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# **Governor Newsom Outlines Reopening Plan**

#### BY LAURA COLEMAN

Since March 19, Californians have been tasked with remaining at home in order to help curb the spread of COVID-19, which has thus far infected more than 3.3 million people globally, including 23,000 in Los Angeles. That directive may change in a matter of weeks according to Gov. Gavin Newsom, who on April 28 unveiled a four-point plan for moving the state out of its current stayat-home order.

"I think the path that he is outlining is the appropriate path," Beverly Hills Mayor

Lester Friedman told the Courier. "I think the economic impact is going to be significant. I think we're going to see several businesses that are not going to reopen and that's unfortunate. I just think that we need to be proactive in supporting our businesses."

Predicated on what appears to be a stabilizing of both the number of cases and deaths from COVID-19, Newsom said the state would soon begin to lift restrictions on lower risk workplaces, in addition to reopening childcare facilities and schools.



Gov. Gavin Newsom

### COVID-19 and Our Community: Anthony Cardillo, M.D.

BY ANA FIGUEROA



#### Anthony Cardillo, M.D.

In this multi-part series, "COVID-19 and Our Community," the Courier is profiling healthcare professionals at the frontlines of the current crisis. Once again this week we feature Anthony Cardillo, M.D., CEO and

Medical Director of MEND Health, Inc., the company that operates MEND Urgent Care Facilities throughout Southern California. A Board-Certified Emergency Room Physician, Dr. Cardillo is also a regular contributor on ABC7 Los Angeles.

BH Courier: We're hearing that the number of non-COVID-19 patients showing up at emergency rooms and urgent cares is down. Is that what you're seeing?

Anthony Cardillo, M.D.: There's been a dramatic decline across the board in all medical establishments. Lots of doctor's offices are closed, which leaves emergency rooms and urgent cares at the frontlines. But, we've still seen a decline of upwards of 75 percent of patient volume.

What does this mean that fewer patients are showing up? (Dr Cardillo continues on page 10)

He described the stabilization with some measure of "cautious optimism," noting that California never experienced the surge of cases like other parts of the nation. He cautioned that if the state does reopen too soon, there could be a second wave that could potentially prove more deadly than the first, which has so far claimed the lives of more than 1,800 people statewide, including over 1,111 in Los Angeles County.

"Because of your good work on physical distancing, social distancing, because you have overwhelmingly abided by the stay-athome order, you bought us time," Newsom said during Tuesday's press conference on the state's COVID-19 response. He underscored that the reason that the state is even able to consider such modifications is a direct result of people having abided by the stay-athome orders. "If we pull back and we modify our stay-at-home too early...then we have to have the ability to fix it...in terms of our capacity to deliver on the promise of what we're promising today for this roadmap in reopening."

The phased approach to reopening California, which begins with lessening restrictions around businesses, schools and childcare, relies on business and education leaders, including those on the front lines, to ensure that the virus does not spread. (Newsom continues on page 5)

### Search Begins for Interim **Police Chief**

#### BY ANA FIGUEROA

The search is on for an Interim Police Chief for the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD), with the announcement that Sandra Spagnoli will retire from the position effective May 15, 2020

In the April 25 statement announcing Spagnoli's retirement, City Manager George Chavez noted:

'During the Chief's tenure, crime was reduced while the department increased diversity, public outreach, best practices and advancements in technology," said Chavez. "We thank Chief Spagnoli for her service to our community and her three decades of public service in law enforcement."

The retirement came as a surprise to some members of Spagnoli's 25-person Advisory Panel.

(Police Chief continues on page 10)

### Stay Active In the Comfort of Your Beverly Hills Home

#### BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Perhaps now more than ever before, exercising is a critical component in practicing self-care. While gyms and fitness studios have been closed for over a month, many of our favorite boutique exercise classes are being taught online now. Getting in a good workout promotes physical and mental well-being while staying at home; nourishing the body, mind and spirit. All you need to get moving ASAP is an internet connection. With that in mind, the Courier compiled this list of offerings at popular workout facilities.

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## News

# New Business Task Force Meets with Recovery in Mind

#### BY LAURA COLEMAN

As leaders across the globe struggle to help economies rebound from the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Beverly Hills is taking steps to help businesses thrive. In anticipation of the City slowly reopening, the COVID-19 Business Recovery Assistance Task Force held its inaugural meeting on April 28 to consider how best to revitalize the local economy in the wake of mass business closures.

"I'm confident this task force will provide valuable insight as we rebuild our local economy following this unprecedented event," said Mayor Lester Friedman. "We know the phrase 'going back to normal' is not something that is going to be in our vernacular."

"I think there's a world of strategies out there. Our goal is to hear what people say," Councilman Julian Gold said at the beginning of the virtual meeting.

Beginning with this week's decision by City Council to allow elective surgeries to resume, Beverly Hills will continue to open up further in a phased approach as defined largely by government.

Just hours before the meeting began, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that the state would begin to lift restrictions on the stay-at-home order in a matter of weeks.

Comprised of all five Council members and City Treasurer Howard Fisher, the task

force also includes the following business and community leaders: Tom Blumenthal, CEO of Gearys Beverly Hills; Giacomino Drago, chef and restaurant owner; Kathy Gohari, general manager of Valentino and past president of the Rodeo Drive Committee; Russell Goldsmith, CEO of City National Bank; Todd Johnson, CEO of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce; Sabaa Kamal, owner of Kamal Beverly Hills; Sandy Murphy, general manager of the Beverly Hilton Hotel; Offer Nissenbaum, general manager of the Peninsula Hotel; Sunny Sassoon, executive chairman of Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf; Debbie Quick, attorney with Morgan Lewis LLP; Julie Wagner, CEO of the Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau and Bill Wiley, property director for Two Rodeo.

The task force is expected to make specific recommendations to City Council to help propel the economy forward. The City is asking people to share their expertise and knowledge of various activities and programs that can help by contacting Laura Biery, Economic Sustainability Manager, at lbiery@ beverlyhills.org.

"Now is the time to think about things that we've never thought about to ensure our success and ensure that the future is going to be really very bright for Beverly Hills," said Councilwoman Lili Bosse. •

### Let's Support Our Restaurants



### Elective Surgeries Resume in Beverly Hills

#### BY LAURA COLEMAN

The Beverly Hills City Council voted 4-1 to allow elective surgeries to resume on April 28, following last week's move by Gov. Gavin Newsom allowing hospitals and health care systems to resume delayed medical care for Californians.

The decision, which amends portions of the City's March 16 urgency ordinance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to prohibit all elective medical, dental and surgical procedures, makes Beverly Hills one of the first cities in the nation to reopen medical and dental practices for delayed medically necessary procedures.

"I think we ought to align our ordinance up with state and county guidelines," Councilman Julian Gold, M.D. urged before the Council vote. Those guidelines do not prohibit elective procedures, but rather encourage their suspension. "I think the time has come to relax our restrictions. Forcing people to delay necessary healthcare is of itself irresponsible."

Prohibited elective surgeries had included items such as heart valve replacements, angioplasty and tumor removals as well as key preventive care services like colonoscopies.

Councilman John Mirisch, the lone 'no' vote, said he was against amending the urgency ordinance to allow elective surgeries to resume in Beverly Hills because he feared unintended consequences. Beverly Hills currently has the fourth highest COVID-19 infection rate in the county according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

"I would not want to see somebody get sick because they went in and had a boob job or a butt job," Mirisch said. "To suggest we're just going to open it up to everything, that's irresponsible."

Councilwoman Lili Bosse, who like Mirisch said she too did not want people getting sick as a result of choosing to have a surgery, underscored the importance of not postponing health issues.

"I think it's more important not to lose the few things that we think should happen that might have been restricted...than to allow the few things that we think might not be appropriate to actually happen," Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich said.

Postponing elective procedures and routine visits since mid-March has proved helpful in limiting the opportunity for transmission or exposure of the virus, according to Beverly Hills Policy and Management Analyst Cynthia Owens. In recent days the number of new coronavirus cases has continued to slow in California.

Owens highlighted the effective steps the state took to limit the transmission and impact of the virus by implementing shelter in place orders. Experts had expected a surge of COVID-19 patients and sought to preserve resources and capacity of hospitals as the pandemic touched down locally.

"To date, the 'Safer at Home' and 'Stay at Home' orders issued respectively by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and Governor Newsom on March 19, have been instrumental in preventing a surge of COVID-19 patients from overwhelming the state's health care system," a staff report authored by Owens stated. In tandem with the reopening of California's health care system, the California Medical Association is in the process of codifying several steps that will be instrumental to ensuring the ongoing safety of patients and the health care workforce, including new safety protocols.

A UCLA Health spokesperson told the Courier its hospitals and clinics already have in place comprehensive, effective infection prevention practices, in addition to adequate supplies of face masks and other personal protective equipment to safely provide care. Patients, staff and visitors are all screened for fever and symptoms and provided a face mask before entering facilities. In addition, all patients are tested for COVID-19 before being admitted to the hospital and most are tested before coming in for an outpatient procedure.

"While maintaining capacity and readiness if the number of COVID-positive patients significantly increases, UCLA Health is carefully planning the return of essential surgeries and procedures - focusing on those postponed over the past seven weeks because of the pandemic and those that have become time-sensitive for the patient's condition," the spokesperson said.

In anticipation of the meeting, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce voiced its support of the City Council expanding the scope of medically necessary care to match the guidelines put forth by the county and state.

"Medical services are a critical component of our economy. We support expanding the scope of medically necessary procedures as long as they can be conducted under property safety guidelines," Chamber of Commerce CEO Todd Johnson wrote in a letter dated April 27.

The City Council stopped short of defining precisely what constitutes "elective surgery." Currently a doctor is tasked with defining what constitutes an elective surgery.

Prior to the discussion, Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Lawrence M. Koplin, M.D. sent the Council a letter urging them to help define what is considered "elective" relating to medical procedures and surgeries.

"This definition will be seminal in the process and will save everyone grief and confusion in the aftermath," Dr. Koplin wrote. "My malpractice carrier, my surgery center accreditation organization and our professional organizations have all stated that this decision is best made by the medical professionals themselves and that we will have support and malpractice coverage throughout this process. What they do emphasize is full preparation and safety compliance in reopening, including office sterilization, personal protective equipment for both staff and patients, and signage describing this process to the patients as well as consent forms."

Koplin underscored that his office was prepared to reopen as a "haven" of safety.

"The medical and dental community of Beverly Hills is a top-notch and responsible one, and I am certain that other offices will be following similar protocols in preparing to take care of their patients," he stated. •

# BHUSD Home Learning 2.0 and Graduation

#### BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Seven weeks after physically shutting down, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) has wrapped up its fourth week of Home Learning 2.0. The plan, which went into effect April 2, includes an increase in face-to-face time between teachers and students, 240 minutes of work at the middle and high school level each week and 60 minutes for elementary students. Teachers deliver two live sessions each week in the form of direct instruction, review of homework, or a Q&A session. "We transitioned to provide students with all of the standards and skills that they will need to be able to progress onto the next grade and or to the next class," BHUSD Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, Dustin Seemann, told the Courier.

According to Seemann, faculty and students within the BHUSD were in a good position to transition into virtual home learning. The Board of Education had already purchased one-to-one devices for students before the closures and members of the community were trained on how to utilize the technology. "I feel very fortunate that our small bumps and bruises are nowhere near the hurdles that some of the other districts have to clear," Seemann told the Courier.

Once a week, Seemann joins 93 other Assistant Superintendents on a call with the California Department of Education. Following the large conference call, a smaller cohort of administrators gather virtually to share and brainstorm problems and solutions regarding home learning. "It's been great to lean on our colleagues, but they've also leaned on us pretty heavily because we have a really good home learning plan implementation and they're trying to use us as a model," said Seemann. "The Association of California School Administrators had highlighted our home learning plan as one to follow."

Nonetheless, on April 24, Governor Gavin Newsom acknowledged there have been "learning losses" as parents try to teach their kids from home. He announced that California students might return to their classrooms as early as the end of July or August, but there is no official date yet.

On April 29, BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy released a video announcing plans for graduation. "I come here today to share some news with you on how we can help revitalize and reimagine the way that we celebrate success here," Bregy said. "I'm very excited today to be able to share with you that we're able to keep our commitment in honoring, and celebrating student success for our high school seniors and their graduation, our eighth grade middle school students and their graduation and promotions for our fifth graders," said Bregy. For Beverly Hills High School seniors, the two-day celebration begins on June 3 at 7 p.m. Planned events include a virtual senior sunset, a video graduation and Diploma Drive at the high school, during which each senior will accept their diploma. Diploma Drive will be livestreamed for the entire community. Students will be given a timeframe to drive through the parking garage and following health and safety advice, may exit their cars wearing a cap and gown and stand 6 feet away from Principal Mark Mead to have a professional photo taken.

#### (Newsom continued from page 1)

As outlined, the four-phase approach starts now with businesses planning the workflow and focusing on the supply chain, in addition to understanding the physical and environmental factors that will come into play in keeping the virus at bay by instituting protections for workers and customers. As part of this phase, hospitals are expected to continue to build up capacity and supplies of protective equipment.

The second phase, which Newsom said he expected would happen in the coming weeks, will be the reopening of "lower-risk" businesses, including retail stores with curbside pick-up, manufacturing and offices. "Phase two is really the phase that is upon us we believe in the next few weeks and perhaps the most important, we believe, in getting everybody's attention and focus so we can at least prepare for it in real time," he said.

Although Newsom has yet to define precisely what stage two will look like or how the state will roll it out, the reopening of various businesses is expected to come gradually in stages in order to allow the lower risk sectors to adapt and reopen in a way that best aligns to the new normal. In anticipation of reopening schools for the next fall term, Newsom underscored the importance of enacting various safety measures, including effective social distancing protocols.

"We recognize that there's been a learning loss because of this disruption," he said. As a result, Newsom said that officials are now considering starting the new school year as early as late July or early August, as long as there is not a resurgence of COVID-19 cases.

The third phase would be the reopening of "higher risk" businesses, like those centering around personal care, including gyms, spas and nail salons. Movie theaters and religious institutions would also fall in this phase.

Following in the final phase would be the reopening of "highest risk" activities and venues, including conventions, concerts and various larger entertainment venues with crowds.

Newsom had previously detailed six Indicators that the state was using to help determine when to lift restrictions, including the availability of sufficient coronavirus testing. As of April 28, the state had conducted over 578,000 tests and had the ability to test more than 20,000 people a day. Newsom said the state would "shortly" have the capacity to test between 60,000 to 80,000 people a day for COVID-19.

"We believe we are weeks, not months away, from making meaningful modifications," Newsom said. •



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### 93rd Oscars to Include Movies Not Shown in Theaters

#### BY LAURA COLEMAN

The 93rd Oscars, currently set for Feb. 28, 2021, will now include films that debut on a streaming or video-on-demand (VOD) service. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has its headquarters in Beverly Hills, announced on April 28 that it would make a one-time exception due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All movie theaters closed on March 16, with a future reopening date likely still months away. According to Nielsen, the data analytics company, media consumption has significantly increased among home-bound consumers.

"The Academy firmly believes there is no greater way to experience the magic of movies than to see them in a theater. Our commitment to that is unchanged and unwavering. Nonetheless, the historically tragic COVID-19 pandemic necessitates this temporary exception to our awards eligibility rules," Academy President David Rubin and CEO Dawn Hudson stated in a release issued by the Academy.

When theaters reopen in accordance with

federal, state and local specified guidelines and criteria, the exemption will no longer apply.

Before the pandemic, the Academy required that a film be shown in a commercial motion picture theater in Los Angeles County for at least seven consecutive days with at least three daily screenings in order to qualify as a contender. For the 2021 Oscars, films with a previously planned theatrical release that pivoted to release via these other modes due to COVID-19 may qualify in the Best Picture, general entry and specialty categories as long as the film meets all other eligibility requirements.

The Academy will expand the number of qualifying theaters beyond Los Angeles to more easily meet theatrical exhibition requirements once theaters reopen and the exception is no longer in place.

In addition to allowing films that debut in these two non-traditional ways to compete in 2021, the Academy announced that it will combine the Sound Mixing and Sound Editing awards into one category.

# The Scene

### Celebrities Zoom for Good in Beverly Hills

#### BY CAROLE DIXON

In the current world of COVID-quarantine uncertainty, Beverly Hills resident and WME (William Morris Endeavor) partner Richard Weitz fuses the new reality of virtual Zoom (a video conferencing app), parties as entertainment into a global good deed that gives people something to look forward to on a homebound Saturday night.

Weitz is a gala co-chair for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Chrysalis, and president of the Saban Community Clinic, so he has David Foster and Clive Davis on speed dial. But this virtual phenomenon actually started with Weitz's 17-year-old -daughter Demi who caught the philanthropy gene early on, along with a Chicago piano player named Dario.

This "quarantunes" story that has been spreading like wildfire thought the community over the past several weeks. The invite-only events started with Weitz looking for a fun way to celebrate his daughter's birthday during the shelter in place. "My Dad hired his friend Dario [from a piano bar in Chicago] to do a little surprise party for me and my friends on Zoom."

According to Demi, "My friends were not so into it." As it turned out, a group of teens didn't want to hear "Don't Stop Believin'." Weitz said, "Give me an hour and I'll get some friends to jump on. This included Debbie Gibson, followed by John Mayer." "They started talking, sharing stories and playing music," recalled Demi. "John Mayer sang me happy birthday-it was an awesome end."

The Weitz family decided to through another virtual party just for fun, "Dad got Rick Springfield," Demi told the Courier. "The Hollywood Reporter picked it up and it got bigger and bigger. I said 'Dad, we need to raise money for charity. A lot of people need our help and we have this platform we should do something."

Demi immediately went to work putting together a GoFundMe page. "I thought we were going to raise \$10,000, but my Dad said, 'go for \$30,000.' We were at \$33,000 be the end of the three hours. My dad said, 'let's try and go to \$50,000.'" That call raised \$100,000.

According to Demi, "We started going deeper into who needs the help and we wanted to make it more informative." The plight of the Zoom calls shifted, "It was no longer just about what celebrity we could get on the phone, but how can we do good and bring a sense of community," she said.

The Weitz' have also teamed up with United Way, the Wells Fargo Foundation and everyone's favorite MC Billy Harris, on project "Room Key" which helps to take people off the streets and give them a wellness-kit with essentials.

To date, the family has raised close to a million dollars for benefactors such as Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the New York public hospital.

"This has been the most humbling and eye-opening experience ever," Demi told the Courier. "I never want to stop giving back but it's not about me or the celebrities. Everyone is the same when you're on the call."

So far, some of the talent mix on the calls has ranged from Cyndi Lauper, Barry Gibb, Barry Manilow, Boy George, Billy Ray Cyrus, LL Cool J, and Jewel but even with that bevy of talent transcending many genres Weitz is still keen to book Bruce Springsteen, Sting, Madonna, Lionel Ritchie, Phil Collins, and Dolly Parton.

Weitz feels that as long as people are still quarantined, this form of entertainment will be the norm. Weitz has virtual events coming up this June with the Saban Community Clinic.

There have been other living room concerts with celebrity hosts and superstar guests but the Weitz events are not pre-recorded. "It's exclusive to the extent that you need to know me or be involved in helping us to be invited, but everybody from my hairdresser to a valet or waiters that I know from restaurants can be on the call. It's not elitist, it's inclusive," concludes Weitz.

With all these high-profile attendees, getting a slot on the call can be tricky. "When we jumped from 500 to 750, I didn't invite the same people over and over again," said Weitz. "I don't want to max out because when an artist wants to come on and they can't join, I can't have them not be part of it."

"It all blends into work for me but it's been a humbling and amazing experience because I get to talk to the artists, managers and agents whether they are WME clients or not," said Weitz. "It's all for one and one for all. I don't have to represent them but a bunch of people have gotten jobs from this," he adds.

"It's been so phenomenal and it's skyrocketed," said Demi. "I wouldn't change any of it for the world and we love Dario." •



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# Food & Wine

### Recipes from Dana Slatkin of Violet Bistro

#### BY CAROLE DIXON

When chef and "Beverly Hills Farmgirl" Dana Slatkin was opening her Cali-French bistro concept, cooking school and shop, Violet, in Westwood last month, she was not expecting to head straight into delivery and take-out orders only. Her team includes, executive chef Camden Hershberger from Bouchon Bistro Beverly Hills, who helped morph the menu to include fondue boxes, rotisserie chicken, and best-selling bake at home chocolate chip cookies. "This is what we thought the community was craving -happy, comfort food, and I've wanted to open a neighborhood gathering place for 25 years," said Slatkin. Until they can fully reopen, take advantage of Violet's free Zoom cooking classes and these three top recipes which would be great for Mother's Day. SEARED SALMON WITH PROVENÇALE

- VINAIGRETTE (Serves 4)
  - Provençale Vinaigrette
  - 4 garlic cloves, peeled
  - <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup fresh parsley <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup fresh oregano
  - <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon lavender
  - 4 teaspoons tarragon
  - 3 tablespoons cabernet vinegar
  - 2 teaspoons kosher salt
  - $1\frac{1}{4}$  cup olive oil

High-heat oil, such as avocado, sea algae

or organic grapeseed oil

4 (6-ounce) filets salmon

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 1. For the Provençale Vinaigrette: In a food processor or blender, process garlic, herbs, vinegar, and salt until evenly minced. Pour oil, ¼ cup at a time in a steady stream, until fully incorporated. Taste for seasoning and adjust if necessary.

2. Preheat a cast-iron pan over medium-high heat. When hot, add a slick of oil and swirl to coat the pan.

3. Dry the salmon filets well and season with salt and pepper. Place the skin sides of the filets down into the pan, making sure they are fully coated in oil. Allow to cook for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes until they lift easily from the pan and have formed a golden crust. Flip and continue cooking to desired doneness. If filets are thick, continue cooking in a 350F oven for 5 minutes (medium) to 10 minutes (well).

4. Transfer the salmon to serving plates and drizzle with the Vinaigrette.

VIOLET RICE (Serves 4-6) 1 cup Thai purple rice 1 cup brown rice 3 cups water 1 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoon currants, soaked in cognac 1/4 cup confit onions

Sherry vinegar

Chopped chives

1. Cook the rice in a steamer or over the stove until fluffy.

2. Stir in the cognac-soaked currants, cooked onions, salt and vinegar to taste. Garnish with chopped chives.

LEMON SOUFFLE (Makes 8 Souffles) 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, room tem-

perature, plus more for ramekins

 $^{1\!\!/_2}$  cup granulated sugar, divided, plus more for the ramekins

8 large egg yolks 10 large egg whites

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons lemon zest, finely grated 1 cup whole milk

Powdered sugar for dusting

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Butter eight (8-ounce ramekins), then dust with granulated sugar. In a separate bowl, whisk together the yolks, flour, zest and ¼ cup granulated sugar.

2. In a small saucepot, bring milk to a boil. Slowly pour milk into the yolk mixture, whisking constantly to prevent the yolks from

cooking. Return the mixture to the pot, and whisk until thick like a pudding, 1-2 minutes. Strain through a sieve and whisk in the butter and lemon juice.

3. In a bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add remaining <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup granulated sugar; beat until stiff glossy peaks form. Stir in a third of the whipped egg whites into the yolk mixture. Gently fold in the remaining whites using a rubber spatula.

4. Fill each prepared ramekin to the top with the souffle batter, smooth out top with an offset spatula. Run your thumb around the edges to remove the batter from the rims.

5. Bake until souffles rise and are golden brown, about 12-15 minutes, or until the tops are firm when gently touched. Dust tops withpowdered sugar. Serve immediately with Raspberry Sauce. •



Lemon Soufle

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# **Real Estate**

### **Real Estate Practices During COVID-19**

#### BY CAROLE DIXON



Jade Mills

During this challenging time, the real estate market appears to be staying the course in Beverly Hills, but new guidelines and best practices mandated by the Greater Los Angeles Realtors Association and the California Association of Realtors (CAR) are making the process more complex. The Courier spoke to some of the top agents in town to find out how they are navigating the new rules.

Luxury real estate broker Joyce Rey, (who is responsible for over \$4 billion in sales), did an analysis of westside properties over \$5 million recently. "There has been a 38 percent decrease in closed sales during this period than at this same time in 2019," she told the Courier.

In a world where virtual viewings have become an industry standard, when a coveted



Rayni Williams

in-person viewing is booked, no more than one agent and two other individuals can be present in the dwelling at the same time during a showing.

"I was very lucky that I had three deals in escrow before the shelter in place," said top residential broker Linda May of Hilton & Hyland. "Right now, people are doing deals but mostly with clients who saw the houses prior."

As for the lucky few who can enter a home, the seller (or even a building manager) can't be on the property. According to May, "If the house is vacant there isn't the concern with touching surfaces or disturbing personal stuff. We can't meet and take the client around to several different properties anymore so it's very limiting right now."



Joyce Rey

Before entering, the prospective buyers must agree to wash their hands or use sanitizer, don their own protective face mask, disposable rubber gloves and booties, but this has not been easy to enforce at times.

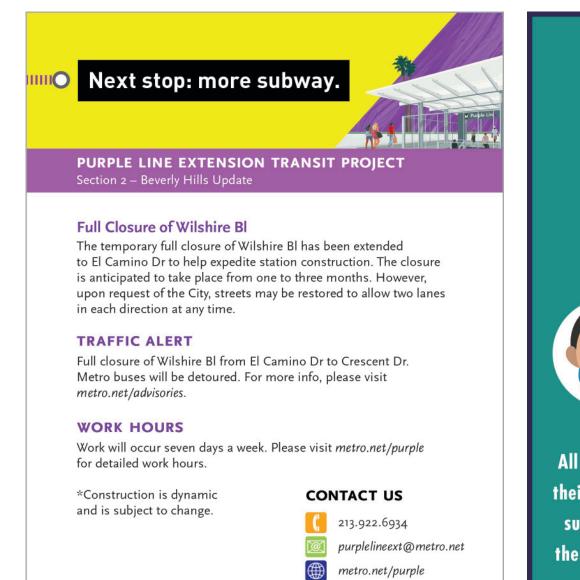
"The challenge is to get people to do what they are supposed to do," said Jade Mills of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage who has sold \$5 billion in the market to date. "One time, I had to turn someone away," said Mills. "It's only fair when you are coming into someone else's home that you follow the rules. We are very sympathetic to our sellers who have strangers in their homes," added Mills. "It is more challenging but I'm still extremely busy and we just put a property in escrow, so things are still selling. We just have to do it differently."



Linda May

As if the paperwork was not already a cumbersome part of any sales transaction, now signed declarations are needed before an in-person viewing can even take place. Anyone entering a property must provide information that to the best of their knowledge, they are not currently exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms and have not been in contact with a person with COVID-19. This rule also applies to the seller.

According to Rey, "Special documentation requires a signature on the part of everyone who is going into a property; so they are aware of the risks. If something should happen, they [buyer or seller] can't blame the broker." (Real Estate continues on page 10)



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page 1) It is scary. It means a lot of illnesses are going untreated because people are afraid to access medical care. But those medical problems haven't gone away. People could be having mini strokes, TIAs, chest pain. Things that are early markers that we need to catch early and do workups early before they brew into much bigger problems. We know that a lot of people sitting at home are ticking time bombs.

Can you give an example of the larger problems that can arise if people wait longer than they should.

People are presenting to urgent care or the ER at a later stage of the disease. They're coming in for medical care with appendicitis that may have been caught early. Intraabdominal problems, gall bladder problems, appendicitis, these are things that can be brewing for a while.

How does the public balance the risk of being exposed to the virus with the risk of a worsening medical condition?

Right now people are afraid to come in because they're afraid they will get sick. I will tell you that every emergency department and urgent care in L.A. that is reputable has done a fantastic job of separating COVID-19 and non-COVID patients. We have very strict protocols for screening every single patient that walks in, so that we can sequester those that need to be separated. You are more likely to get the virus by going to the supermarket than in an ER or urgent care right now.

What advice can you give about symptoms to be concerned about at home?

Everyone should be mindful about chest pain. Any kind of discomfort or pressure in the chest. If you experience it when exerting

(Real Estate continued from page 8)

If anyone who enters the property is later diagnosed with COVID-19, the person must immediately inform the listing agent, who will then make the best efforts to inform everyone who entered the property after the fact.

"We are all respecting the strict COVID-19 rules and observing them," said May. "How we pre-vet is amazing. We need to make sure we are careful and asking all the right questions."

"We're just acting with a lot more precaution but, surprisingly, people are still very interested in seeing properties and we have had closings," said Rayni Williams, co-owner (with husband Branden) of Williams and Williams Estates Group. The Williams are also combating the challenges with technology. "We started a live Instagram video chat on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (@WilliamsandWilliams)

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yourself, such as when climbing a flight of stairs or during home exercise, definitely seek care in a hospital ER. If you have any symptoms of a small mini stroke, such as slurred speech, weakness or one side of the face or facial droop, it could be a silent marker of an evolving stroke. Abdominal pain in the upper right quadrant could be a gall bladder issue. The lower right quadrant could be the appendix. You want these evaluated earlier in the disease process rather than later, before it advances. Of course, if you have COVID-19 symptoms of fever, body aches, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, headache, loss of taste and smell, sore throat, you should go to urgent care to be triaged.

The list of virus symptoms is getting longer it seems.

We're finding a lot of patients coming in with GI symptoms, such as nausea and vomiting. We see this with the flu every year. But, with the flu we have Influenza A and Influenza B. One is respiratory, the other is GI-related. COVID-19 evolves in the same way. A big study is being done looking at lots of people coming into the hospital. We now know that so many symptoms could all be COVID.

There are news reports about COVID-19 possibly causing strokes. What can you tell us?

People come in with the virus and many of them just plummet. They go off the edge real fast. We realize more and more it's not just the lung and pulmonary issues. going on. It is something else. It can also affect the hemoglobin molecule in the blood. The blood isn't able to carry oxygen, like what you see with high altitude sickness. We're seeing blood clots that could cause strokes. They may be related to COVID-19 infection. It appears that COVID-19 is infecting multiple areas of the body.

which is a virtual caravan where we talk about the market, our listings, and answer any questions," she told the Courier.

Listing agents are also advised by C.A.R. to not leave brochures and flyers at the property, but instead utilize the MLS system to highlight the property.

"We have completely pivoted and hit the reset button in a big way," said Mills. We are doing a lot of 3D videos and trying to prequalify every buyer before we bring them in."

Despite the new hurdles, the market is not dropping due to the virus. "The prices have not dipped much because there has been such a retraction of inventory," informs Rey. "People have taken their properties off the market and as a result, the shortage has buoyed prices. We are seeing a five percent decrease in pricing, but not a major dip for the most part."

"We're adjusting and adapting," said Williams. "The key to life is (Police Chief continued from page 1)

"We were in a teleconference with the Chief on the Wednesday before the announcement. It was business as usual. We discussed a variety of topics, such as the protection of the City, helping senior citizens, helping with business openings. She was organized and attentive, as she always was in these meetings. Her departure is a huge loss for the City," Panel member Laurie Ackerman told the Courier.

According to Beverly Hills City Attorney Laurence S. Wiener, Spagnoli will be entitled to her full pension.

Spagnoli joined the BHPD in February of 2016 from the City of San Leandro, where she served as Chief since 2011. Although her retirement is effective May 15, she is currently taking time off and will not return to the department. Assistant Police Chief Marc Coopwood, Spagnoli's second in command, is Acting Police Chief at this time. Coopwood is a 25-year law enforcement veteran and former Sacramento Police Department captain who joined the BHPD a year after Spagnoli's hiring. He will serve as Acting Chief until an Interim Chief is appointed.

Sources close to the department told the Courier that no decision has been made as to who will be Interim Chief. It may be Coopwood. After the Interim Chief is in place, the City will then turn its attention to the search for a new Chief, but it may not be right away. The timetable for the selection process is unknown at this point. But, it will likely involve a national recruitment campaign and interview process over the course of several months.

Spagnoli's Legacy

Spagnoli acquired vocal supporters during her four-year stint as Chief and grabbed headlines for resolving cases such as the Nessah Synagogue vandalism. But, her tenure was also marked by controversy. Some 14

being flexible, rolling with punches and marching on. We have to be advisors for our clients and be ahead of everything. We are doing daily calls and Zoom meetings. I tell my clients we made it through one of the worst recessions [in 2008] and it was one of our best markets. Even if the market dips down – and it will – it will come right back. It's going to get worse before it gets better but if you're smart and act swiftly you will survive."

And, the demand for homes is still strong. "We are all working just as hard as before, but we are being creative and positioning houses differently," said May.

As an example of the "new normal," May was called by another broker about one of her listings in Bel Air. "The broker wanted to do a FaceTime showing for her client but had not been to the house before. We asked if she would mind going through the house virtually with us plaintiffs have filed civil lawsuits accusing Spagnoli of racist, anti-Semitic and homophobic remarks, among other malfeasance. Over the course of the last few years, some plaintiffs have received well-publicized judgments and monetary settlements; others have not. A few cases are awaiting trial. And some individuals who did not file Superior Court civil actions chose instead to file complaints before the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

The net result is a monetary outlay by the City of many millions of dollars in settlements, judgments and defense attorney's fees, according to documents reviewed by the Courier. And, that doesn't include fees for independent consultants brought in on behalf of the department during Spagnoli's stint as Chief. Those fees include \$60,000 paid to the crisis management firm Sitrick and Company between late 2018 and early 2019.

Attorney Bradley C. Gage, who filed a case involving Spagnoli as recently as March 30, described her as "an economic disaster."

Gage has collected more than \$7.5 million dollars for his clients with complaints against Spagnoli alleging discrimination, harassment and retaliation. He believes the City is now at an important crossroads in its selection of the next Chief.

"It's nice that the City got rid of Spagnoli. But, they need to totally clean house. Her henchmen are still there. And if they are allowed to retaliate, then I think you're going to see a lot more litigation. I've already been approached by a lot of people," Gage told the Courier.

Ackerman sees it differently. "She inherited a broken department and put it back together. She reformed a morale problem. There was a great sense of camaraderie, and she brought in some fine people. She was politicized and can hold her head up high."

first. Then, she walked through with her client and it was like she had been to the house already."

While virtual tours are not something new, "They have just become more sophisticated," said Rey. "There is a far greater emphasis on online viewing than ever in the past. The Matterport 3D tour of the house is the most popular now. They show a model of the home called a 'doll-house' where you can actually see through the walls with a special camera. We are trying to use every very trick of the trade to attract people."

In recent cases, "Some of the people who got into deals in February and early March have dropped out entirely or are renegotiating the price," said Rey. As for the future after COVID-19. "I think our market is going to go crazy," said Mills. "We will just boom after this. There is only one Beverly Hills."

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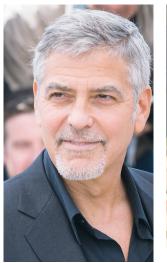
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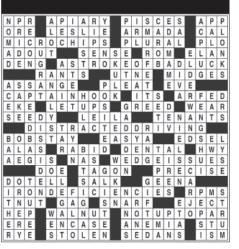
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#### ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2807

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANT EVICTIONS, AND OTHER MEA-SURES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 20-0-2806, AND DECLARING THE UR-GENCY THEREOF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19, ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the City Manager, in his role as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Section 2-4-107 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to ensure the availability of mutual aid and an effective City response to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health have all issued orders including, but not limited to, social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public health emergency and the precautions recommended by health authorities, many tenants in Beverly Hills have experienced or expect soon to experience sudden and unexpected income loss; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has stated that individuals exposed to COVID-19 may be temporarily unable to report to work due to illness caused by COVID-19 or quarantines related to COVID-19, and individuals directly affected by COVID-19 may experience loss of income, health care and medical coverage, and ability to pay for housing and basic needs, thereby placing increased demands on already strained regional and local health and safety resources, including shelters and food banks; and

WHEREAS, further economic impacts are anticipated, leaving tenants vulnerable to eviction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills is redoubling its efforts to maintain hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing. It is absolutely critical that the City does everything possible to slow the pace of community spread and avoid unnecessary strain on our medical system. To aid in these efforts, the City Council is ordering a series of temporary restrictions be placed on certain establishments throughout the City in which large numbers of people tend to gather and remain in close proximity and is requiring the wearing of face coverings.

WHEREAS, during this local emergency, and in the interest of protecting the public health and preventing transmission of COVID-19, it is essential to avoid unnecessary housing displacement, to protect the City's affordable housing stock, and to prevent housed individuals from falling into homelessness; and

WHEREAS, commercial tenants who operate businesses within the City may have to close their businesses in response to emergency orders, which will substantially decrease or eliminate their income, and businesses that are permitted to remain open also are likely to experience a significant loss of income while the emergency orders are in effect; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public peace, health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary for the City Council to exercise its authority to issue these regulations related to the protection of the public peace, health or safety.

<u>Section 1.</u> The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills does adopt the recitals and the following emergency regulations which shall take effect immediately:

1. A temporary moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants substantially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis is imposed as follows:

a. During the period of local emergency declared in response to COVID-19, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a tenant in either of the following situations: (1) for nonpayment of rent if the tenant demonstrates that the tenant is unable to pay rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19, or (2) for a no-fault eviction, unless necessary for the health and safety of tenants, neighbors, or the landlord, other than based on illness of the tenant or any other occupant of the residential rental unit. A landlord who receives notice that a tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the reasons set forth above shall not serve a notice pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1161(2), file or prose-cute an unlawful detainer action based on a 3-day pay or quit notice, or otherwise seek to evict for nonpayment of rent. A landlord receives notice of a tenant's inability to pay rent within the meaning of this Ordinance if the tenant, within seven (7) days after the date that rent is due, notifies the landlord in writing, of lost income or extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19 and inability to pay full rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19, and within thirty (30) days after the date the rent is due, provides written documentation to the landlord to support the claim, using the form provided by the City. A copy of both the seven-day notice and the documentation to support the claim shall also be provided by email (or if email is not feasible by mail along with notification by telephone) to the City's Rent Stabilization office. For purposes of this Ordinance, "in writing" includes email or text communications to a landlord or the landlord's representative if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously, or correspondence by regular mail, if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously and the parties have not agreed to use email or text messaging. Any medical or financial in-formation provided to the landlord shall be held in confidence, and shall be used only for evaluating the tenant's claim.

b. Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve the tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, which the landlord may seek after expiration of the local emergency, and which the tenant must pay in full within one year of the expiration of the local emergency. One year after the end of the emergency, unless if the rent is paid in full, a landlord may charge or collect a late fee for rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance; or a landlord may seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance through the eviction or other appropriate legal process. No fee for the late payment of rent shall be charged by a landlord during the period of the emergency. If a landlord makes an accommodation with respect to rent forbearance from a tenant pursuant to subsection 1.a, and the tenant is in conformance with the tenant's obligations under that subsection, then the landlord shall not make a negative report to a credit bureau so long as the tenant remains in compliance with those obligations.

c. For purposes of this Ordinance, "financial impacts related to COVID-19" include, but are not limited to, lost household income or extraordinary expenses as a result of any of the following: (1) being sick with COVID-19, or caring for a household or family member who is sick with COVID-19; (2) lay-off, loss of hours, or other substantial income reduction resulting from business closure or other economic or employer impacts of COVID-19 including for tenants who are salaried employees or self-employed; (3) compliance with a recommendation from a government health authority to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others during the state of emergency; (4) extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses related to COVID-19; or (5) child care needs arising from school closures related to COVID-19.

d. For purposes of this Ordinance, "no-fault eviction" refers to any eviction for which the notice to terminate tenancy is not based on alleged fault by the tenant, including but not limited to, eviction notices served pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 1161(1), 1161(5), or 1161b, use by landlord or relatives as specified in Beverly Hills Municipal Code Chapters 5 and 6, demolition or condominium conversion, major remodeling, and the Ellis Act, which is called withdrawal of residential rental structure from the rental market in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

e. During this emergency, any notice served by a landlord on a tenant under Section 4-5-513 or Section 4-6-6 L of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code is hereby tolled.

f. This Ordinance applies to nonpayment eviction notices, no-fault eviction notices, and unlawful detainer actions based on such notices, served or filed on or after the date on which a local emergency was proclaimed on March 15, 2020.

g. For purposes of this Ordinance, including residential and commercial tenancies, "substantial" shall be defined as a material decrease of monthly income, the incurring of extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19, or any other circumstance which causes an unusual and significant financial impact on the tenant.

h. Because some tenants may not be aware of this Ordinance's provisions, the Deputy Director of the Rent Stabilization may extend the seven (7) day deadline for notifying the landlord for up to thirty (30) days.

2. If a landlord disagrees with the residential tenant's assertion regarding: (1) whether a substantial financial impact exists; (2) whether the substantial financial impact is related to COVID-19; or (3) the amount of rent that the tenant will pay, then the landlord shall notify the tenant of the disagreement in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the written documentation from the tenant. The residential tenant may file a written appeal to the City, on a form pro-vided by the City, within ten (10) days of re-ceipt of the landlord's written determination and shall provide a copy of the appeal to the landlord. Appeals will be heard by the Standing Committee of the City Council appointed to hear disruptive tenant hearings or other Members of the City Council as des-ignated by the Mayor, to make a final determination of the dispute, until fifteen (15) days after the Rent Stabilization Commission is appointed and sworn into office, in which case the Rent Stabilization Commission shall make a final determination of the dispute. If the Rent Stabilization Commission cannot render a decision by a majority vote, then the Standing Committee or other Members of the City Council, as designated by the Mayor, will make a final determination of the dispute. Final Decisions of the Subcommittee, Council Members designated by the Mayor, or the Rent Stabilization

Commission are subject to judicial review filed pursuant to Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. The hearing procedures shall be established by the City Attorney.

3. A temporary moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by commercial tenants substantially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis is imposed as follows:

a. During the period of local emergency declared in response to COVID-19, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a commercial tenant in either of the following situations: (1) for nonpayment of rent if the commercial tenant demonstrates that the commercial tenant is unable to pay rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19; or (2) for a no-fault eviction unless necessary for the health and safety of tenants, neighbors, or the landlord, other than based on illness of the tenant, the tenant's family or any of tenant's employees. A landlord who receives notice that a commercial tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the reasons set forth above shall not serve a notice or otherwise seek to evict for nonpayment of rent. A land-lord receives notice a commercial tenant's inability to pay rent within the meaning of this Ordinance if the commercial tenant, within seven (7) days after the date that rent is due, notifies the landlord in writing of lost income or extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19 and inability to pay full rent due to substantial financial impacts related to COVID-19, and within thirty (30) days after the date the rent is due, provides written documentation to the landlord to support the claim. For purposes of this Ordinance, in writing" includes email or text communications to a landlord or the landlord's representative if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously, or correspondence by regular mail, if that is the method of written communication that has been used previously and the parties have not agreed to use email or text messaging. Any medical or financial infor-mation provided to the landlord shall be held in confidence, and only used for evaluating the commercial tenant's claim. Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve the commercial tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, which the landlord may seek after expiration of the local emergency, and which the commercial tenant must pay within one year of the ex-piration of the local emergency. One year after the end of the emergency if the rent is unpaid, a landlord may charge or collect a late fee for rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance; or a landlord may seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance through the eviction or other appropriate legal process. No fee for the late payment of rent shall be charged by a landlord during the period of the emergency or after the end of the emergency.

b. For purposes of this Ordinance, "financial impacts related to COVID-19" include, but are not limited to, a tenant who lost substantial business income or has extraordinary expenses as a result of any of the following: (1) being sick with COVID-19, or caring for a household or family member who is sick with COVID-19; (2) income reduction resulting from business closure or other economic or employer impacts of COVID-19; (3) compliance with a recommendation from a government health authority to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others during the state of emergency; (4) extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses related to COVID-19; or (5) child care needs arising from school closures related to COVID-19.

c. This Ordinance shall not apply to any commercial tenant that is a publicly traded entity, an entity that is listed on the Fortune 1000, or any entity that employs more than 500 employees. This exemption shall not apply to a franchisee or similar small business owner who is the responsible tenant on the lease unless such small business owner meets the criteria of this exemption.

d A dispute as to whether the commercial tenant has demonstrated facts sufficient to result in a temporary payment reduction or other legal remedy shall be determined according to civil law. Continue to page 13

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Section 2. In addition to the requirements of the Governor's Executive Order and the requirements of the Los Angeles County Department of Health order, the following regulations related to businesses, located in the City of Beverly Hills are adopted in order to implement recommended practices as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

a. Business located in the City with self-service unwrapped food items such as buffets are prohibited.

b. Enforcement of City codes and regulations may be relaxed as City staff deems appropriate in connection with commercial signs and banners displayed on or adjacent to restaurants, bars or other businesses that are permitted to remain open pursuant to this Ordinance.

c. The City shall provide for additional loading zones near restaurants that are authorized to remain open in order to facilitate the pickup of food.

Section 3. During the period of local emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on March 15, 2020 and affirmed by the City Council on March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the annual rent increases authorized by Sections 4-5-303(c) and 4-6-3 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. This moratorium on rent increases shall be applied to any rent increase scheduled to take effect on or after March 15, 2020. Nothing in this Ordinance shall alter the date of annual rent increases in future years.

Section 4. During the period of local emergency declared by the City Council on March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, there shall be no increase in internet access fees or reduction in service.

#### Section 5.

1. For those establishments offering food pickup options, and other essential businesses, proprietors are directed to establish social distancing practices for those patrons in the cue for pickup and other reasons, as well those allowed in the premises or otherwise working. Such restaurants and essential businesses shall establish health and safety measures for their employees and customers, including but not limited to appropriate gloves and masks.

2. All elective medical and surgical procedures and all elective dental procedures are prohibited. The City will defer to the medical judgment of the medical professionals to determine what are non-elective procedures.

<u>Section 6.</u> Face Coverings. All persons shall wear face coverings that cover their mouth and nose openings such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandannas, neck gaiters, or other fabric face coverings, when they leave their homes or places of residence for essential activities, such as taking a walk through their neighborhood, if that person has potential to come within six feet of another person not a member of their household. All persons, including non-medical essential workers are discouraged from using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons.

Exceptions: These following exceptions will apply to this Section 6: (1) Children under the age of 2 are not re-

quired to wear face coverings. (2) Persons who must remove the face cov-

ering in order to receive medical services. (3) Persons who are directed to remove the face covering by a law enforcement officer.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the terms "essential business," "essential workers," and "essential activity" shall have the same meanings as they do under State law.

<u>Section 7.</u> Business Tax. No penalties or interest shall accrue on outstanding business tax during the period that the City of Beverly Hills has declared an emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director of Finance is authorized in his sole discretion to waive any penalties and/or in-

terest on business tax imposed prior to the March 15, 2020 declaration of emergency, upon a request by a business owner and a demonstration by the business owner of economic hardship due to COVID-19.

Section 8. Hoarding. The City Council urges residents not to hoard essential goods such as hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, canned food, frozen food and other needed supplies. The City Council strongly condemns hoarding. Retail establishments located in the City shall be responsible for limiting the sales of such items, as they see fit to provide greater accessibility to a larger group of customers.

<u>Section 9.</u> <u>Violations.</u> Violations of this Ordinance shall be punishable as set forth in Section 2-4-111 and Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code except violations of Section 6 which shall be solely subject to the administrative citation process set forth in Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. In addition, this Ordinance provides a defense to a tenant, in the event that an unlawful detainer action is commenced in violation of this Ordinance.

<u>Section 10.</u> <u>Remain in Effect.</u> This Ordinance shall remain in effect for the duration of the local emergency.

<u>Section 11.</u> Ordinance No. 20-O-2806 is hereby repealed and replaced by this Ordinance.

<u>Section 12.</u> <u>Uncodified.</u> This Ordinance shall not be codified.

<u>Section 13.</u> <u>Severability.</u> If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 14. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the City Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 15. Effective Date. This Ordinance is adopted as an urgency ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety within the meaning of Government Code Section 36937(b), and therefore shall be passed immediately upon its introduction and shall become effective at 12:01 a.m., April 22, 2020 upon its adoption by a minimum 4/5 vote of the City Council.

Section 16. Duration. This Ordinance shall remain in effect until it is superseded by another Ordinance adopted by the City Council.

<u>Section 17.</u> <u>Certification.</u> The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Adopted: April 21, 2020 Effective: April 22, 2020

LESTER J. FRIEDMAN Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST: HUMA AHMED (SEAL) City Clerk

CARRIED

APPROVED AS TO FORM: LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: GEORGE CHAVEZ City Manager

VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Gold, Bosse, Mirisch, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman NOES: None

d OF LOS ANGELES f CASE NO: 20STCP01046 ORDER TO SHOW Y CAUSE FOR CHANGE - OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA, COUNTY

In the Matter of the petition of: **MARIA LEONE-SEID** To all interested person(s):

Petitioner or Attorney: Barry Fischer BARRY'S LAW APC 280 S. Beverly Dr. #315 Beverly Hills, CA 90212 filed a petition with the Superior Court of

California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 on March 12, 2020 for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Maria Leone-Seid Proposed Name: Maria Leone

The court orders that persons interestall ed 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: May 26, 2020

Time: **10:30am** Dept: **44** Room: **418** 

The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Reason for name change: I'm changing my last name to my maiden

name. 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: *Maria Leone-*

Seid Judge of the Superior Court Judge Edward B. Moreton, Jr., Sherri R. Carter,

Executive Officer/ Clerk, By: V. Ortega, Deputy Clerk Dated: February 26, 2020

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#### *Philip Sternshein* February 17, 1935 - April 15, 2020



Philip Sternshein was born on February 17, 1935 in Bronx, New York, and passed away on April 15, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana due to complications relating to Alzheimer's.

At the age of 7, his family moved from Brooklyn, New York to Hollywood, California. He attended Arlington Height Elementary, Mount Vernon Junior High, and graduated Hollywood High School in 1952. He received his Associate of Arts Degree from Los Angeles City College,

Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from UCLA and his Master of Arts Degree in Education from USC. He began his teaching career at Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra and later taught at Porterville Community College. Due to his vision problems, he had to transition to a new career in 1968.

Moving to Beverly Hills with his family, he started an Insurance agency called

"National General Insurance Service", specializing in property and casualty insurance.

In Beverly Hills, he and his wife, Marilyn, were very involved in their children's schools. Philip was also the President of the *Beverly Hills Little League*, Scout Master of *Beverly Hills Troop 162*, President of the *Beverly Hills Kiwanis*, and actively involved in several other organizations. Several years after his divorce, he attended *West Los Angeles School of Law* in their night school program. He later moved to Indianapolis and become his correct on an externate the

and began his career as an attorney. He specialized in real estate, bankruptcy, and general litigation. Philip lived in Indianapolis for 28 years and was a member of his Synagogue,

*Congregation Shaarey Yeshua*, where he attended bible study and Shabbat service and made many close friends. Philip was predeceased by his parents, Jack and Ida Sternshein, and brother, Julius Sternshein. He is survived by his two sons, Larry (Colleen) and Bob, and five grandchildren, Russell, Jack, Evan, Jennifer, and Melissa. A memorial service will be held

in Indianapolis, Indiana as soon as the restrictions are lifted due to the Covid-19 virus.

Donations can be made to the "Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation" in his honor at: alzinfo.org.

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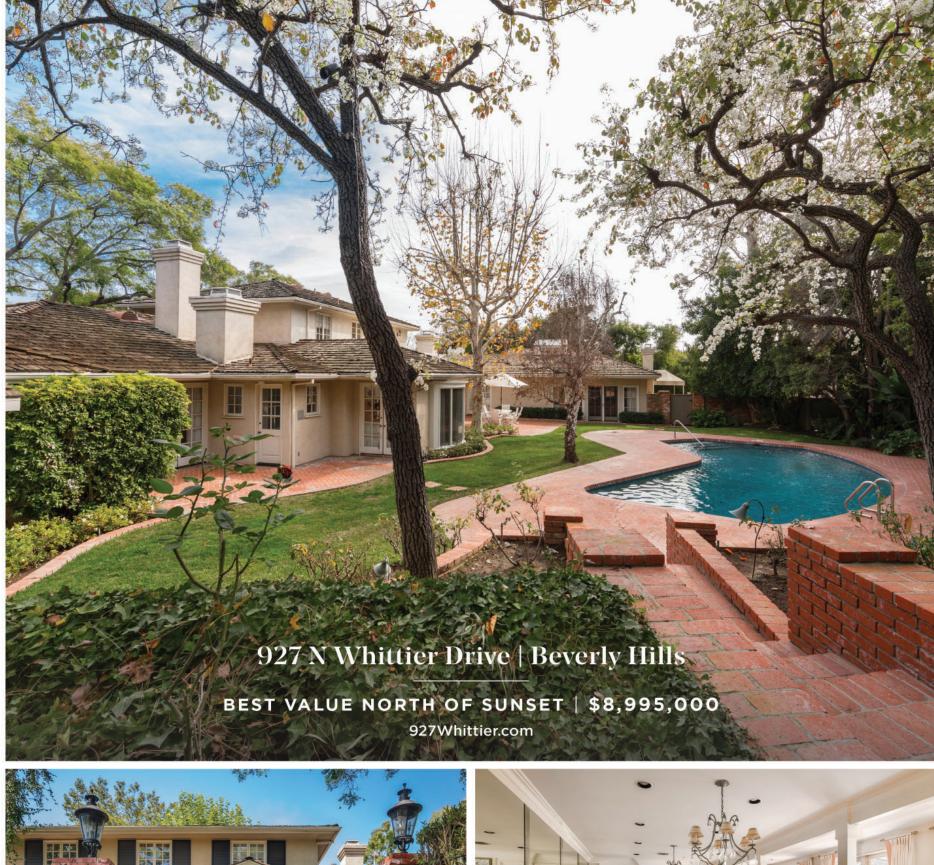
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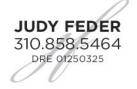














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