to suspend outdoor water use for two weeks as repairs to a major pipeline will stretch already thin resources.

Earlier this year, a leak was discovered in the Upper Feeder Reservoir, which delivers water from the parched Colorado River to Southern California. To repair the leak, crews from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) will have to shut down from Sept. 6 to Sept. 20. The pipeline had previously been operating at a reduced capacity while crews decided on the best permanent solution.

The call comes as the Colorado River and Lake Mead, two critical water sources for Californians, flow at historic lows and summer temperatures soar across the region. Although the shutdown is not immediately drought-related, officials say it's still important to help conserve resources.

Some areas of the shutdown have already been dealing with strict water use restrictions for several months.

"It's like we're sharing the pool," said Shana Epstein, director of the Beverly Hills Public Works Department. "That's why we're asking everybody to be mindful of how much water they use. That will be less impactful to only have that resource when this fix is done."

"We need to make this urgent repair to ensure this infrastructure can continue serving Southern California in the immediate term and for years to come," said MWD water system operations manager Brent Yamasaki in a statement. "We don't take this call lightly, but it is what is needed at this time."

MWD is calling for limited water usage in the communities of Beverly Hills, Burbank, Glendale, Long Beach, Pasadena, San Fernando, and Torrance, as well as Central Basin Municipal Water District, Foothill Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District

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Poirier Named Beverly Hills Deputy Fire Chief

Alfred Poirier, a 35-year veteran of firefighting in California has been selected as the next Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Beverly Hills. Poirier, most recently the Chief Deputy of Emergency Operations for the Los Angeles Fire Department, will join the Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) on Sept. 6. As Deputy Fire Chief for BHFD, he will oversee Emergency Response Operations, the Safety and Training Division, and System Integration. He will be second in command at BHFD.

"Al is one of the most respected leaders in our industry," said Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton. "We received applications from dozens of sitting Fire Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs nationwide and I am thrilled to bring Al's extensive background and expertise to our team and our community."

At the Los Angeles Fire Department, Poirier oversaw a service area of more than 100 fire stations served by 1000 firefighters and paramedics on duty each day. This responsibility included executive level decision making related to fire and emergency medical resource deployment,

organizational policies and budget management.

"The Beverly Hills Fire Department has an outstanding reputation for its level of service and innovative programs," said Poirier. "I am grateful for the opportunity to join Chief Barton and work with this incredible team as we serve the world-class community of Beverly Hills."

Poirier has worked across the Los Angeles area in a variety of assignments and is a veteran of several dozen large scale emergency events including multiple devastating wildland fires, the 1992 Civil Disturbance and the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. He was a member of the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Team (CATF-1) in Los Angeles for over 20 years with deployments that included the World Trade Center event in NYC on 9/11, and to the Gulf Hurricane Disaster in 2005.

Poirier earned his Bachelor of Science in Emergency Services Management from Union Institute and University, and Master of Arts in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. ●

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City Council Hears Opposition to County's Robinson Gardens Plan

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

At its Aug. 23 regular meeting, the Beverly Hills City Council reviewed a draft letter that it intends to send to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation in response to the proposed changes of operation to the Virginia Robinson Gardens.

Located at 1008 Elden Way, the Gardens is the former home of retail moguls Virginia Robinson and Harry Winchester. The couple lived in the home from 1911 to 1977. Following the death of Robinson, the house was granted to the County of Los Angeles to be utilized as a botanical garden and historical monument. The grounds contain a variety of unique plant species, a mansion and a pool pavilion. Outside the Gardens, the six-acre property is surrounded by single-family residential housing.

The proposal to change operations was announced by the County's Department of Parks and Recreation in November of 2021. Among other changes, the County's proposal over the Gardens would increase the number of visitors from 100 to 200 per day, extend the business hours to sunset instead of 4 p.m., increase days of operation from five to seven days a week and open up

the Gardens for private events like weddings and parties.

In order to execute the proposal, the County must update the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the form of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR). A draft DSEIR became available on July 21.

The Council's proposed letter in response to the DSEIR echoes concerns the community has raised regarding noise, parking and traffic. "Right now, our community is experiencing a lot of difficulty with safety and security," said Councilmember Sharona Nazarian. "To open this up to so many people in such a tight, cul-de-sac-residential area, I would be concerned with that as well."

Kathy Checchi is a resident of the local community and has been mobilizing neighbors against the County's proposed operational changes. "This really changes the fabric of our neighborhood, if 73,000 people a year come in," Checchi told the Courier. "Nobody is for this in this neighborhood. I've got almost everybody on Cove Way, Crescent Way, Carolyn Way, Hartford, Elden Way, Laurel Way, Lexington, Beverly Drive and our concern is always the same."



Virginia Robinson Gardens

Checchi and her neighbors argue that the Gardens are simply not prepared to handle the changes.

Environmental attorney Charles Alpert, who lives near the Gardens, believes the

DSEIR fails to thoroughly analyze key issues. Specifically, he told the Courier that it fails to consider the lack of parking and impact of other events that may be happening nearby,

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and West Basin Municipal Water District.

During the repairs, these communities will receive water from the California State Water Project (SWP), not from the MWD, according to Epstein. SWP resources are incredibly limited and customers who receive that water are already subject to pre-existing watering restrictions.

“The repair is a permanent solution for this moment,” Epstein said. “MWD is looking at other large capital improvement projects that will be able to move different sources of water to their customers.”

The Beverly Hills Public Works Department and the MWD recommend the following conservation measures:

Outdoors

- Eliminate all outdoor watering.
- Do not mow your lawn.

Indoors

• Put a bucket in your shower to collect water as the shower warms up. Use this water to hand water houseplants and sensitive outdoor plants as well as areas of the lawn that may show excessive stress.

- Take short showers (5-minute max).
- Do not leave water running when washing dishes. Fill a small bin or bucket with water to wash your dishes in and when you’re done, use that water for trees or lawns.
- Run only full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher.
- Do not leave the water running when brushing your teeth or shaving.

For more information, please call Beverly Hills Public Works Customer Service at 310-285-2467 or email askpw@beverlyhills.org.



Photo courtesy of MWD

The MWD is working on a replacement for the cracked joint that caused the pipeline leak.

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at the Beverly Hills Hotel for example. The report also fails to consider the neighborhood's fire risk and the fact that not all of the Garden's six acres can be accessed by emergency vehicles, he told the Courier.

The community has also claimed that the proposal violates the terms set by the original grant deed. The Garden's original grant deed states that the property should be “held and used by said grantee perpetually for the purpose of an arboretum or a botanic garden and for no other purpose,” and that if the terms are breached the property “shall immediately vest in the City of Beverly Hills.”

The Friends of Robinson Gardens are in favor of the operational changes, hoping that increased access will help them serve the community.

“We respect our neighbors and the environment,” President of the Friends of Robinson Gardens Betty Goldstein told the City Council. “I urge the Council to see the wider benefits and deep community support of, and for the County’s proposal, as part of the greater good that will be gained.”

The Courier also reached out to the County Department of Parks and Recreation, which replied that it has worked hard to keep the lines of communication open with the local community.

“The expansion of access and educational programming uplifts the wishes and legacy of Virginia Robinson to showcase and connect the public, with a special focus on children, to the importance of historic

preservation and the beautification of the environment that she and her family created for decades at the VRG,” Parks and Recreation Chief of Planning Sean Woods told the Courier.

Woods added, “Programming will continue to comply with city ordinances, and valet service must obtain city parking permits for use of public streets to avoid overlapping events with surrounding neighbors. In addition, the current requirement of an event-specific traffic and parking plan will remain and strengthened in the SIER. Noise impacts associated with the use of amplified sound at special use events will be reduced by limiting when such events may occur and requiring a processor to control the maximum output of speakers. Also, the types of special events being proposed have been analyzed and decibel levels will remain within acceptable levels.”

The comment period for the DSEIR closes on Sep. 5, after which the County will then prepare a final SEIR, which is expected in October. That document will then be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for review and approval. • The comment period for the DSEIR closes on Sep. 5, after which the County will then prepare a final SEIR, which is expected in October. That document will then be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for review and approval. •

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Shelves are being stocked for the Erewhon opening Aug. 31.

like a build-your-own sandwich station, equipped with all the popular choices: rotisserie chicken, roast beef and veggie sandwiches. But rest assured, the familiar favorites are returning, such as pizzas, coffee and juices, all of which have become staples of the store, according to Santiago. “Our hot bar is really well known within the community, as well as our tonic bar,” said Santiago. “People come to us and say ‘Give me a drink that’s going to make me feel good,’ or ‘Give me a drink for my post-workout.’ We truly live by that if it’s here, it’s good for you.”

Beverly Hills has been in Erewhon’s sights for quite some time, and now that they’ve secured its location, the company is excited to bring its services to the community. They’re preparing for what they expect to be the busiest store in operation. “The City was highly influential in helping us arrive at this location. When this property came up we jumped on it right away,” said Chief Development Officer Yuval Chiprut. “This has more foot traffic than anywhere in our entire portfolio. The amount of people walking around here as we’ve been

in construction is mind-blowing, based on what I’ve seen at other locations I’ve built. We know that people are going to want to go here for a quick lunch, and nothing better than making a sandwich here.”

The store will also have two direct-access elevators that take customers to the store from the basement-level parking.

Chiprut says the City of Beverly Hills has been incredibly easy to work with in the process of transforming Erewhon from a dream to reality. Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Todd Johnson shares the same excitement about the upcoming opening and getting people back out on Beverly Drive. “We worked hard to bring new businesses to the city,” said Johnson. “During the height of COVID, on Beverly, both North and South, vacancy was almost 50%, and today it’s down to about 10 or 11%.”

To celebrate the start of Erewhon’s new chapter, the company will be giving free coffee while supplies last. Follow Erewhon on Instagram for the secret phrase and get your free cup of coffee on Aug. 31. ●

Gohlich and Tway, from page 1

obviously with the Metro and the La Cienega station, the Rodeo Station and North Portal. There is also private development and our own projects, such as the police substation.”

For his part, Gohlich expressed gratitude to the city for the “amazing opportunity.” “Representing Beverly Hills is an honor, and I look forward to continuing to serve this outstanding community in the years ahead,” he said in a statement.

Stepping into Gohlich’s shoes is Current City Planner Timothea Tway. She becomes the Director of Community Development, where she will oversee the divisions of Planning, Development Services, Community Preservation, Rent Stabilization and Special Events and Filming.

Tway has served the city for a decade, moving from Assistant Planner to Associate Planner, Senior Planner, and Principal Planner.

Tway earned her Bachelor of Science in Public Policy, Management and Planning from the University of Southern California and Master’s Degree in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She is a member of the American Planning Association and received certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners.

“Timothea has a really solid understanding of our organization. She’s worked her way up to City Planner and has led many of our strategic planning efforts. She has that vision and ability to see where the city is going. She has also had exposure with things like affordable housing and the density bonus,” noted Hunt-Coffey.

“I am deeply grateful to Nancy and Ryan for the trust they have placed in me,” said Tway in a statement. “I am so proud to be the next leader of the talented and dedicated employees of the Community Development Department.” ●

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Back-to-school spending: \$34.4B, and Los Angeles is helping

By Brent Schoenbaum, Summer Taylor, Rebecca Lohrey



Inflation? Iffy economic outlook? Parents do not care. This fall, they’re on track to spend \$34.4 billion on back-to-school supplies and outfits for their young scholars, a figure that represents a 19% increase since 2019. Los Angeles parents are helping, as they plan to spend \$1,121 per child, twice the national average of \$661, according to Deloitte’s 2022 back-to-school survey. Spending in the Los Angeles area is expected to rise 17% over last year, compared with an 8.8% increase nationally.



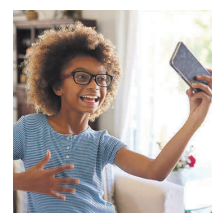
While 2021 saw a flurry of spending, thanks to pent-up demand after COVID-19’s learn-from-home adventures, this year’s expected shopping spree will likely be a little different, according to the survey.

Here are a few observations from Los Angeles market data in the survey.

Negative outlook, positive spending

Forty percent of surveyed Los Angeles parents expect the economy to weaken in the next six months and 20% say their household’s financial situation has worsened since last year. That’s not stopping them from spending twice the national average and spending more than the national average in each major back-to-school category, especially clothing (\$371 versus \$296) and technology (\$791 versus \$476). One reason for this may be the strong continued investment in digital learning occurring in the Los Angeles market, where 87% of respondents plan to spend on virtual learning resources (versus 62% nationally).

Here’s another tidbit: Los Angeles parents plan to spend \$133, versus \$87 nationally, on COVID-19 related supplies. Wellness is apparently top of mind for parents in these parts, as more than half (56%) express concern about their child’s mental health, and accordingly, almost half (48%) have bought products or services that address these concerns.



Parents who prefer environmentally friendly or responsibly sourced items, and 67% of surveyed parents say they do, are likely to spend 13% more on back-to-school purchases. In fact, 36% of Los Angeles parents may likely buy a used or refurbished item, compared with 29% of parents nationally.

Convenience in the cart

The report points out two convenience-related trends among Los Angeles parents. The first is the purchasing of back-to-school kits (say a knapsack pre-packed with notebooks and pencils). Sixty-two percent of Los Angeles parents plan to purchase these kits, and 61% of them have already placed orders for the kits. That’s well above the national average of 46% and 39%, respectively.



Another nod to convenience: Experimenting with shopping technology, for instance digital wallets and chatbots for personal shopping. Across the board, Los Angeles parents are more likely than their national counterparts to try out new shopping tech, actions driven by convenience, or at least the hope of convenience these emerging technologies offer.



Bucking the trend

Nationally, in-store shopping is gaining ground, with 81% of parents preferring mass-merchant stores for 2022 school supplies. In Los Angeles, that figure stands at 62%, with online shopping only four percentage points behind. One-third of Los Angeles parents plan to spend the most at a mass-merchant store, compared with almost half nationally, while nearly a quarter of local parents plan to spend the most at online stores, compared with 16% nationally.

The lesson is clear: Back to school remains a strong consumer spending reason, and more resistant to economic turmoil exiting the pandemic for southern California parents. To learn more, check out Deloitte’s 2022 back-to-school survey.

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discuss the revised Governance Handbook and Superintendent Michael Bregy's report.

"It all started with a question: how can we deliver educational excellence when it is not in our mission, vision or part of our vernacular," said Wells. "This has become the basis of all of our conversations and planning for the future of BHUSD."

The Community Pledge was first introduced to the BHUSD staff on Aug. 12 and reads as follows:

"The BHUSD community acknowledges that in order to achieve educational excellence, we must act with integrity and respect for each other and our learning environment.

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- Model civil behavior and respect in all communications and in public while maintaining a culture of honesty.
- Listen and acknowledge differences of opinion.
- Do my part to protect an inclusive culture in which we honor the relationship between all school community members; and
- Honor our learning environment including how we take care of our schools and personal property.
- By holding ourselves and each other accountable to this pledge at all times, we will promote an environment of educational excellence that will allow our entire BHUSD community to thrive."

The Board also took the opportunity

to highlight its new mission, vision and core values. The new mission statement was boiled down to two words: educational excellence. The Board's vision has been altered to read: "Our students will realize their full potential to thrive with integrity in a complex, changing world." The core values listed the terms: excellence, integrity, wellness, inclusion, safety and community. After Wells' speech, everyone in attendance was invited to sign the pledge.

The new guidelines were applied directly to the revised Beverly Hills Unified School District Governance Handbook. At the meeting, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the new revision.

In addition to the Community Pledge and Handbook, the Board also voted in favor of its first Civility Bylaw, which further enforces the behavioral expectations of the Board moving forward. The District has had its Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) programs that enforce good behavior within the schools, but the Community Pledge and Civility Bylaw differ by setting standards across the entire educational community of Beverly Hills, from the Board to the parents. "I'm proud that we're doing this," said Board Member Gabriel Halimi. "I think a lot of this is about accountability and I really encourage our community to start holding each other accountable."

Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy also gave his report at the meeting, sharing some of the experiences from the first



The Board of Education was joined by over 100 Beverly Hills Unified School District community members to sign the first ever BHUSD Community Pledge Aug. 23.

week of school. Over the last week, Bregy has attended the first day of Beverly Hills High School, a carnival at the Beverly Vista Middle School and made campus visits at Hawthorne and Horace Mann Elementary. "A personal goal of mine, as Superintendent, is to spend time in our classrooms and be part of the culture and learning environment," said Bregy. "That's something that's been missing due to a lot of responsibilities in the past, but I finally have an opportunity this year."

The Board also had a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and California School Employees Association that formally recognizes Juneteenth, June

19, as a federal holiday. The District is in accordance with the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act President Biden signed on June 17, 2021, declaring Juneteenth a day of observance. Students and faculty will have the day off, if it falls on a Saturday, it will be recognized on Friday; if it lands on a Sunday, it will be recognized on Monday.

The Board is excited to usher in a new era that reflects the guidelines they've set forth. "With all the work that went on, it was so well worth it," said Board Member Rachele Marcus. "I'm hoping that our community will embrace and think about it for not just the next year, but the year after that and so on." ●



NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Beverly Hills City Council is seeking qualified residents to fill vacancies on the following Commissions:

TERM BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2023

Design Review Commission – One Vacancy
 Recreation and Parks Commission – One Vacancy
 Public Works Commission – One Vacancy
 Human Relations Commission – One Vacancy

TERM BEGINS JULY 1, 2023

Community Charitable Foundation – One Vacancy
 Design Review Commission – Two Vacancies
 Public Works Commission – One Vacancy
 Recreation and Parks Commission – One Vacancy

Please note: you can only apply to one Commission vacancy for this application cycle.

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE ABOVE COMMISSIONS IS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M.

For more information on the Commission position and to apply online, please visit the City's website at www.beverlyhills.org/applyforacommission or call the City Clerk's Office at (310) 285-2400 to obtain the application form by mail or e-mail.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at regular meeting(s) to be held on **Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, subject to tentative continuance at the Council's discretion to **Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, and/or **another time as the City Council may determine**, will hold public hearing(s) in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 to consider the proposed **Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan Project** ("Project"), consisting of the following requests:

- **Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR):** City certification of the Final EIR.
- **General Plan Amendment:** Create the Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan land use designation and apply it to the Project site. Amend General Plan Land Use Element Policy 9.4 text to identify that anchor location design criteria applies to the Project site.
- **Specific Plan:** Adopt a specific plan that includes: 1) allowed uses, development standards, and guidelines for the plan area, 2) operational standards for uses, 3) plan implementation and administration, and 4) a conceptual project plan.
- **Zone Text and Map Amendments:** Add the Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code and update the City's zoning map to apply the Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan zoning designation to the Project site.
- **Encroachment Permit:** Allow: 1) a subsurface utility vault to encroach into the public right-of-way, 2) subterranean parking to extend under the public sidewalk from 10 feet below grade and up to the existing sidewalk curb, 3) installation and maintenance of landscaped parkway and special paving in the public right-of-way fronting the Project Site.
- **Master Plan of Streets Amendment:** 1) relocate the existing surface right-of-way for public alley purposes; 2) dedicate additional surface right-of-way for public sidewalk purposes along South Santa Monica Boulevard, and 3) allow the public roadway along North Rodeo Drive, South Santa Monica Boulevard and North Beverly Drive to remain in their current locations.
- **Development Agreement:** The Applicant is seeking a development agreement with the City.
- **Appeal of Planning Commission conditional approval of Vesting Tentative Parcel Map:** Merge 4 existing lots into one lot and relocate the surface public alley right-of-way to the southern portion of the Project Site.

At a Special Meeting on June 13, 2022, the Planning Commission adopted three resolutions recommending to the City Council: a) certification of the Final EIR; b) approval of a General Plan Amendment, Master Plan of Streets Amendment, and Zone Text/Map Amendments to establish the Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan; and, c) adoption of the Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan and associated encroachment permits, subject to certain conditions of approval. As the City's approval authority for subdivision maps, the Planning Commission also adopted a resolution conditionally approving Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 82872, contingent on the Council's approval of the rest of the requested Project entitlements. On June 23, 2022, a timely appeal of the Planning Commission's decision regarding the subdivision map was filed. The City Council will consider the appeal of the Planning Commission's decision in conjunction with the hearing regarding the rest of the requested Project entitlements and will consider the Vesting Tentative Parcel Map.

Project Description: The Project Proponent, Cheval Blanc (a division of LVMH), proposes a specific plan to allow for development of a single multiple-use building with up to 220,950 SF of floor area and no more than 115 hotel guest rooms allowed. The development standards included in the proposed Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan would allow a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 4.2 and a maximum above ground FAR of 3.91. The proposed building includes a luxury hotel with restaurants and ancillary services, a private club, and street level retail uses with North Rodeo Drive frontage. The submitted conceptual plans for the Project includes the following proposed features:

- Building heights vary across the Project site, ranging from 4-stories, 51-feet in height on North Rodeo Drive to a maximum of 9-stories, 115-feet in height on the North Beverly Drive.
- A total of 212,034 SF of floor area and 109 hotel guest rooms. Club with social and recreational facilities for up to 500 individual members within the hotel portion of the building.
- Appurtenant uses for the hotel and club, including: hotel/club member dining facilities, a wellness center, a day/cosmetic spa, and outdoor pools, decks and balconies.
- Motor court with access from South Santa Monica Boulevard.
- Ground level publicly accessible restaurant on North Beverly Drive.
- 185 vehicle parking spaces located on subterranean levels.
- A public pedestrian plaza at the corner of North Rodeo Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard.
- Relocate a public alley that runs north-south across the Project site to an east-west alignment on the southern portion of the Project site with access from North Beverly Drive.

The 1.28-acre Project site consists of four existing parcels as well as a portion of the existing north-south alley located between North Rodeo Drive and North Beverly Drive and is currently addressed 456 and 468 North Rodeo Drive; 449, 451 and 453 North Beverly Drive; and 461 through 465 North Beverly Drive. The Project site is currently developed with two retail commercial structures on North Rodeo Drive ("Celine" and former "Brooks Brothers" locations) and is developed with a retail building and an institutional building (former "Paley Center") on North Beverly Drive.



Final EIR: The Proposed Project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The City of Beverly Hills has prepared a Final EIR to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with the Project, which is available at www.beverlyhills.org/environmental. The Final EIR impact analysis determines that, after mitigation, no significant environmental effects are anticipated. The Final EIR analyzes the following potential environmental effects of the Project:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources (Bats)
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils (Paleontology)
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Land Use/Planning
- Noise
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems (Energy)

The City Council will consider the Final EIR, and may adopt a resolution certifying the Final EIR and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The City Council will also consider whether to approve the requested entitlements, including the vesting tentative parcel map on appeal.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending in-person or telephonically; and may view the meeting through live webcast or BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable. To submit Audio/Oral comments during the hearing call: 310-288-2288, to submit written comments please email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org, to submit video comments (during public comment only) use <https://beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/bevpublic> (passcode: 90210). To Watch Video Live use <http://beverlyhills.org/live> or On-Demand use <http://beverlyhills.org/citycouncilmeetings>. In-Person comments can be submitted with a speaker card to the City Clerk at the meeting.

It is recommended that public written comments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12:00 p.m. on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the City Council. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. Written comments will be allowed with a maximum of 350 words, which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes of speaking time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, it will not be a part of the record. Public comment via video conference will be 3 minutes per each individual comment, subject to City Council discretion.

Any interested person may participate in the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the City Council. According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

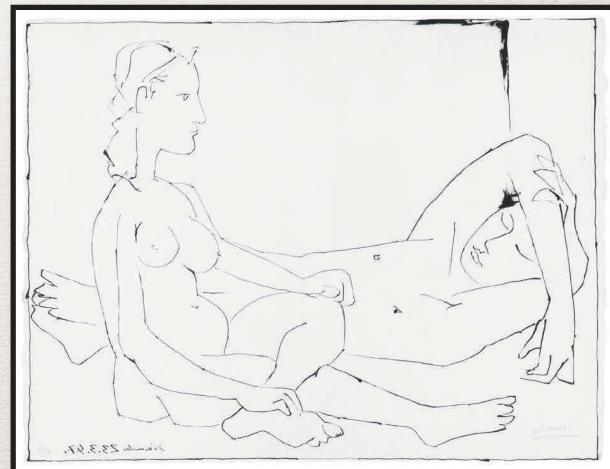
In Person Participation: All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter in person. Please see the above information on the location and time of this meeting.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Masa Alkire, AICP, Project Manager**, Community Development Department, at (310) 285-1135 or malkire@beverlyhills.org. The case file documents are available for review upon request.

HUMA AHMED
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 Etching, 1998. \$10,000-15,000.
David Hockney, *Celia with
 Green Hat*, Color lithograph,
 1984. \$30,000-50,000.
Pablo Picasso, *Couple*,
 Lithograph, 1947. \$10,000-
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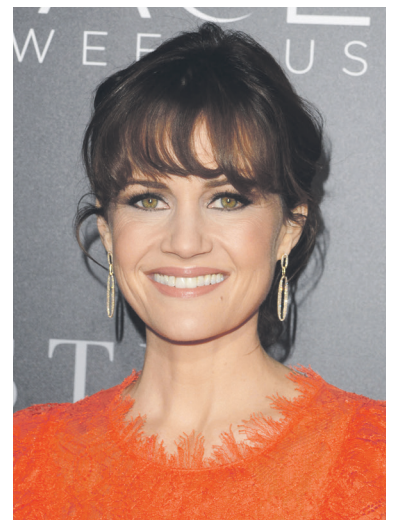
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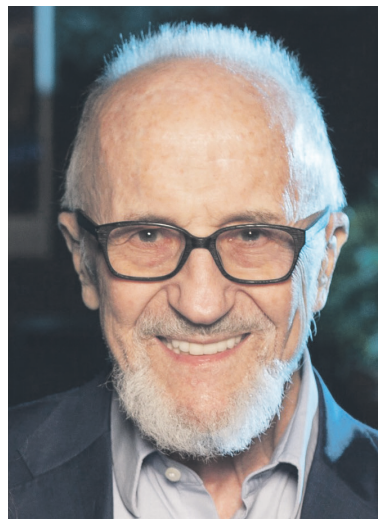
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When things seem much harder than they should be, you take notice and start asking questions. What would be easier? Who can I learn from? Who's doing it better? What adjustments can be made?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've decided it's wise to stay a little on guard but can't say what you want to say while trying to mitigate the risk of getting hurt. If you knew it was impossible to protect yourself from truth and pain, then how would you go about it?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The boundaries around the relationship are what make it a home. Hopefully the boundaries inside the relationship allow each their own space. In love and other shelters, the walls are as important as the foundation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are many reasons you'll feel the need to get moving, the least of which is to burn calories. You'll think better when you're in motion. Exercise can be anything you want it to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're feeling less ambitious, but oddly you'll be happier because of this. While big wins and lofty goals are amazing to hit, the day-to-day stress has a way of wearing on you. One small goal at a time will feel really good right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When the pond is muddy, you can't clear the water by stirring it. To put everything back in order, do nothing. Inaction brings clarity. Wait for things to settle, then you'll understand what you're really dealing with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are things about your life you can't change right now. You'll be able to do something about them later. While you wait for the opportunity to take back control, think about the other things you're currently empowered to affect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's an emotional link between something happening today and something that happened long ago. The connection occurs deep in your being, yet it will shape your behavior in subtle and obvious ways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be surrounded by strong personalities who want to tell you what to do, but you're the one most qualified to call the shots right now. Make decisions for yourself. Your purposefulness will attract trust, love and money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to know more about a particular subject, and teachers show up to light the way. They will give you the key to treasures that would remain inaccessible to the incurious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll get the overwhelming feeling that things are happening in the best way possible to serve your interests. Your senses are tuned to find the path of least resistance, so you don't have to think about it; like water you'll flow to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are a lot of things you could do to help out, but it will be most satisfying to do something you're great at. Your highest point of contribution will involve your uniqueness and be enjoyable for you to give.



This week's featured eligible puppy is Dreyer. She's a 10-week-old golden retriever and husky mix, weighing in at 10 pounds currently, but will be about 60 pounds when fully grown. To meet Dreyer and potentially adopt her, please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

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1 Hotel chain operated by Hilton

4 Banned insecticide

7 Big voices with big egos

12 Some users of Cyrillic script

17 Antique furniture expert, perhaps

20 Like bills in arrears

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23 100 percent

24 Sight at a checkout counter

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15 Watch parties?

16 Focus for 15-Down

18 It's a drag

19 Seats

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27 Monitors at school, briefly

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33 Kindle competitor

36 "ASAP!"

37 Sondheim and Bernstein's collaborator on "West Side Story"

38 Pungent party bowlful

40 Ultra-aggressive

42 Freshly

43 Quite a fight

45 Fighting

47 "____ dias!"

50 Instantly get along well

51 Rush

52 Home of the David Geffen School of Drama

57 Laundry product

59 Like some 401(k) contributions

60 It's touchy to hit

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1 Disneyland ride

2 McEntire of country music

3 Old map inits.

4 Certain coding snippet

5 Special collection of musical hits?

6 "Je te plumerai la ____" (line from "Alouette")

7 Old gold coin

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79 Talk smack about

82 Skirt style

84 Getting bored with

87 Suggests

88 Kind of cat or rabbit

90 Flat top?

91 Target of a joke

92 Region of Croatia associated with a canine breed

93 "Did you ring?"

94 Hybrid farm animal

95 Site acquired by Match.com in 2011

96 London's ____ Row

100 Liquor from Mexico

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113 Marvin who sang "Sexual Healing"

115 Offended

116 Food that's a national emblem of Wales

117 "Thus ..."

118 Standard operating procedures, for short

120 Clinch

121 Plasma particle

122 Ambrose Burnside was its first president, for short

Police Tech, Outages and Holiday Plans on Study Session Agenda

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

At the Aug. 23 City Council Study Session, Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark Stainbrook gave an overview of the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) technology and privacy policies. The Council then heard from Southern California Edison about recurring power outages and finished the meeting with an update on holiday programming.

On April 13, the City Council approved nearly half a million dollars for the Police Department's Real Time Watch Center (RTWC). The RTWC is intended to serve as a technological-intelligence hub that gathers all the information the police gather through Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) and drones. The RTWC is also implementing a new way to take emergency calls, known as Live911, which will connect emergency phone calls to officers in the field.

Stainbrook explained that technology is in public-facing areas where no privacy is

expected and drones are only used when a call for service is made, in alignment with local, state and federal law. All personnel are trained in privacy issues, including the camera operators from contractors NASTEC and Covered 6, as well as the BHPD-sworn drone operators. Flights and patterns are logged and strictly follow the Federal Aviation Association regulations.

"We strive to adhere to the applicable laws, orders, regulations and training related to the use of technology and uphold all privacy regulations and the maintenance and release of records," said Stainbrook. "The Real Time Watch Center is generating a huge amount of interest; we've had multiple other police agencies coming to visit the Center."

The City Council was pleased to hear about the progress with the Center.

"It's pretty remarkable that we approved this in Spring, in April and it is where it is today," said Vice Mayor Julian Gold. "Hats off to you all for a job well done and done quickly."

Also addressing the Council was a representative from Southern California Edison (SCE), who spoke about recent outages. Some areas of Beverly Hills, such as Trousdale Estates, have experienced outages lasting up to 16 hours, raising reliability concerns.

On July 21, the Public Works Commission recommended that the city make an official comment to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPCU) regarding the outages. SCE has already met with Trousdale residents to discuss those concerns at a community meeting on July 27.

At the Study Session, SCE went into detail about the factors that cause a drop in service, including accidents involving power supplies, equipment and overloading. The Council was also informed of efforts to mitigate those factors. As part of its Capital Improvement Plan, SCE plans to spend \$5 billion to maintain and improve the infrastructure, such as underground cables, poles and transformers. The plan includes work to

circuits providing power to Trousdale. The utility ended its presentation by providing all relevant contact information in the event of different circumstances.

"We, as a community, are not happy," said Mayor Bosse. "I appreciate you having the courage to be here because you are going to hear a lot of frustration that we have been feeling in ourselves, as well as in the residents continually calling us in terms of power outages."

The Council indicated that it will likely submit a formal comment to the CPCU, as well as invite other cities to express their dissatisfaction with SCE service.

The Study Session agenda then turned to the holidays, with the Rodeo Drive and Holiday Program Committees providing an update on the Holiday Lighting Celebration set for this November. Thus far, decorations include a large stationary train, palm tree lights and banners. Festivities will include live performances, interactive shows, fireworks and an appearance by Santa. ●

COMMUNITY

DEAR BEVERLY HILLS COURIER,

Five former BHUSD school board members signed a letter printed in the August 12 issue of the Beverly Hills Courier that is so filled with misinformation that we are compelled to respond.

As majorities on the school board four of the signers authorized expenditures exceeding \$20 million of construction bond funds in an unproductive effort to block MTA from tunneling under our high school. Contrary to their assertions, those expenditures for legal and lobbyist fees and court costs resulted in no benefits to the school district or the safety of students and staff.

The truth is that every action taken by MTA to mitigate disruption and safety issues resulted from productive communications between District and MTA representatives long after the \$20 million had been expended (wasted). The most far-fetched

misinformation in their letter was attributing MTA's participation in cleaning up and resealing certain "ancient" oil wells under the high school to their \$20 million expenditure. The locations of those oil wells, directly in MTA's tunneling pathway, was not discovered until long after those expenditures. To proceed with tunneling MTA had no alternative but to participate in resealing those wells.

During our service on the school board, 2015 to 2020, we were able to form a new majority and put an end to unproductive expenditures of construction bond funds; a prudent decision for which those four letter writers continue to excoriate us in print and social media.

ISABEL HACKER
MEL SPITZ



The Beverly Vista Middle School PTA hosted the Back-to-School Carnival Aug. 19, assisted by a generous donation from alum Michael J. Libow, who is pictured (center) along with School Board Member Rachele Marcus and students.

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**REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION
OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION
INSTRUCTIONS FOR:**

**CIVIC CENTER CHILLED WATER LINES
REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for the Civic Center Chilled Water Lines Replacement Project ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on that Project. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the prequalification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the CITY to be on the final qualified Bidders list.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid. The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is **5:00 PM Friday, September 9, 2022.**

Contractors must register as a vendor at the following website in order to download the prequalification package, and to receive clarification and notifications when issued.

The Prequalification package may be viewed on, and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids portal: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo-detail/96708>

This item is listed as: Prequalification Civic Center Chilled Water Lines Replacement Project. Answers to questions contained in the questionnaire are required. The CITY will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors with respect to whether each Contractor is qualified to bid on the Project, and reserves the right to check other sources available. The CITY's decision will be based on objective evaluation criteria.

The CITY reserves the right to adjust, increase, limit, suspend or rescind the prequalification rating based on subsequently learned information. Contractors whose rating changes sufficiently to disqualify them will be notified, and given an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the hearing procedures described below for appealing a prequalification rating.

While it is the intent of the prequalification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist the CITY in determining bidder responsibility prior to bid and to aid the CITY in selecting the lowest responsible bidder, neither the fact of prequalification, nor any prequalification rating, will preclude the CITY from a post-bid consideration and determination of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness.

All qualifications submittals are required to be submitted electronically via PlanetBids. The electronic submittal system will close exactly at the date and time set forth in this request for qualifications.

Any questions regarding the questionnaire and qualification package should be submitted via PlanetBids by 2:00PM, September 1, 2022. Questions sent via email or over the phone; with the exception of those related to accessing or using PlanetBids, will not be answered.

Contractors are responsible for submitting and having their documents accepted before the closing time set forth in the request for qualifications.

NOTE: Pushing the submit button on the electronic submittal system may not be instantaneous; it may take time for the Contractor's documents to upload and transmit before the documents are accepted. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to ensure their documents are uploaded, transmitted, and arrive in time electronically. The City of Beverly Hills will have no responsibility for documents that do not arrive in a timely manner, no matter what the reason.

The prequalification packages submitted by Contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, the contents may be disclosed to third parties for purpose of verification, or investigation of substantial allegations, or in an appeal hearing. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for prequalification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a Contractor becomes inaccurate, the Contractor must immediately notify the CITY and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The CITY reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the prequalification application submitted, and to make all final determinations. The CITY may also determine at any time that the prequalification process will be suspended for the Project and the Project will be bid without prequalification.

Contractors may submit prequalification packages during regular working hours on any day that the offices of the CITY are open. Contractors who submit a complete prequalification package will be notified of their qualification status no later than ten business days after submission of the information.

The CITY may refuse to grant prequalification where the requested information and materials are not provided by the due date indicated above. There is no appeal from a refusal for an incomplete or late application, but re-application for a later project is permitted. Neither the closing time for submitting prequalification packages for this Project will be changed in order to accommodate supplementation of incomplete submissions, or late submissions, unless requested by the CITY in its sole discretion.

In addition to a contractor's failure to be pre-qualified pursuant to the scoring system set forth in the prequalification package, a contractor may be found not prequalified for either omission of or falsification of, any requested information.

Where a timely and completed application results in a rating below that necessary to pre-qualify, an appeal can be made by the unsuccessful Contractor. An appeal is begun by the Contractor delivering notice to the CITY of its appeal of the decision with respect to its prequalification rating, no later than two business days following notification that it is not pre-qualified. The notice of appeal shall include an address where the Contractor wishes to receive notice of the appeal hearing. Without a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the decision of the CITY, whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding.

If the Contractor gives the required notice of appeal, a hearing shall be conducted no earlier than five business days after the CITY's receipt of the notice of appeal and not later than five business days prior to the date of the Notice Inviting Bids for this Project. Prior to the hearing, the Contractor shall, in writing, be advised of the basis for the City's pre-qualification determination.

The hearing shall be conducted by a panel consisting of three members of the Public Works Department senior management staff (the "Appeals Panel"). The Appeals Panel shall consider any evidence presented by the Contractor, whether or not the evidence is presented in compliance with formal rules of evidence. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to present evidence, information and arguments as to why the Contractor believes it should be pre-qualified. Within one day after the conclusion of the hearing, the Appeals Panel will render a written determination as to whether the Contractor is pre-qualified. It is the intention of the CITY that the date for the submission and opening of bids will not be delayed or postponed to allow for completion of an appeal process.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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BIDS - Proposals for the **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS** project within the City of Beverly Hills, California, shall be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on **Thursday September 8, 2022** via Planetbids. Bid results will be posted on PlanetBids soon after downloading the bids. Award of the contract will be made during a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

SCOPE OF THE WORK - In general, the project consists of pedestrian upgrades at three existing and two new midblock crossing locations, including the construction of PCC bulbouts and implementation of traffic signal or RRFB control. The work will be mostly conducted at night between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Demolition work on Robertson will be conducted during the day with some work to be conducted at night.

CITY CONTACT - Any questions or requests for information can be directed to the project manager, **Manu Dhaliwal, P.E.**, at mdhaliwal@beverlyhills.org or by calling **310-285-2513**.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION NUMBER - The Contractor is required to register with State of California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and meet requirements to bid on public works contracts.

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CONTRACTORS LICENSE - In compliance with Public Contract Code Section 3300, the City has determined that the Bidder must possess the following license(s): **"A"**

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CASE NO:
22SMCP00370
ORDER TO SHOW
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In the Matter of the petition of:
Natalie Kunin
To all interested person(s):
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current residence address:
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filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles,
1725 Main St., Room #102
Santa Monica, CA 90401,
Santa Monica Courthouse,
on August 02, 2022
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Present Name:
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The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
Date: October 21, 2022
Time: 8:30am
Dept: K
The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles,
1725 Main St., Room #102
Santa Monica, CA 90401,
Santa Monica Courthouse.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.
Signed:
Natalie Kunin
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Sherri R. Carter,
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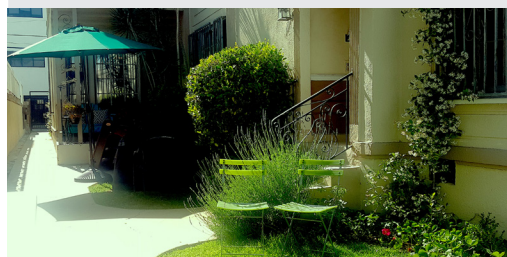
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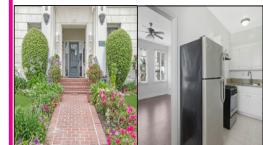
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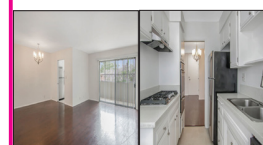
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