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Beverly Hills Readies To Adopt Mixed Use Ordinance

BY LAURA COLEMAN

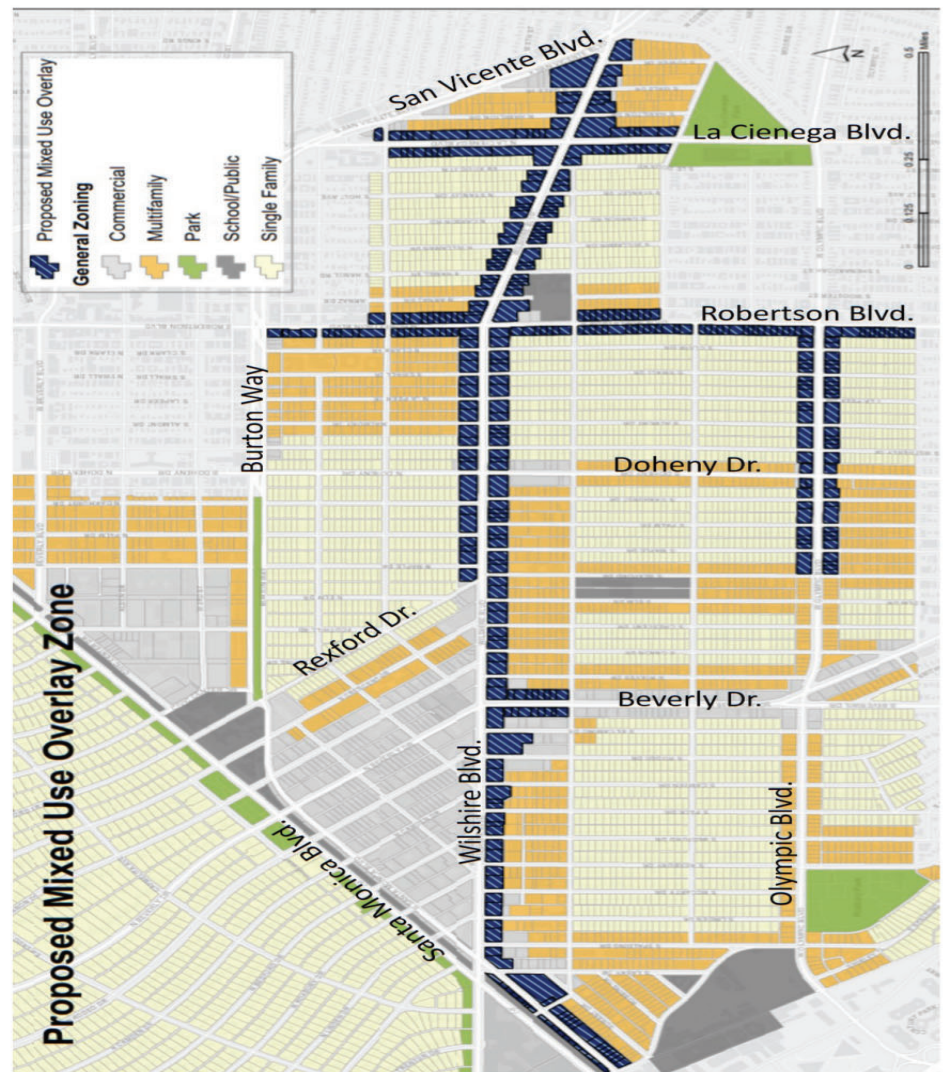
Beverly Hills could soon have its first mixed use ordinance as the Planning Commission moves forward with preparing a draft ordinance to send to City Council. Following the May 28 Planning Commission Study Session where commissioners discussed creating a mixed use overlay zone, the Planning Commission is poised to consider a Mixed Use Draft Ordinance to send to Council on June 19, according to Senior Planner Timothea Tway.

The current draft ordinance is intended to achieve higher density affordable units by expanding options and opportunities for property developers to create housing projects that would make fiscal sense according to Planning Commission Chair Alan Block. Mixed use is most commonly used to refer to a building or development that includes a mix of commercial and residential uses.

“I think it’s something that’s really past due in Beverly Hills,” Chair Block said to begin commissioner comments. “We have very acute housing needs that have to be met and this will help us,” said Vice Chair Peter Ostroff. Commissioner Lori Greene Gordon recused herself from the discussion due to a minority interest in an LLC that would be directly affected by any zoning changes.

The current proposal before the Planning Commission is to create a mixed use overlay zone to allow for one unit for every 550 square feet of property area in order to encourage smaller, more affordable units.

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Beverly Hills Board of Education Examines Reopening Options

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On May 26, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education held a regular board meeting during which reopening plans for fall 2020 were presented by Assistant Superintendent Dustin Seemann. The virtual six-hour meeting was broadcast live, gaining an audience replete with parents and teachers eagerly awaiting what the future holds.

Seemann presented three reopening options for the board. “We set out about two weeks ago with a question in mind,” Seemann said. “We had to disassemble a system overnight. We now have a couple of months to reassemble that system. Are we coming back to something better? What social impact do we need to consider?” Seemann, along with the newly assembled Options Committee comprised of representatives from all grade levels and campuses, have come up with and surveyed different plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

With 3,600 students within the BHUSD, administrators are sensitive to the needs of different families. After meeting with assistant principals, the technology department and athletics, focus groups were conducted among elementary school teachers, then middle and high school teachers followed by maintenance and operations, business, food services and the cabinet to gauge response to each option before finally presenting to the board. “We looked at the following seven topics and this is what a lot of our conversation has been around,” Seemann said. “It is ordered by priority starting with safety, instruction, social emotional support, technology and whether facilities can operate. Then, what are the logistics behind these plans? Last, but not least, how do we communicate, train and plan before the first day of school?”

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Beverly Hills Retail Reopens, Dine-In Restaurants and Salons Still Closed

BY LAURA COLEMAN

Beverly Hills retailers resumed in-store operations this week following an updated Health Order issued by Los Angeles County on May 26. The order allows customers inside boutiques at 50 percent of capacity.

“We are glad that Gov. (Gavin) Newsom is aware of the financial impacts that the COVID-19 crisis has had,” Mayor Lester Friedman told the Courier.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

HEARING DATE: June 19, 2020
TIME: 9:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
LOCATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference, more information is included in this notice.

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at a SPECIAL meeting on **June 19, 2020**, will hold a public hearing beginning at **9:00 AM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider:

An amendment to the General Plan to allow mixed use development in certain commercial areas of the City; and,

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS TO CREATE A MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE AND APPLY THE OVERLAY ZONE TO CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ZONED PARCELS IN THE CITY

The City of Beverly Hills does not have uniform zoning code standards that allow for mixed-use development (i.e. buildings that contain both commercial and residential uses) in the City. In 2018, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to study the creation of standards for mixed-use buildings. The Planning Commission has since developed draft regulations. At its meeting on June 19, 2020, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance to create a mixed use overlay zone and apply the overlay zone to certain commercially zoned parcels in the City. The Planning Commission will also consider an amendment to the Beverly Hills General Plan to reflect the application of the overlay zone and will review a draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration prepared for the project, and is expected to forward to the City Council a recommendation regarding adoption of the Negative Declaration in conjunction with its recommendations regarding the general plan amendment and proposed mixed use ordinance.

OVERLAY ZONE DESCRIPTION:

As currently proposed, the overlay zone would:

- make multi-family housing units included in mixed use buildings an allowed use in the overlay zone,
- allow for a density of up to one residential unit per 550 square feet of site area,
- allow additional height (beyond the current three story/45 foot height limit) for mixed use buildings in certain parts of the overlay zone, depending on the height district of the adjacent residential zoning.
- establish development standards for mixed use buildings to regulate parking, residential unit size, outdoor living space, ground floor uses, height, setbacks, and operational standards, and
- outline the approval process for mixed use buildings proposed in the overlay zone.

Please note that the foregoing standards and processes may change as a result of public input received in conjunction with the public hearing.

PROPOSED OVERLAY ZONE LOCATIONS:

As currently proposed, the overlay zone would be applied to the following **commercially zoned properties:**

- properties fronting Wilshire Boulevard between San Vicente Boulevard and Rexford Drive
- properties fronting Wilshire Boulevard on the southern side of Wilshire Boulevard between Rexford Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard
- properties fronting La Cienega Boulevard between the northern and southern borders of the City
- properties fronting Robertson Boulevard between the northern and southern borders of the City
- properties fronting South Santa Monica Boulevard located between Wilshire Boulevard and Moreno Drive
- properties fronting Olympic Boulevard between Rexford Drive and the eastern border of the City

The Planning Commission may also consider including the 100 blocks of South El Camino Drive and South Rodeo Drive.

Please note that the foregoing locations may change as a result of public input received in conjunction with the public hearing.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The City of Beverly Hills is preparing a Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the proposed overlay zone ordinance (proposed project). The City of Beverly Hills is the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is responsible for the preparation of the IS/ND. The proposed project description and project location are described above. The Draft IS/ND will be available for public review beginning on June 10, 2020 and the comment period will be from June 10, 2020 to July 17, 2020. The document will be available at www.beverlyhills.org/environmental. If a digital copy cannot be obtained by an interested party, please contact the staff listed in this notice and alternate arrangements will be made.

The Planning Commission will consider the contents for the Draft IS/ND at their meeting on June 19, 2020. The preliminary initial study analysis indicates that the proposed project would not result in significant impacts to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Mineral Resources, , and less than significant impacts related to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Transportation/Traffic, Public Services, Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. **Thus it appears that the project would not result in any significant environmental impacts.**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT:

Written comments on the Draft IS/ND must be submitted during the comment period, and should be addressed to:

Timothea Tway, AICP, Senior Planner
 City of Beverly Hills Community Development Department
 455 North Rexford Drive
 Beverly Hills, California 90210
 Email: ttway@beverlyhills.org



Oral and written comments regarding the project in general can be submitted up to and at the June 19, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Beverly Hills Planning Commission and staff may participate in the public hearing via teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can participate by listening to the meeting at (916) 235-1420 or (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093) and/or offer comment through email at commentPC@beverlyhills.org. Public comment can be offered during the meeting by calling (310) 285-1020.

Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. In order to have written material included in the Commissioners' packet, it must be received no later than 8 calendar days before the date of the Hearing. Comments will be read into the record, with a maximum allowance of 3 minutes per individual comment (approximately 350 words), subject to the Commission's discretion. It is recommended that written comments be submitted prior to the posted meeting date/time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, but before the close of the meeting, the comment will still be included as a part of the record of the meeting, but will not be read into the record.

Any interested person may participate in the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the Commission. According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the Commission'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.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Timothea Tway, Senior Planner** in the Planning Division at **(310) 285-1122**, or by email at ttway@beverlyhills.org. The case file, including associated documents are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by contacting the planner listed above.

Sincerely,
 Timothea Tway, AICP
 Senior Planner

  Members of the public may listen to this meeting telephonically at (916) 235-1420 or (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093). Written public comment can be offered electronically prior to and during the meeting by emailing commentPC@beverlyhills.org. Oral public comment can be offered during the meeting by calling 310-285-1020. Live meeting coverage will be available via BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable and webcast list at www.beverlyhills.org/watchlive. If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable modification or accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please contact (310) 285-1126 prior to the meeting for assistance.

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 “We look forward to working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in arranging a safe way to reopen those non-essential businesses that have been affected by the crisis,” Friedman added.

The most recent County order (No. 120295 of the California Health and Safety Code), states that its intent is to “protect the public from the avoidable risk of serious illness and death resulting from the spread of COVID-19.”

The County order, which governs the minimum standard at which businesses in Beverly Hills must practice safety measures including physical distancing, limited access, cleanliness and entry screening, also mandates that people throughout the County practice physical distancing and wear a face covering when in contact with others.

“Our ability to reopen depends on a very high level of cooperation from the public,” L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (who represents Beverly Hills) told the Courier. “If it weren’t for the public’s willingness to practice social distancing, wear face covers and take necessary precautions, we would not be in a position to begin to plan a reopening,” she said.

Local businesses have slowly begun to reopen throughout the City. Nearby shopping malls will also be reopening again. The Beverly Center announced plans to reopen on May 29, with Westfield Century City planning to reopen on May 30.

As Regional Manager for Jaeger Le

Coulter, Cagliata said that his brand was now in the process of determining how many employees would be on site as well as the number of hours that the store will be open.

“We are so happy,” said Cagliata. He added, “My guess is by Monday everyone is going to be ready to open with a big smile under their mask.”

One Beverly Hills mainstay, GEARYS on North Beverly Drive, reopened its doors even sooner, on May 28. According to its CEO and President Tom Blumenthal, the 50 percent occupancy limitation was not expected to be problematic.

“Our main store is 15,000 square feet and we’re allowed to have 250 people in our building. So that means 125 people under this rule. We will monitor it constantly. But we have plenty of room,” he told the Courier.

In addition to taking the temperatures of GEARYS employees, all customers will also have temperatures taken by the store’s security detail.

“We’ve been preparing for this for a couple of weeks,” said Blumenthal, noting that GEARYS had hired extra help to enforce health and safety regulations. “We’re totally ready to go.”

The County order also allows faith-based services to resume at 25 percent of the building’s capacity or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower. Pools, hot tubs and saunas that are in a multi-unit residence or part of a homeowners association are allowed to reopen. Flea markets, swap meets and drive-in movie theaters may also resume operations.

The County’s order came one day after Gov. Newsom announced on Memorial Day that retail stores could resume operations pending County directives. That same day, May 25, the Beverly Hills City Council also sent a letter to the Governor urging him to allow cities to exert local control in reopening non-essential retail and restaurant establishments by June 1. While multiple counties across the state have already resumed dine-in services, including Ventura County, L.A. County has not given its approval to a single one of its 88 incorporated cities.

The Council’s letter was sent three days after it conducted a Special Session, during which dozens of local business owners made impassioned pleas for reopening.

Bruce Meyer, one of the founders of the Rodeo Drive Concours d’Elegance, was the first to advocate that the City Council work to expeditiously reopen the City further. The world-famous car show, a Father’s Day tradition, was slated to mark its 27th year on June 21 before the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I’m about to turn 80 next year,” he said, noting that his age alone placed him among the City’s most vulnerable population. “As a resident, business owner and property owner, I just feel compelled to speak on the restrictions.”

“I’m really here to lobby for all Beverly Hills business, big and small. Especially for the many family-owned businesses, this situation is absolutely dire,” Meyer said. “It’s time to fight for what we want.”

“We do want to write in support of our

businesses,” Councilman Julian Gold, M.D., shared at the virtual meeting after hearing public comment.

During the Special Session, Councilman John Mirisch questioned the appropriateness of sending the letter in support of businesses reopening, given that the City’s Medical Advisory Task Force had not weighed in on the safety concerns involved. He was the only member of the Council not to sign the letter.

“While we appreciate all of your work on behalf of the State’s residents, we believe that further delay of the economic recovery will have lasting and devastating financial consequences to our local economy. As such, we urgently request that nonessential retail and restaurant establishments be allowed to safely reopen on June 1st with limited in-store shopping and indoor/outdoor dining capacity with all necessary health and safety protocols in place as determined by State and L.A. County medical experts,” stated the Council’s May 25 letter to Gov. Newsom. ●



Rodeo Drive Photo Courtesy of the Rodeo Drive Committee



NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCIES

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

TERM BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2021

CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS COMMISSION – One Vacancy
 DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION – One Vacancy
 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION – One Vacancy

TERM BEGINS JULY 1, 2021

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION – Two Vacancies
 CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS COMMISSION – One Vacancy
 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – Two Vacancies
 PLANNING COMMISSION – One Vacancy
 TRAFFIC AND PARKING 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, June 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information on the Commission positions 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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ART IS LIFE - Front Door Celebrations – Share your front door decorations celebrating graduations, birthdays, gratitude, beauty, hope, love and more! Take a picture and share with us so we can pass on the thoughtfulness

Share images on your social media, follow and tag @CommunityLifeBH, #CommunityLifeBH. Or, email creations to beverlyhillsbeautiful@beverlyhills.org.

At the end of our six-week engagement project, we will choose the most inspiring entries from both our **WE CREATE COMMUNITY & ART IS LIFE** projects and provide those two winning entries with a gift certificate to a beloved Beverly Hills restaurant.

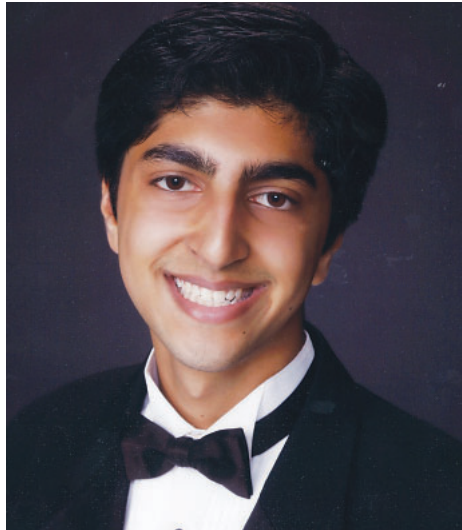


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Beverly Hills High School Student Selected as Presidential Scholar

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Matthew Allana

On May 21, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced the 56th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars recognizing 161 high school seniors, including one from Beverly Hills High School (BHHS), Michael Allana. He is the first student graduating from BHHS in 17 years to receive the honor.

The Presidential Scholars program recognizes students for their academic achievement,

artistic excellence, technical expertise, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community. Nationwide, an estimated 3.6 million students will graduate high school this year. Of them, 5,300 qualified for consideration based on the College Board SAT or the American College Testing Program's AP exam scores. Students may also be eligible through nominations made by Chief State School Officers, other partner recognition organizations or the National Young Arts Foundation's nationwide program.

"It is my privilege to congratulate the Presidential Scholars Class of 2020 on their outstanding academic achievement, community service, and leadership," said DeVos in a statement announcing the winners.

"These exemplary young people have excelled inside the classroom and out. And, while they are facing unprecedented challenges as they graduate from high school into a world that looks much different than it did just a few months ago, their determination, resilience, and commitment to excellence will serve them well as they pursue their next steps."

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was created in 1964 by executive order of

President Lyndon B. Johnson to spotlight academic excellence among the most distinguished students in the country. Seniors are invited to apply based upon their standardized test scores. They must then submit a supplemental essay.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of Presidential appointees in the fields of education, medicine, law, social services, business, and other professions, makes the final selection.

Allana's bona fides are extraordinary. He serves currently as Senior Class President at BHHS and established the student ambassador program as a junior. During his school career as a youth reporter, Allana has covered two presidential debates, the Republican National Convention during the 2016 election cycle, and conducted interviews with a number of elected officials including former Chair of the Democratic National Committee Deborah Wasserman Schultz, former national security advisor John Bolton and Sen. Rick Scott

(FL). He founded The Emperor's New Clothes, a website and network of high school clubs dedicated to increasing awareness of the facts behind major issues. Additionally, Allana has served as a state officer in Distributive Education Clubs of America and sat on the California Career Technical Education Advisory Committee.

"I'm grateful to my parents, teachers, and classmates because I wouldn't have been able to do this without them," Allana told the Courier. "Everyone who I've come into contact with at Beverly has helped me become who I am and helped me progress through high school and ultimately win something as prestigious as the Presidential Scholars."

Typically, scholars are flown to Washington D.C. to be formally recognized by the President, Senators, and members of Congress. Due to COVID-19 health restrictions, the event will be held online this year. Allana will attend Harvard University in the fall, where he plans to major in economics. ●

Mental Health Issues Take Precedence at Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission Meeting

BY LAURA COLEMAN

While the economic ramifications of COVID-19 have yet to be fully realized, health experts are already seeing a significant increase in mental health-related challenges.

The issue of mental health took precedence at a Special Meeting of the Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission on May 18 in tandem with Mental Health Awareness Month.

"It's important to understand that we're also in the middle of an epidemic of fear and a mental health crisis that will likely only get worse," incoming Health and Safety Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PH.D., a licensed psychologist, said during a presentation to the Commission. "It's easy to understand why many people are feeling overwhelmed, fearful and helpless. These feelings are normal and to be expected during this time. Stress is affecting nearly everyone on some level."

Significant social changes have affected how people function in today's world and many of those changes are triggering depression and anxiety.

In projecting out to the future, Courier Columnist Eva Ritvo, M.D. recommends being patient with yourself and others.

"As we transition back out, our signal anxiety will raise as we are unsure where the danger lies. If anxiety is high, it is best to go back slowly. Start with what activities you feel are the safest, then return home so your anxiety can retreat. Living in constant anxiety can take a toll on our nervous system," she told the Courier.

According to the American Psychological Association, signs of anxiety include restlessness and irritability; difficulty concentrating, sleep problems and generally feeling on edge; persistent worry or feeling overwhelmed by emotions; and excessive worry about a number of concerns such as health problems or finances. According to the Association, signs of depression include a lack of interest and pleasure in daily activities; significant weight loss or gain; insomnia or excessive sleeping; lack of energy or an inability to concentrate; feelings of worthlessness or excessive guilt; and recurrent thoughts of death or suicide.

With depression often leading to thoughts of suicide, Felsenthal underscored the importance of incorporating positive coping tools and evidence-based interventions into our lives in order to create resilience. She said that telephone calls to one Los Angeles-based suicide hotline had increased by 8,000 percent since the pandemic began with such calls up by 800 percent across the nation.

"Paying attention to your mental health is crucial and just as important as paying attention to your physical health at this time. And in reality they aren't separate," she said.

Following Felsenthal's presentation, Maple Counseling Center CEO Marcy Kaplan illuminated how the half-century-old local resource for counseling services has shifted in response to the pandemic.

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Residents Urged to “Connect” with New Metro Streetscape Plan

BY ANA FIGUEROA

A new project launched by the City of Beverly Hills will develop a streetscape plan for the Metro stations along Wilshire and La Cienega Boulevards. “Connect Beverly Hills: Meet Me on Wilshire and La Cienega,” or “Connect Beverly Hills” for short, is the latest initiative designed to prepare for the Metro Purple Line Extension. The Purple Line will bring two new subway stations to the City. The Wilshire/La Cienega station is set for a 2023 completion, while the Wilshire/Rodeo station will open in 2025. The goal of Connect Beverly Hills is to make the pedestrian corridors surrounding the stations more inviting through enhanced amenities, including landscaping, lighting, and bus shelters. Residents, business owners, employees and other stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the program by sharing ideas.

Previously scheduled community outreach programs have moved to an online platform, connect.beverlyhills.org. Website features include a virtual walking tour of Wilshire and La Cienega Boulevards and the chance to provide feedback via an interactive questionnaire. This summer, the City will host a weeklong design workshop with the community, with the goal of brainstorming concepts that will make the streets more inviting.

“Connect Beverly Hills is an opportunity to promote the new Metro stations as destinations that are uniquely Beverly Hills,” said Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman. “The plan will improve accessibility and enhance the overall experience for people traveling to our City along these two historically

significant corridors.”

The City’s Community Development Department is taking the lead in the Connect Beverly Hills initiative. The consultant team includes Toole Design, a national leader in rethinking streets and mobility; RCH Studios, the multi-disciplinary design and architecture firm based in Los Angeles with an international portfolio, and Community Arts Resources, co-founder of CicLAvia and a community engagement specialist. For more information, visit the project website, email the City at transportation@beverlyhills.org or phone at 310-285-1128.

In additional Metro-related news, the City Council held a Special Meeting the evening of May 28 on the issue of reestablishing travel lanes on Wilshire Boulevard and Beverly Drive. On March 31, the City approved the closure of Wilshire between Crescent Drive and Beverly Drive to accommodate Wilshire/Rodeo station construction during the COVID-19 pandemic. The closure took effect on April 2, at a time when automobile and pedestrian traffic was severely diminished because of mandated business closures. Since April 2, Metro has made significant progress on its most impactful activities, such as piling and decking. In fact, members of the City Council toured the construction site over Memorial Day Weekend to see that progress for themselves. While original plans called for the closure of Wilshire through June 15, recent business reopening trends call for a reevaluation of that date. ●



Beverly Hills City Councilman John Mirisch (left), Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman (right) touring Metro Purple Line construction site with Mayor of Inglewood and Metro Board Chair James T. Butts, Jr.

Inaugural Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization Commission Meeting June 3

BY LAURA COLEMAN

Beverly Hills is poised to hold its first Rent Stabilization Commission meeting on June 3 at 7 p.m. The new City Commission was established last year to administer the City’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO).

“Our rent stabilization is a critical part of our financial structure,” incoming Commission Chair Lou Milkowski told the Courier. Once sworn in, Milkowski, who represents one of two “at large” members on the six-member advisory body, will help lead the Commission in selecting its Vice Chair. There are also three additional alternate Commissioners, one each to represent landlords, tenants and at large members.

At the upcoming meeting, the new Commissioners will be advised of certain rules governing them as public officials as it pertains to the Brown Act and receive training on the RSO. At subsequent meetings, which are slated to take place the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., the Commission will also be tasked with helping resolve residential landlord-tenant disputes

triggered by the eviction moratorium as codified in the City’s Urgency Ordinance related to COVID-19.

Currently, two appeals related to the Urgency Ordinance’s eviction moratorium are slated to be decided by City Council liaisons Councilman Julian Gold and Councilman John Mirisch. According to Deputy Director of Community Development for Rent Stabilization Helen Morales, those are the first two appeals the City will decide.

“The at large members play, I think, the most significant role,” said Milkowski, who previously served on the City’s Traffic and Parking Commission alongside Councilwoman Lili Bosse and Councilman Gold. At large members cannot be landlords, tenants or property managers.

Following the initial appointment of Milkowski as Chair, which was made earlier this year by the City Council, subsequent Chairs shall rotate between the two at large members.

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Rodeo Drive Launches Historic Podcast

BY CAROLE DIXON

Podcasts on every conceivable topic have grown increasingly popular in recent years. In fact, Nielsen Podcast Insights reports that 50 percent of all homes in the U.S., about 60 million, are podcast fans.

Now, the most famous shopping street in the world is the subject of its own dedicated podcast. The bi-monthly “Rodeo Drive-The Podcast: Untold Stories of Fashion, Art and Entertainment,” debuted May 29. This coincides with the 95th birthday of the “Godfather of Rodeo Drive,” retailer Fred Hayman whose trendsetting Giorgio boutique is the subject of the first episode.

The podcast is presented by the Rodeo Drive Committee with the support of the City of Beverly Hills. Hosted by fashion author and broadcaster Bronwyn Cosgrave, the eight-part series dives into the history and personalities of the street’s famous designers. It also touches upon the future, as retailers reemerge during a period of continued social distancing.

The program will take listeners behind the scenes as it explores how a former bridle path was transformed by pioneering entrepreneurs, hoteliers, designers, architects and visionary retailers to rival

New York’s Fifth Avenue. Guests include Rose Apodaca, Nicolas Bijan, Michael Chow, Robert Hayman, Stephen Jones OBE, Dame Zandra Rhodes, Cameron Silver, and others. Subjects include Howard Greer, Paramount Pictures’ chief costume designer, who is credited for bringing the spirit of Paris couture to Rodeo Drive.

Cosgrave became familiar with the other side of Rodeo Drive when researching her book “Made for Each Other: Fashion and the Academy Awards.”

“I experienced Rodeo for the first time not as a shopper but what went on behind the scenes,” Cosgrave told the Courier. “My experience was with the people that built it and less about walking into a store and acquiring things. It’s about craftsmanship and relationships and this beautiful village that grew into a lifestyle.”

Cosgrave, who also hosts “A Different Tweed” podcast exploring the creative process in fashion, noted, “When one talks about fashion it really triggers the imagination, but these places are about more than shopping. It’s a community and it’s global. We will be hearing from up-and-comers and legends. From 25 to 85-years-old, they all

have compelling stories to tell.”

The podcast is part of the Rodeo Drive Committee’s expanding digital offering and follows the recent launch of Rodeo Drive Recommends, a new online vertical created to connect international visitors, residents, customers and businesses with news and stories about Rodeo Drive.

Current Vice President of Rodeo Drive Committee and past president, Kathy Davoudi-Gohari, has spent three decades in the City, and is Director of Client Engagement West Coast at Valentino. “Obviously, podcasts have become a very strong force. It not only gave us an opportunity to reach out to local people, but also someone across the world who plans to visit us one day. It allows a little window into what they are in for,” Gohari told the Courier.

“Like in fashion there is a constant reinvention – looking back and forward,” said podcast Executive Producer Lyn Winter. “The pandemic has created a moment of global reflection. Whether it will ever be the same, nobody knows. It’s been a moment to reassess and reinvent and that is really what this is about.”

The program will examine luxury today

and how it intersects with fashion, art, design and architecture. “The podcast can connect with people in a way that I believe luxury is today – personal, in your own time and a direct communication,” said Winter.

“There is a lot of positive thinking about where fashion can go and do better and where Rodeo Drive goes next,” said Cosgrave.

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MARK RIOS, FAIA, FASLA



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In this issue, the Courier is pleased to present the second of a four-part series by Mark Rios, FAIA, FASLA and John Lambert Pearson, ASLA. Rios is founder and Creative Director of RCH Studios, a multi-disciplinary design practice based in Los Angeles. Rios launched the firm in 1985 with a singular vision: to imagine, design, and build complete environments. Under his leadership, RCH Studios has gained renown for its groundbreaking, multidisciplinary approach to commissions. John Lambert Pearson is Senior Project Designer at RCH Studios. He

is known for combining his extensive horticultural expertise with an avid interest in the social and cultural factors of design to realize his client's visions. In a recent collaboration on a significant residential landscape project, Rios and Pearson recognized that they had much to share with urban dwellers about how to shape their home gardens. This piece and those that follow will convey their passion for the power of gardens and provide expert tips in transforming home gardens into beautiful and uplifting sanctuaries.

Mind Body and Soil – Improving Your Life Through the Garden

BY MARK RIOS AND JOHN LAMBERT PEARSON

Thank you for your email. I am not working the afternoon of Friday 5/29. I'm busy in my garden. I will respond to your message when I return on Monday. Thank you. In the current pandemic, much is uncertain, and things may feel generally unsettled. We have an inherent desire to control our surroundings and gardens are an easy place to shape and connect with the earth. While we are minimizing our time in public and maximizing our time at home, we started thinking about the many health benefits of the home garden. The home garden can be an amazing asset to your well-being and you don't have to go any further than your backyard to reap the rewards. Studies in environmental psychology show that there is a tangible and measurable link between human access to the natural world and reductions in stress, anxiety, and depression. Scientists have found that exposure to nature increases wellness, productivity, and creativity.

People who spend time in the garden report stronger feelings of meaningfulness

in their lives and are more likely to meet recommended physical activity guidelines. There is a long list of tasks when caring for a garden and they all come with a gratifying feeling of accomplishment when completed: digging, weeding, mulching, pruning, dead-heading, harvesting, sharing.

Several people from our office have utilized this time to propagate vegetable gardens, echoing the great Victory Gardens grown during the food shortages that accompanied World War II. Growing crops at home reduces trips to the grocery store and can make us feel empowered. Consuming vegetables you grow yourself can improve your health by reducing your exposure to fertilizers and pesticides. Vegetables that ripen in the home garden have more nutrients than those bought at the supermarket, which are often picked early for shipping. Increasing your vegetable intake can also have long term health advantages that vitamins and supplements cannot provide.

When you are looking to sow a productive

garden of your own, the best advice is to start by finding the sunniest spot in your garden, ideally receiving six or more hours of direct sunlight a day. Please remember that your vegetable garden does not necessarily have to be in your backyard. We know some incredible homes that have converted their thirsty front lawns into beautiful and productive plots.

We are constantly reminded of Michael Pollan's mantra for healthy eating, "Eat food, not too much, mostly plants." If vegetables are your goal, a raised planter will produce the highest yield and the extra height will reduce any strain from having to bend fully to the ground. Make sure you use good soil and think about what you would like to grow in your garden. We asked our friend Natalie what she had planted in her garden this year and she reported back: broccoli raab, flamboyant French breakfast radishes, Charentais melons, Thumbelina baby ball carrots, Iona petit peas, and Jade green bush beans, all grown from seed she ordered online. It's truly up to you, the world is your oyster mushroom.

Pests may be a problem, so chicken wire should be installed beneath the planter to prevent any unwanted vermin from entering below and mesh netting may be necessary over your plants if you find squirrels or birds are stripping your crops bare. Within a few months you will be able to enjoy the fruits (more likely vegetables) of your labor.

If your kids are tired of being indoors, invite them to help with the garden. Outdoor spaces are vital parts of childhood development. Here they can learn about experimentation, farming, environmental impact, and our connection to the land at an early age. Gardens are places to be adventurous, try new things, get messy, and make mistakes. Here we can teach children that things do not always have to be perfect. Certain plants will flourish and others will flounder, but we can always take delight in trying again next year. Promise

us you will plant something you have never tasted before – gardens are an opportunity to explore the culinary delights the world has to offer through food you've grown in your own backyard.

Your garden can influence the lives of people outside of your family. It can become a medium for generosity if you choose. There is nothing more charming than presenting a friend with an armful of cut flowers, a pie made from fruit you picked, or a glass of freshly squeezed lemonade on a hot summer day. Your yard can also be a gift to your neighborhood. Your garden is your face to your community, your first impression that can impart something on others whether it happens to be beauty, novelty, or an emotional reaction. Whether you like it or not, you are helping create a place and it certainly will be a benevolent and generous one.

Re: your last email

The garden is looking great. I should have a bunch of lemons and tomatoes to share when we can get back into the office. Will trade for carrots, spinach, or snow peas. ●



Fully grown beds of nightshades - mainly peppers and tomatoes, at a completed RCH Studios project in Beverly Hills. Copyright RCH Studios



Our studio colleague Huay Wee tucked a simple yet productive raised vegetable bed into an already established backyard garden. Copyright RCH Studios

Cycling Trend in Beverly Hills Grows Stronger

BY CAROLE DIXON

As we wind up May “bike month” in Beverly Hills, the cycling trend shows no signs of slowing down. Since the pandemic, there has been an increase in bicycling, not just for recreational fun and exercise but also for transportation. It’s economical, eco-friendly and in L.A. traffic, might even be more efficient.

The Beverly Hills Bike Share program was launched in May of 2016 with 50 smart bikes and several stations throughout the City. As part of the Bike Share Connect network with the City of Santa Monica and UCLA, members can ride free for an unlimited amount of 90 minute trips. Additional steps are being taken at this time to sanitize the fleet of bicycles and minimize the spread of COVID-19.

“We continue to develop a framework for programs and projects to make navigating the city easier, more enjoyable and more equitable across all modes: walking, bicycling, riding transit and driving,” Deputy Director of Transportation, Aaron Kunz, told the Courier.

The City is developing a “Beverly Hills Mobility” webpage that will soon provide pedestrian-bicycle education materials and resources to navigate the City using different modes of transportation, added Kunz.

The local business community has embraced the biking trend with enthusiasm.

Local jeweler and cycling connoisseur, Rafi Avedissian owns a collection of bikes. His top pick is a Colnago, known as the “Ferrari of bikes.” Other high-end bikes in his repertoire include an Argon 18 for shorter distances, and a Cannondale with WE wireless shifting by FSA for long distances.

“I bike three to four times a week early in the morning in the hills from Hillcrest, Loma Vista and Carla Ridge,” he told the Courier. On the weekend, Avedissian takes a long-distance jaunt 4.5 hours to Palos Verdes using surface street routes. Along for the ride is local restaurateur Giacomino Drago as well as Claudio Marra from Full Speed Ahead and Vision, who makes premier bike wheels in Milan. Other popular bike trails for enthusiasts include the Santa Monica mountains, PCH, Latigo Canyon and Topanga to Calabasas.

For many cycling enthusiasts, it’s not simply about the ride. The latest gear, from shoes to socks, gloves, helmets and even sunglasses, is also important. Rapha in Santa Monica is a great place to score the latest bike-wear for men and women. Once you look the part, head to Giant on Main Street in Santa Monica for race and gravel mountain bikes. The shop has recently seen an uptick in hybrid or fitness-hybrid bikes which are traditional road bikes, but with an

upright handlebar. Prices range from between \$450 to \$1,000. This increase in demand is due to the popular shift in cycling for commuting since COVID-19.

For something more low-key, Helen’s Cycles in Santa Monica is the perfect place to buy a “cruiser” for the local bike path. There is also an uptick in the folding bike market. “They are apartment, office and elevator friendly for urban riders and no longer viewed as a quirky invention that is rickety or flimsy –just a cool bike that you can go for a ride on,” said Steve Boyd, North America General Manager at Tern Bicycles in Long Beach. Folding bikes in acoustic versions range from \$400 to \$2,500 and electric options will set you back from \$2,000 to \$6,000.

As for the surge in electrical or e-bikes, “Folks are getting older or have injuries but still want to ride or are commuting,” said Boyd. And, while everyone wants to get to work and get in a work-out, no one wants to arrive in a full sweat at the next board meeting.

For commuter safety, it’s hard to believe you are not required by law to wear a helmet, even navigating rush-hour traffic, (unless you are under 18-years-old in California), but Boyd recommends buying a smart tested and certified brand from Giro, Abus, Nutcase, or L.A.-based Thousand.

Boyd tells his customers to break in the bicycle seat for a few weeks before going the upgrade or custom route. “Specialty level bikes – not one that you buy at a retailer like Walmart – come with a good saddle, so big, wide or soft it doesn’t matter, it will take time to break in,” he said. “And you won’t want a bounce tractor seat with a sheepskin cover if you ride a lot as it will end up causing friction and making the ride worse.”

“Recreational cycling with your family is booming right now but high-performance racing is not,” added Boyd. “With the pandemic, retailers are having a hard time supplying modest bikes for tooling around the neighborhood because everyone wants to get out and do it.” ●



Saro Amata, Giacomino Drago, Rafi Avedissian and Claudio Marra



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Feeding the Soul in Beverly Hills

BY CAROLE DIXON



The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills partnered with local restaurants and the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) on May 26, for project Feeding the Soul. The mission of the organization is to provide a hot dinner to those families in need who have been specifically identified in the City as low income.

"I was shocked to learn that over 300 families are living below the poverty level in the

BHUSD," said, Rotarian Frances Bilak, who has lived in the City for close to 25 years.

The second Feeding of the Soul event took place on May 28, at Horace Mann elementary school between 5:30 to 6 p.m. and they have already seen a 20 percent increase in attendance, according to Bilak.

Participating restaurants included The Beverly Hills Market and Deli, The Palm, Xi'an, and The Nosh of Beverly Hills. "They were on board immediately," Bilak told the Courier. "It helps the restaurants too, so it's win-win all around," said Bilak.

She added, "There are other programs within the City that can pay up to \$25 for a meal, but we can only pay \$12 per meal, so we know that the restaurants are subsidizing each meal."

The Rotary Club is testing out the program twice a week for the next month, but they hope to extend the duration and add more nights per week, depending on funding. The initial funding came from longtime Beverly Hills resident, author, and fellow Rotarian, Robbie Anderson.

<https://store.bhrotary.org/>

Beverly Vista Middle School Marks a Shortened Athletic Season

BY CAROLE DIXON

Student athletes at Beverly Vista Middle School (BVMS) are learning what it means to be "good sports." The new (opened in August 2019) school had just wrapped up its winter inaugural basketball season when the COVID-19 closures took place.

"We were all first-year teachers in this scenario," Co-Athletic Director Kelly Park, who has been a P.E. teacher for over 30 years, told the Courier. "We had a full-on fall season that was fabulous." This included girls' volleyball, flag football and

cross-country. The winter season was girls' and boys' basketball, which they were able to compete at the beginning of March.

Park and her staff were in the process of completing try-outs and compiling the final roster for spring sports (boys' and girls' soccer plus track and field) when district schools shut down on March 12. That didn't stop the BVMS athletics department from celebrating with one last hurrah on May 27 with an awards ceremony on Zoom.

"Seeing the kids for the award ceremony was pretty special," said Todd Radonsky co-athletic director for BVMS. "It brought everyone back to the moment when we were at school and all together in one spot."

For Park, the inaugural year at BVMS has been filled with highlights. "To watch them put on a BVMS uniform and have them walk into a gym or on a field representing a middle school that never existed before, it was thrilling for me every time," she recalled. "It was exciting because we were part of building something brand new and we hope to continue to do that."

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BVMS 8th grade girls' basketball team winter 2020

Next stop: more subway.

PURPLE LINE EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT
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Full Closure of Wilshire Bl
The temporary full closure of Wilshire Bl has been extended to El Camino Dr to help expedite station construction. The closure is anticipated to take place from one to three months. However, upon request of the City, streets may be restored to allow two lanes in each direction at any time.

TRAFFIC ALERT
Full closure of Wilshire Bl from El Camino Dr to Crescent Dr. Metro buses will be detoured. For more info, please visit metro.net/advisories.

WORK HOURS
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Currently, over 70 counselors and 15 supervisors are now fully online, providing affordable sliding scale counseling services.

“We didn’t really see referrals coming to us until about two to three weeks ago,” she told the Commission. “We have people in the community interested in starting counseling. I think that may be because things are starting to stabilize a little bit and everyone in their own way is kind of accepting that this is going to continue indefinitely and reading and seeing that it is important to start getting the help that you need.”

Locally, in conjunction with the Beverly Hills Department of Human

Services and through various community partners, the City offers a wide safety net for seniors and those in vulnerable populations. Jewish Family Services continues to work with at-risk seniors as well as providing meal delivery service similar to Beverly Hills Meals on Wheels. In addition, Bet Tzedek provides pro bono legal service for seniors and tenants living in the City who meet certain criteria. The Department of Community Services also offers a particularly robust website (communitylifebh.org) featuring over 100 online resources, which serves as a virtual hub for community service programs, events and services, such as “Yoga at Greystone.” ●

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The Vice Chair, which the Commission is expected to select at Wednesday evening’s meeting, shall rotate between a landlord member and a tenant member. Landlords are defined as residents who own one or more multi-family residential buildings within the City.

“We’re kind of the balancing factor,” Milkowski said of the at large Rent Stabilization Commissioners, who neither rent units within the City of Beverly Hills nor serve as landlords. “We have to present the arguments and advocate what is right, bringing fairness to both sides. We’re kind of the arbiters that will hopefully bring consensus to sides in a reasonable manner.”

At Large Members include Milkowski (Chair), Donna Tryfman and Ryan D. Gurman (alternate). Landlord Members are Rennie Maden, Neal Baseman and Frances E. Miller (alternate). Tenant Members are Kathryn Cavanaugh,

Gwendolyn Owens and Kathy Bronte (alternate).

Milkowski underscored the importance of deftly mitigating landlord-tenant disputes, particularly in this time of extreme economic uncertainty. The City Council this month stated that it plans to amend its Urgency Ordinance to focus on commercial eviction protections in June. However, such changes are not expected to measurably impact the purview of the Rent Stabilization Commission, which is tasked with mitigating residential disputes.

“Obviously you have to balance the tenant’s rights versus the landlord who also has his bill to pay,” Milkowski told the Courier. “We certainly don’t want to let any of our apartments be left to deteriorate.”

The June 3 meeting will be virtual and broadcast on Beverly Hills Television (Spectrum Channel 10) and available at beverlyhills.org/live. ●

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BVMA is not equipped with a gym for volleyball and the football field is too small, so the teams need to travel for every game. One of the potential changes when the athletic program resumes (and that date is still up in the air) will be scheduling some games at Beverly Hills High School.

In a normal year, fall sports will include flag-football, girls’ volleyball and cross country. “If

that season is modified or doesn’t happen then I believe we would look forward to a winter sports season,” said Park. “Whether they would just push it back or start with basketball in the winter? Who knows? We are in uncharted waters on all levels,” she said. Rodonsky added, “I hope we get immunization and then we can move on. I want to continue this at full bore and next spring be back to normal.” ●



BVMS 8th grade boys’ basketball team winter 2020

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The first option laid out was maintaining virtual learning, essentially continuing with the current Home Learning 2.0. This plan utilizes a platform that is UC and NCAA approved, leveraging the expertise of BHUSD teachers content specialists to help deliver curriculum to students in a virtual way, with a natural break at a grading period to be able to resume back to the physical classroom.

The second option is referred to as a blended model, allowing the BHUSD to continue utilizing a platform with Apex Learning, a digital curriculum, and Goalbook Toolkit, which guides teachers working with specialized student populations to vary the levels of instructional support. However, performance-based courses such as art do not lend themselves naturally to a platform-based curriculum. Seemann outlined some variations within option two. “If we are to maintain our core curriculum online through a platform, we could possibly work on a rotating schedule where we’re able to deliver within our classrooms a different performance-based group worth of coursework each day,” she said. “So, Monday could be possibly visual arts and Tuesday possibly physical education, Wednesday performing arts, Thursday STEM Makerspace, engineering, CTE, and Friday science labs.”

For many BHUSD families where parents are unable to stay home with their children, this alternative also provides a specific classroom for each grade level to receive support. Additionally, there is an A.M. and P.M cohort option allowing for half the class to be in school during the morning, while the other half comes during the afternoon. The possibility for block scheduling was also presented, where the middle school and high school would have a split schedule. In this option within the blended model, seven school periods would be stretched over two days in an hour and a half block with a shortened lunch for students to be able to pick up and keep moving. For example, students would go through school periods one through four on a Monday, and then on Thursday periods five through seven

give students an opportunity to take socially distanced extracurriculars to foster social emotional learning. Seemann asked, “So, can we run student council and only half of them would be showing up for those meetings, utilizing the cafeteria and separating students by tables, but at least adding some of this extracurricular back into their schedule?”

The last option under the blended model is an intensive instructional 30 day, where students would take one of their six classes for 30 days at a time throughout the course of the year. “If we are social distancing, our current structure can fit 12 students six feet apart in each of our classrooms across the district. So, if we have 30 students enrolled in a course, we would have to divide by three. We would have to set up a rotating schedule throughout with a clear calendar to be able to ensure everybody knew the days that they would need to be in attendance,” said Seemann.

Lastly, the third option is a return to a “new normal.” This choice would create opportunities for grade level articulation, ensuring that students are passing onto the next grade level and giving teachers the opportunity over the summer to talk about those students moving on to the next grade without any educational gaps. “We don’t want to be faced with what had happened to us in March again moving forward,” Seemann said. “We want to ensure if we do come back to regular school we have an exit plan. That’s where we want to focus primarily on standards and our project-based learning. We want to continue to support the integration of technology. We’ll definitely have to provide a virtual option for those that decide not to attend school. So, that may be increasing our independent learning centers or starting to create a satellite independent learning center at the middle school and elementary school for those families that do not wish to bring back their student at this time.”

As for personal protective equipment and social distancing, the BHUSD will be following the guidelines mandated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. ●



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The City's current density standard is one unit per 900 to 1,700 square feet. Commissioners are also considering mandating an average unit size of 1,500 square feet per project.

Tway underscored that there would be "multiple opportunities" for the public to comment on the draft ordinance as it continues moving forward for City Council review and possible adoption. "This is a long time coming," she told the Courier. "This would allow a developer to more easily propose a development project with housing above commercial."

For years, the City has been talking about the idea of creating standard regulations for mixed use in certain areas of Beverly Hills to further incentivize development. In October 2018 the City Council advocated moving forward with a process to create a mixed use ordinance. At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission established an ad-hoc committee consisting of Chair Block and Vice Chair Peter Ostroff, which subsequently presented preliminary ideas to the Planning Commission in July 2019.

Most recently, a City Council/Planning Commission Liaison was held on May 6, which included Mayor Lester Friedman, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Chair Block, and Vice Chair Ostroff. In addition to voicing general support of the draft ordinance parameters, the liaisons expressed a desire to have the Planning Commission explore allowing additional height for mixed-use projects in certain areas, and the expansion of the potential areas in which mixed use development would be allowed.

"The biggest change is we don't allow mixed use development in commercial zones," Tway

said. "It's a change to how the City would look and feel in certain areas."

Per the Planning Commission report, areas within the City now being considered for a mixed use overlay zone include: properties fronting Wilshire Boulevard between San Vicente Boulevard and Rexford Drive; properties fronting Wilshire Boulevard on the southern side of Wilshire Boulevard between Rexford Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard; properties fronting La Cienega Boulevard between the northern and southern borders of the City; properties fronting Robertson Boulevard between the northern and southern borders of the City; properties fronting South Santa Monica Boulevard located between Wilshire Boulevard and Moreno Drive; properties fronting Olympic Boulevard; properties fronting the 100 block of South Beverly Drive; and potentially the commercial parcels located on the 100 blocks of South El Camino and South Rodeo Drives.

Several existing and in-development mixed use projects have all involved the approval of site-specific zoning, such as overlay zones and specific plans. Such projects include the "Friar's Club project" at 9908 S. Santa Monica approved earlier this year, which will create 25 units above ground floor commercial space; the "Gardenhouse project" at 8600 Wilshire approved in 2007 and now under development to create 26 units over ground floor commercial space; and 9200 Wilshire approved in 2007, which created 54 units over ground floor commercial.

Since adopting the current General Plan in 2010, Ostroff said the City has built a total of 56 new multifamily housing units. He told

the Courier that number speaks volumes as to just how tremendously cost-prohibitive it is to develop multifamily housing in Beverly Hills.

"Many people perceive that we have a regional housing shortage. Whether you want to call it a housing crisis or an affordability crisis, it doesn't make any difference. There's tremendous pressure to create more housing in our community, meaning Southern California," Ostroff said. "We've got a lot of challenges in front of us...and we need community buy-in."

Under California's most recent Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), the entire region will be mandated to add between 1 million to 1.5 million new housing units over an eight-year period commencing in 2021. While the precise number has yet to be determined by the state, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) will ultimately decide how many new housing units each of its member cities will be required to create. Roughly 60 percent of the City's 12,000 housing units are apartments.

"Mixed use doesn't displace anyone," Ostroff said. "It seems to me we should do what we can do to maintain our unique characteristics while at the same time complying with our legal obligations"

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, officials predicted that the City would be legally mandated to add potentially 3,000 new housing units over an eight-year time span, three-quarters of which would need to be some type of affordable housing. The RHNA number dictates that the new housing be a mix of market rate housing, moderate income housing, low income housing and very low income housing. According to

Ostroff, market rate housing for a run-down 50-year-old unit in Beverly Hills would be about \$3,000. By comparison, a very low income bedroom would rent for \$1,100 a month he said.

While the draft ordinance does not provide for an increase in height from current zoning, Block surmised that if a developer were to propose a project with affordable units, the project would most likely be permitted a height bonus under state law.

In 2019, the ad-hoc committee recommended that the height and floor area ratio (FAR) for mixed use buildings be consistent with current C-3 zone

Requirements, which would limit mixed use buildings to a height of 45 feet/three-stories and a 2:1 FAR. Per the recommendation, a developer could request to build affordable units in a mixed use development through the State Density Bonus Program, which would allow the developer to request additional height or floor area in exchange for the provision of affordable housing units in a project if these deviations from the development standards are necessary to construct the affordable units.

"Although there are numerous combinations of incentives or code waivers that may be requested by a developer of affordable housing units, the most likely scenario expected to be proposed would be one additional story of height, 35 percent more residential units, and 35 percent more floor area as compared to base zoning allowances set forth in any mixed use ordinance adopted by the City," the Planning Commission report states. ●



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ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2810

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING SECTION 5-6-1308 (ACCESS TO CITY OWNED PARKING STRUCTURES) OF TITLE 5 (PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SANITATION) OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD TWO PARKING STRUCTURES TO THE LIST OF CITY OWNED AND PARKING AUTHORITY OWNED PARKING STRUCTURES AND TO AMPLIFY PROHIBITED ACTIVITY IN A PARKING STRUCTURE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills hereby amends and restates Section 5-6-1308 (Access to City Owned Parking Structures), found in Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 (Public Health, Welfare, and Sanitation) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, to include two additional parking structures in the list of City owned and parking authority owned parking structures and to amplify prohibited activity in a parking structure. Section 5-6-1308 is amended and restated to read as follows:

5-6-1308: ACCESS TO CITY OWNED AND PARKING AUTHORITY OWNED PARKING STRUCTURES:

"A. No person may be present in a city owned parking structure or parking authority owned parking structure unless he or she is engaged in one of the following activities or accompanying someone who is so engaged:

1. Parking or unparking a vehicle or riding in a vehicle that is being parked or unparked.
2. Departing from or returning to a vehicle that is parked in the parking structure.
3. Using or going to or from a public restroom located in the parking structure.
4. Operating or maintaining the parking structure as an employee or contractor of the city.

All activity, other than the activity listed above, is prohibited in a city owned parking structure or parking authority owned parking structure, including but not limited to, riding any bicycle, skateboard, roller skates, scooters or similar type of device, engaging or participating in any type of game or sport, including but not limited to, baseball, football, or similar activity, or throwing of balls or other objects.

B. All parking in city owned parking structures or parking authority owned parking structures must be in accordance with posted signs regarding time of day and period of time. All overnight parking is prohibited in such parking structures. Vehicles parked in violation of this Code are subject to removal in accordance with the California Vehicle Code.

C. The term "city owned parking structure" and "parking authority owned parking structure" means the following structures, excepting retail or commercial space:

1. Beverly North, located at 345 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills.
2. Beverly South, located at 216 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills.
3. Beverly-Cañon, located at 439 N. Beverly Drive and 438 N. Cañon Drive, Beverly Hills.
4. Brighton, located at 9510 Brighton Way, Beverly Hills.
5. Camden, located at 440 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills.
6. Bedford, located at 461 N. Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills.
7. Rexford, located at 450 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills.

8. Beverly Cañon Gardens, located at 241 N. Cañon Drive, Beverly Hills and 240 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills.

9. La Cienega, located at 321 S. La Cienega Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

10. Crescent North, located at 333 N. Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills and 9361 Dayton Way, Beverly Hills.

11. Crescent South, located at 221 N. Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills.

12. SM-1, located at 485 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills.

13. SM-2, located at 485 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills.

14. SM-3, located at 485 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills.

15. SM-4, located at 485 N. Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills.

16. SM-5, located at 485 N. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills.

17. Third Street, located at 9333 W. 3rd Street, Beverly Hills.

18. Crescent, located at 450 N. Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills."

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. 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 this certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Section 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Adopted: May 19, 2020
Effective: June 19, 2020

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

ATTEST:
HUMA AHMED (SEAL)
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
GEORGE CHAVEZ
City Manager

AYES: Councilmembers Gold, Bosse, Mirisch, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman
NOES: None
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ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2811

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS APPROVING A CHANGE OF DIRECTION TO THE EASTERN HALF OF THE ALLEY LOCATED NORTH OF, AND PARALLEL TO, WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN NORTH DOHENY DRIVE AND NORTH OAKHURST DRIVE

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

Section 1. On January 23, 2020, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing after which it adopted Resolution No. 1907, approving a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Historic Incentive Permit (HIP) to allow the adaptive reuse of an existing 10-story office building into a 154-room hotel, with restaurant and ancillary uses, at 9111 Wilshire Boulevard (Project Site). In its approval, the Planning Commission recommended that the eastern half of the alley directly north of and parallel to the Project Site be re-designated from a one-way westbound only operation to a two-way east-west bound operation. This would allow vehicles to exit the Project Site from the alley to the signalized intersection at North Doheny Drive, thereby limiting traffic onto North Oakhurst Drive and other local streets. Pursuant to BHMC §7-1-2, the change in the direction of an existing one-way street or alley shall require approval by the City Council prior to implementation. On May 5, 2020, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing, received public testimony, and thereafter introduced this Ordinance.

Section 2. This Ordinance was 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 adoption and implementation of the Ordinance represents minor alteration to land and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption and implementation of the Ordinance could have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the City Council finds that the Ordinance is eligible for a Class 4 categorical exemption for minor alterations to land pursuant to Section 15304 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and the Ordinance is exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Section 3. Notice of the hearing for the change of direction for the eastern half of the alley directly north of the Project Site, to be re-designated from a one-way westbound only operation to a two-way east-west bound operation, was mailed on March 10, 2020 to all property owners and occupants within a 1,000-foot radius of the property, plus block-face. The hearing notice was also published in the Beverly Hills Courier on Friday, March 6, 2020 and the Beverly Hills Weekly on Thursday, March 12, 2020. This item was originally scheduled to be heard on the March 31, 2020 City Council meeting, however because of the City's emergency response to COVID-19, all non-essential agenda items were continued or rescheduled. As a result, this item was continued to the May 5, 2020, City Council meeting. On May 5, 2020, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the change of direction to the aforementioned alley. Evidence, both written and oral, was presented at said hearing.

Section 4. The City Council hereby finds and determines as follows regarding the change of direction to the eastern half of the alley directly north of the Project Site:

The subject alley has a total width of 35' consisting of a 20' wide roadway and 15' wide landscape area. Presently, the 20' wide roadway is a two-lane one-way westbound operation that circulates vehicles exiting the Project Site onto North Oakhurst Drive. Re-designating the eastern half of the alley to a two-way east-west traffic flow will allow vehicles to exit the Project Site onto a signalized intersection at North Doheny Drive, thereby limiting traffic onto Oakhurst Drive and other local streets. Moreover, the change to the eastern half of the subject

alley is consistent with General Plan Policy LU 5.6, LU 12.3, and CIR 11.1, which state:

LU 5.6 Alleys. Maintain existing neighborhood alleys as alternate, safe, well maintained access points to homes that also reduce curb cuts, driveways, and associated pedestrian-automobile conflicts.

LU 12.3 Alleys Between Commercial and Residential Uses. Encourage that alleys be attractively designed as a transition between retail and office districts and residential neighborhoods, using features such as quality paving materials, landscaping, low voltage lighting and high-quality maintenance to assure that such alleys are attractive, and kept free of trash and debris.

CIR 11.1 Alleys. By virtue of serving as the primary network for utility locations, trash removal, loading and unloading facilities, alternate emergency access, alleys vastly simplify the function of the streets and permit a higher degree of efficiency and visual quality along the streets. Alleys also provide an additional buffer between parcels so as to further insulate incompatible uses and development.

At 20' wide, the change to the eastern half of the subject alley to a two-way east-west operation is sufficient to accommodate two vehicles traveling past each other at the same time. In addition, the 15' landscape buffer directly north of the roadway will be maintained.

Section 5. The City Council hereby approves the change in direction of traffic flow on the eastern half of the alley between North Oakhurst Drive and North Doheny Drive along the north side of 9111 Wilshire Boulevard to a two-way east-west bound operation. The change in direction shall only be implemented if and when building permits have been issued for the 154-Room Hotel project, with restaurant and ancillary uses, at 9111 Wilshire Boulevard as approved by Planning Commission Resolution No. 1907.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

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Director of Community Development

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

NOTICE INVITING BIDS Construction of WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECTS In LOMA VISTA DRIVE AND SAN YSIDRO DRIVE Within the City of BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

City of Beverly Hills (City), California invites electronic bids for the **WATER MAINS REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN LOMA VISTA DRIVE AND SAN YSIDRO DRIVE** within the City of Beverly Hills, California. The City will receive such bids electronically via PlanetBids up to **2:00 p.m., on Friday, June 5, 2020**. Bid results will be sent to all respective bidders via PlanetBids.

All bidders are required to submit their bids electronically. The electronic bid system will close exactly at the date and time set forth in this Notice Inviting Bids or as changed by addenda. Bidder shall be required to submit their Bid Schedule and Subcontractors List electronically.

Bidders are responsible for submitting and having their bids accepted before the closing time set forth in the Notice Inviting Bids or as changed by addenda.

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

Bids must remain valid and shall not be subject to withdrawal for ninety (90) days after the bid opening date.

PROJECT WORK LOCATIONS

Loma Vista Drive (from Doheny Road past Evelyn Place to City limits) and **San Ysidro Drive** (from Tower Road to Elderidge Drive at City limits).

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements and supplies necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction and completion of the **Water Mains Replacement Project in Loma Vista Drive and San Ysidro Drive** in accordance with Drawing No. 10419, Sheets 1 through 36 and the specifications prepared for this project.

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form may be inspected and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids webpage: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=39493>

References in the project specifications to specific sections of the Standard Specifications refer to the book of "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction", 2018 Edition, written by a Joint Cooperative Committee of the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association and Southern California District of the Associated General Contractors of California. Contractors wishing to obtain this book may purchase copies directly from the publisher, Building News, Inc., 1612 South Clementine Street, Anaheim, California, 92802; (800) 873-6397.

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TIME FOR COMPLETION - The work on this project shall start within **seven (7) calendar** days from the date of receipt of written notice to proceed from the City Engineer and the Contractor agrees to complete the entire work within **365 calendar days** from Notice to Proceed.

BIDDER'S EXAMINATION OF PROJECT SITES AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Each bidder must carefully field examine the project sites, entirety of the Contract Documents and all addenda issued. Upon submission of a bid, it will be assumed that the Bidder has thoroughly investigated the Work and is satisfied as to the conditions to be encountered and the character, quality, and quantities of the Work to be performed and materials to be furnished. Upon bid submission, it shall be further assumed that the Bidder is familiar with and agrees to the requirements of the Contract Documents and all Addenda issued. The submission of a bid shall be considered conclusive evidence that the Bidder has made such an examination and consents thereto. No information derived from an inspection of records or investigation will in any way relieve the Contractor from obligation under the Contract Documents or any addenda issued nor entitle the Contractor to any additional compensation. By submitting a bid, the Contractor agrees to not make any claim against the City based upon ignorance or misunderstanding of any condition of the Work site or of the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents or Addenda.

REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION - Any questions regarding any error, omission, ambiguity or conflict in the Plans and Specifications and general clarifications, should be submitted to the Project Manager through PlanetBids no later than **12:00PM, Friday May 29, 2020**. Requests for clarification received after this date or sent/posed directly to the Project Manager will be disregarded.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE - The preliminary cost of construction of this Work has been prepared and the said estimate is **\$7,730,000.00**

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES - There will be a **One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00)** assessment for each calendar day that work remains incomplete beyond the time stated in the Proposal Form. Refer to the Proposal Form for specific details.

CITY CONTACT - Any questions or requests for information can be directed to the Project Manager, **Derek Nguyen, Ph.D., P.E.**, via PlanetBids.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION NUMBER - The Contractor is required to register with State of California Department of Industrial Relations and meet requirements to bid on public works contracts. A Public Works Contractor Registration No. shall be submitted with the bid.

PREVAILING WAGES - In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 et seq, of the Labor Code, the Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done.

The Contractor will be required to pay to all workers employed on the project sums not less than the sums set forth in the documents entitled "General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter I, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, 1773.1."

A copy of said documents are on file and may be inspected in the office of the City Engineer, located at 345 Foothill Rd., Beverly Hills, California 90210.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 1777.5 and 1777.6 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the Contractor or any subcontractor under him. The Contractor and any subcontractor under him shall comply with the requirements of said sections in the employment of apprentices.

Information relative to apprenticeship standards and administration of the apprenticeship program may be obtained from the Director of Industrial Relations, San Francisco, California, or from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and its branch offices.

PAYROLL RECORDS - The Contractor's attention is directed to Section 1776 of the

Labor Code, relating to accurate payroll records, which imposes responsibility upon the Contractor for the maintenance, certification, and availability for inspection of such records for all persons employed by the Contractor or by the Subcontractors in connection with the project. The Contractor shall agree through the Contract to comply with this section and the remaining provisions of the Labor Code.

AMENDMENTS - Section 7-3.8 "Eliminated Items", of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction is deleted and replaced by the following: "Should any Contract item be deleted in its entirety, no payment will be made to Contractor for that Bid Item."

The following is in addition to the provisions of Section 3-10 Surveying of the Greenbook:

The Contractor is required to locate and tie out survey monuments in the project area prior to construction involving street and highways, and to file with the County Surveyor a Corner Record of any such work. Prior to the issuance of a completion certificate, the Contractor is required to file a Corner Record for survey monumentation that is replaced. All such survey work shall be performed under the supervision of a California licensed Land Surveyor or a Civil Engineer authorized to perform such work.

The Contractor shall provide the City a copy of the office calculations and documents submitted to the County for filing in connection with the aforementioned work.

The payment for surveying, related professional services, office calculation, and furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools and incidentals, and for doing work involved shall be considered as included in the various items of work, and no additional compensation will be allowed therefore.

In Section 7-4.2.1 "Labor", add the following paragraph:

Labor rates shall match rates on certified payroll.

The following will revise Section 7-4.3 "Markup" of the Greenbook:

7-4.3.1 Work by Contractor. An allowance for overhead and profit shall be added to the Contractor's cost and shall constitute the full and complete markup for all overhead and profit on extra work performed by the Contractor. The Contractor shall be compensated for the actual increase in the Contractor's bond premium caused by the extra work. For costs determined under each subsection in 7-4.3.1, the markup shall be:

a) Labor	20%
b) Materials	15%
c) Tools & Equipment Rental	15%
d) Other Items	15%

7-4.3.2 Work by Subcontractor. When any of the extra work is performed by a Subcontractor, the markup established in 7-4.3.1 shall be applied to the Subcontractor's costs as determined under 7-4.3.2. An allowance for the Contractor's overhead and profit shall be added to the sum of the Subcontractor's costs and markup and shall constitute the full and complete markup for all overhead and profit for the Contractor on work by the Subcontractor. For Contractor markup of Subcontractor's costs, the allowance shall be 10% on the first \$2,000 or portion thereof, and 5% on costs in excess of \$2,000.

INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS - The Contractor shall provide insurance in accordance with Section 3-13 of the City of Beverly Hills, Public Works Department, Standard Contractual Requirements, included as part of these Specifications. All Subcontractors listed shall attach copies of the Certificate of Insurance naming the Contractor as the additional insured as part of their insurance policy coverage. In addition, the Contractor shall guarantee all work against defective workmanship and materials furnished by the Contractor for a period of one (1) year from the date the work was completed in accordance with

Section 2-11 of the Standard Contractual Requirements. The Contractor's sureties for the "Performance Bond" shall be liable for any work that the Contractor fails to replace within a specified time.

CONTRACTORS LICENSE - At the time of the Bid Deadline and at all times during performance of the Work, including full completion of all corrective work during the Correction Period, the Contractor must possess a California contractor's license or licenses, current and active, of the classification required for the Work, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3, Section 7000 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code.

In compliance with Public Contract Code Section 3300, the City has determined that the Bidder must possess the following license(s): "**Class A and C-34**" - **Contractor License**

The successful Bidder will not receive a Contract award if the successful Bidder is unlicensed, does not have all of the required licenses, or one or more of the licenses are not current and active. If the City discovers after the Contract's award that the Contractor is unlicensed, does not have all of the required licenses, or one or more of the licenses are not current and active, the City may cancel the award, reject the Bid, declare the Bid Bond as forfeited, keep the Bid Bond's proceeds, and exercise any one or more of the remedies in the Contract Documents.

SUBCONTRACTORS' LICENSES AND LISTING - At the time of the Bid Deadline and at all times during performance of the Work, each listed Subcontractor must possess a current and active California contractor's license appropriate for the portion of the Work listed for such Subcontractor and shall hold all specialty certifications required for such Work. When the Bidder submits its Bid to the City, the Bidder must list each Subcontractor whom the Bidder must disclose under Public Contract Code Section 4104 (Subcontractor Listing Law), and the Bidder must provide all of the Subcontractor information that Section 4104 requires (name, address, and portion of the Work). In addition, the City requires that the Bidder list each Subcontractor's license number and the dollar value of each Subcontractor's labor or services.

SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES - Pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of securities for withheld funds is permitted in accordance therewith.

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID OR ALL THE BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALTY OR IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID, BUT IF THE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED, THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WILL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE.

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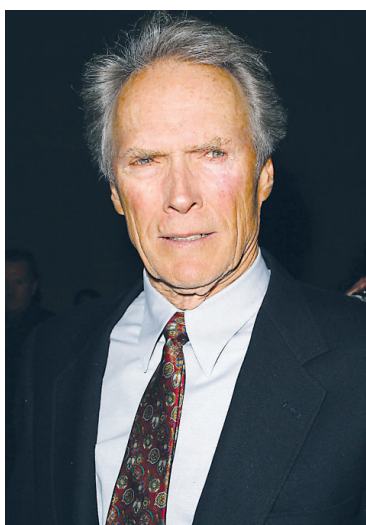
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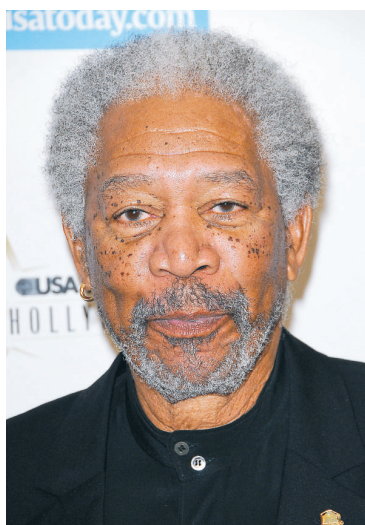
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