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THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

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City Council Agrees to \$4.8M for Additional Security and Police

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills City Council agreed to \$4.8 million for supplemental police and security services in anticipation of the potential civil unrest around the Nov. 3 General Election and beyond. The sum, voted on at its Oct. 13 Regular Meeting, includes overtime for Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) officers, additional support from the Santa Paula Police Department (SPPD), services

by two private armed security firms, and five new “overhires” for the BHPD.

“I think it’s unfortunate that we find ourselves needing to do this, but we are fortunate in the fact that we can afford to do this,” said Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold during the Oct. 13 Study Session. “We have no choice but to do this.”

Interim Chief of Police Dominick Rivetti

presented the proposal to the City Council in the Study Session, explaining that the upcoming Presidential Election had the potential to exacerbate existing civil tensions and unrest. Beginning Oct. 31, the BHPD will go into full tactical alert, with the department split into two alternate 12-hour shifts. (City Council continues on page 3)



BHPD officers monitor a protest in Beverly Gardens Park Photo by Samuel Braslow

Beverly Hills Considers Appeal to Housing Allotment

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The one thing that State and local governments can agree on in California is that the Golden State is in the midst of a dire housing crisis. But in its efforts to address the issue, Sacramento has come under fire by cities for what they describe as an unreasonable expectation of new housing over the next eight years. At the Oct. 13 Beverly Hills City Council Study Session, the Council moved to convene an ad hoc committee to explore an appeal of the number of units allocated to the City in its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) number.

Every eight years, cities and jurisdictions around the State draft a new Housing Element, a part of the General Plan which considers the housing needs of the community and anticipates how that need will change. With the housing cycle slated to start again in 2021, localities across the State are preparing their Housing Elements for

approval by the State.

The core component of the Housing Element is the RHNA, an evaluation of the number of units needed in the next eight years and the land use plans and regulations necessary to accommodate them.

The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) first determines the housing needs in each region of California by examining population data. The agency also considers economic and demographic trends, overcrowding, and overpayment of rents and mortgages. The number that HCD calculates gets passed to a local regional planning agency—the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), in the case of Beverly Hills—that looks at more local data and distributes the total among its jurisdictions.

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COVID-19 Makes Halloween Too Scary for Beverly Hills

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The Beverly Hills City Council approved an urgency ordinance on Oct. 13 that restricts Halloween activities in the City due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The following will be prohibited in Beverly Hills on Oct. 31:

- House-to-house trick-or-treating, or car-to-car trunk-or-treating;
- Spraying shaving cream on others (except within their home or residence or for licensed barbers on their customers); and
- Providing candy or other Halloween treats or toys to any person outside their household.

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Courier Calendar

OCT. 16
WRITERS BLOC: ANDREA BERNSTEIN AND KELLY MCEVERS
5 p.m.

Writers Bloc presents Andrea Bernstein with Kelly McEvers for a free livestream event discussing WNYC reporter Bernstein's new book, "American Oligarchs: The Kushners, the Trumps, and the Marriage of Money and Power." <https://writersblocpresents.com/main/andrea-bernstein/>

OCT. 16
THE BROAD STAGE AT HOME-RED HEN PRESS POETRY HOUR: "GOOD TROUBLE, NECESSARY TROUBLE"
6 p.m.

The Broad Stage and L.A.-based publisher Red Hen Press continues season two of the Red Hen Press Poetry Hour with an online episode, "Good Trouble, Necessary Trouble," in which host Sandra Tsing Loh leads a panel discussing the role of literature in racial justice. <https://thebroadstage.org/athome>

OCT. 16-18, 23-25, 29-31, NOV. 1
LOS ANGELES ZOO: DRIVE-IN MOVIES
6 p.m. Gate Opens; 8 p.m. Movie

The Los Angeles Zoo presents its drive-in movie series for three weekends in October culminating in a Halloween spook-tacular. This drive-in movie experience kicks off Oct. 16 and runs through Nov. 1 with each weekend having a different theme. <https://www.lazoo.org/movie>

OCT. 17, 18
THE BEVERLY HILLS ART SHOW

Join for the Beverly Hills Art Show in a format that is primarily virtual, while extending the dates and times of the live Zoom studio tours, home tours, panels, and interviews with Beverly Hills Art Show artists. Also, the artists participate in live on-site demonstration workshops offered in the gardens of Greystone during the Art Show Weekend. <http://www.beverlyhills.org/artshow>



OCT. 17
INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LOS ANGELES: INCOGNITO 2020 VIRTUAL EVENT

Join the Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles' "Incognito" virtual benefit art sale. Hundreds of artists will contribute 12 x 12 inch original works in any medium of their choosing. All works are sold for \$500 and the artists remain anonymous, their identities only revealed after the purchase. <https://www.theicala.org/en/incognito>

OCT. 17
LOS ANGELES TIMES FOODBOWL: COOK-A-THON BENEFITING WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join for the Cook-a-thon virtual event featuring 30 renowned chefs, celebrities and special guests from Los Angeles and around the world benefiting Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen. The event will be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. <https://lafoodbowl.com/>



OCT. 17
GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE - "THE PRESENT: A GRAND FINALE" - A VIRTUAL MAGIC SHOW
6 p.m.

"The Present" is inspired by Helder Guimarães' own life experience with quarantine during childhood. Using his mind-bending illusions, Guimarães recalls the funny and illuminating lessons he learned when he least expected them. This production is open for one, final live-streaming event, with donation proceeds directly supporting COVID-19 relief for artist and arts professionals. <https://www.geffenplayhouse.org/shows/the-present/>

OCT. 18
AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION: "ONLINE TOUR DE CURE"

Join for the virtual Tour de Cure. Ride, run or walk in your neighborhood or at home, post on social media why you are participating, join the community Facebook page for Tour de Cure participants and supporters to stay connected, and track and share your progress. http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?fr_id=13075&pg=entry

OCT. 18 - NOV. 13
25TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES TIMES FESTIVAL OF BOOKS, STORIES AND IDEAS

Join the Los Angeles Times, in partnership with USC, in celebrating 25 years of the Festival of Books, Stories and Ideas. The annual literary event has been reimagined this year as a communitywide virtual gathering. Beginning on Oct. 18 and continuing for four weeks, the festival will include author panels, readings and other events. Reserve your virtual seat for this free celebration of books. For the programming schedule and details, go to the website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (#bookfest). https://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks/?3_route=/client-embeds/la-times-festival-of-books-2020/1/3/_/&

OCT. 18
UCLA MATTEL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL: "PARTY ON THE PIER" HOME EDITION
11 a.m.

UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital annual celebration of "Party on the Pier" will take place virtually this year. Proceeds from the event provide funding to launch high-priority programs that benefit children being treated at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital and around the world, and help support a wide variety of children's health initiatives, research, and innovative discoveries that are improving the lives of young patients every day. <http://partyonthepier.ucla.edu>

OCT. 19 - NOV. 8
SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE - THE BFF: "THE BINGE FRINGE FESTIVAL OF FREE THEATRE"

Santa Monica Playhouse presents the return of The BFF: "The Binge Fringe Festival of Free Theatre," the annual Santa Monica Theatre Fringe Festival. As the theatre continues to keep their doors closed due to COVID-19, the festival features audience favorites from past years and all shows will be live-streamed, with free access. Visit the website for information and more shows as they are added. <https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/thebff2020.html>

OCT. 20 - 27
WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: "WIESENTHAL"

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts presents a digital engagement of "Wiesenthal," the acclaimed Off-Broadway production based on the life of Simon Wiesenthal written by and starring Tom Dugan. Nominated for both New York's Drama Desk Award, and Outer Critics Circle Award, the one-man show, filled with hope, humanity and humor, tells the true story of Wiesenthal, often called the "Jewish James Bond," a Holocaust survivor who devoted his life to bringing more than 1,100 Nazi war criminals to justice after WWII. <https://www.thewallis.org/Wiesenthal>

OCT. 21
WRITERS BLOC: JESSE WEGMAN WITH CONGRESSMAN JAMIE RASKIN ON THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE
5 p.m.

Writers Bloc presents a free of charge livestream event with Jesse Wegman and Congressman Jamie Raskin on the Electoral College. Jesse Wegman, a member of the "New York Times" Editorial Board, an attorney, and a reporter on the Supreme Court, has undertaken a history of the Electoral College and its impact on many presidential elections. Congressman Raskin sits on the House Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, among others. He is outspoken about the need for electoral reform and fair representation. <https://writersblocpresents.com/main/jesse-wegman/>

OCT. 21
HAMMER MUSEUM - "TRUTH, LIES & PROPAGANDA: HOW DISINFORMATION IS INFECTING THE 2020 ELECTIONS"
5 p.m.

Join Hammer Museum for the online program of "Truth, Lies & Propaganda: How Disinformation is Infecting the 2020 Elections." Loyola Law School professor Jessica Levinson speaks with "The Atlantic's" McKay Coppins, AI For the People founding CEO Mutale Nkonde, and University of Texas at Austin School of Journalism assistant professor Samuel Woolley about how the 2020 election will be impacted by information warfare. <https://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2020/truth-lies-propaganda-how-disinformation-will-infect-2020-elections>

OCT. 21
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: "STAY AT HOME GALA CELEBRATING 40 YEARS" VIRTUAL EVENT
5:30 p.m.

The Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House presents its "Stay at Home 2020 Gala" honoring past, present and future families of the Ronald McDonald House, whose children are facing a critical illness and fighting for their lives as they seek treatment at nearby hospitals during this unprecedented time. <https://rmhsc.org/losangeles/events/view/413>



OCT. 21
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA - LIVESTREAM BENEFIT GALA: "45 MINUTES OF INSPIRATION"
5:45 p.m.

Holocaust Museum LA, the first survivor-founded museum in the U.S., has assembled an array of internationally-known celebrities for its first livestream benefit gala, "45 Minutes of Inspiration." The proceeds will go toward the museum's wide-reaching education programs. "45 Minutes of Inspiration" features appearances by world-renowned actors Jason Alexander, Jack Black, Emmy and Tony Award-winner Billy Crystal, Beanie Feldstein, Academy Award-winner Morgan Freeman, Josh Gad, Gal Gadot, Tiffany Haddish, Richard Lewis, Tony Award-winner Ben Platt, Paul Shaffer, Ben Stiller and Henry Winkler. In addition, Basketball Hall of Famer Ray Allen will also participate as well as former Ambassador (European Union) Stuart E. Eizenstat. The special is hosted by Melissa Rivers. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact Mann Productions at 424-832-7434 or MannProductions.net. <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/post/livestream-special>

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In addition, certain streets will be closed to pedestrian and vehicle traffic (other than to residents who live on these streets) from 6-10 p.m. on Oct. 31:

- Carmelita Avenue at Wilshire Boulevard;
- Walden Drive Southbound at Elevado Avenue;
- Walden Drive at Santa Monica

Boulevard;

- Carmelita Westbound at North Linden Drive; and
- The alley between North Linden Drive and Walden Drive from Santa Monica Boulevard to Elevado Avenue.

There will also be parking restrictions in the northeast portion of the City adjacent to West Hollywood. Violations of this urgency

ordinance shall be subject to the administrative citation process set forth in Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

Mayor Lester Friedman acknowledges that the ordinance is a source of disappointment, especially to the children in the community.

“We want to keep heading down the path

of recovery from COVID-19, we don’t want to take steps back,” Friedman told the Courier.

The City’s Community Services staff is developing virtual Halloween programming to allow for safe and distanced activities. More details will be available at beverlyhills.org and in the Courier. ●

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“That means 12 hours on, 12 hours off, no days off, starting on Halloween, and continuing for as long as we need to continue it,” he said.

Assistant Chief of Police Marc Coopwood explained the proposal for supplemental law enforcement. “We’re proposing to go into a contract with the Santa Paula Police Department, which is going to be two sergeants and 10 officers for 12 hours a day,” he told the Council.

In addition to the boost from SPPD, the City will also hire two armed private security companies under the plan, Nastec International, Inc. and Covered 6. The cost cited in the proposal covers 80 security personnel, 40 from each firm, though Coopwood said he only expects the City to need 60 total. The two firms would provide security around election week and additional security in the Business Triangle through November and December.

Lastly, the proposal calls for hiring five officers to the BHPD. These would be considered overhires, as they exceed the department’s 145 authorized full-time sworn

positions.

“As you know, the challenges facing the City and this department over the last year have greatly increased,” said Chief Rivetti, justifying the overhires. “As we look forward, we don’t see any end to that.”

On top of the additional security provided by the \$4.8 million, Rivetti pointed out other existing and in-the-works measures. Beverly Hills has mutual aid agreements with Santa Monica, Culver City, West Hollywood, UCLA, and the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, which the City has called on multiple times already in the last several months.

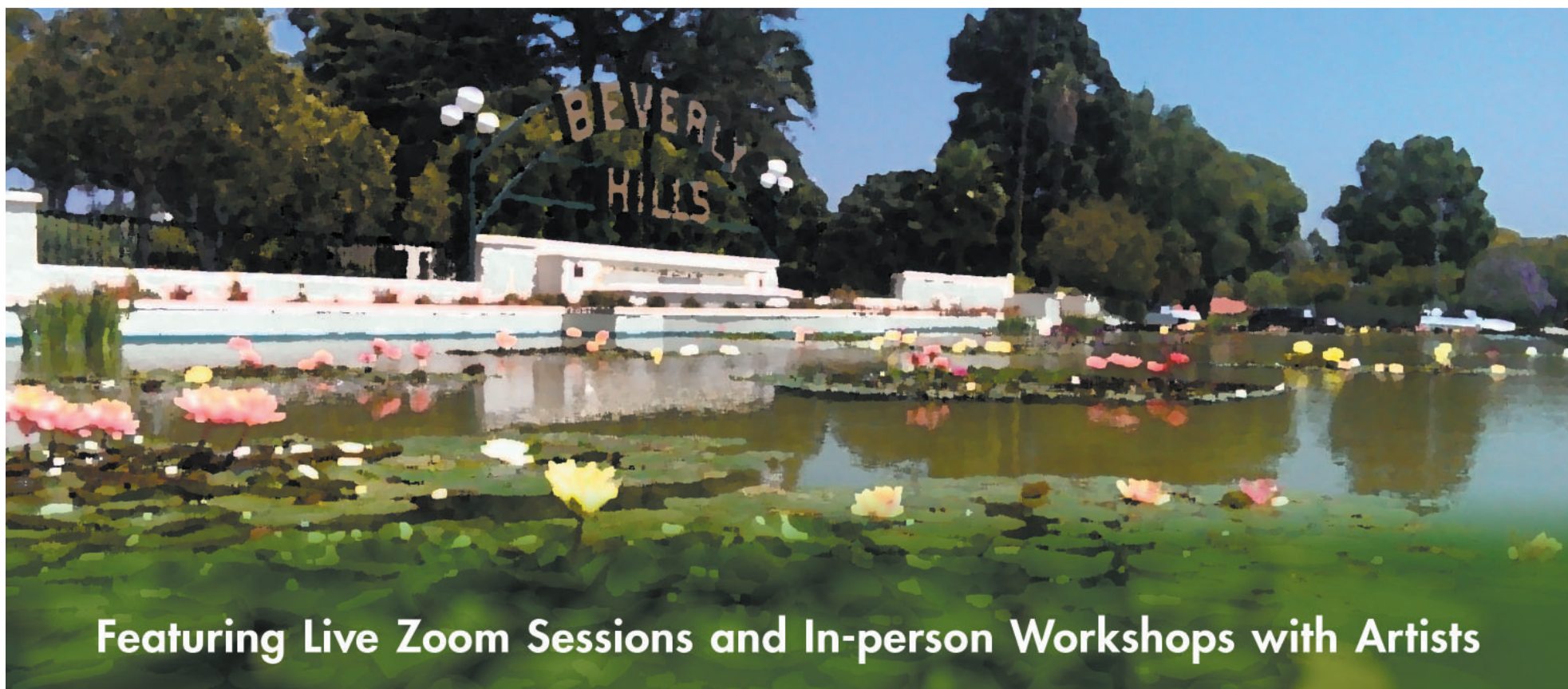
“We’re also working out the arrangements with the LA County District Attorney’s Office for their Bureau of Investigation to come in and assist us,” Rivetti said. “And also with the State Department of Justice, the BNE, or the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement...And then we’re also talking to some of our federal partners to do the same thing, such as the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force.”

“Hopefully it will be a peaceful number of months ahead, but we’re ready,” said Councilmember Lili Bosse. ●



The Beverly Hills Art Show

October 17 & 18, 2020



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Register now for Artist Demo Workshops on-site at Greystone Mansion & Garden at beverlyhills.org/BHRec

For Virtual Sessions, obtain live links at beverlyhills.org/artshow on October 17th and 18th!

Beverly Hills Mixed Use Ordinance Considered by City Council

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills City Council considered the proposed mixed use ordinance at its Regular Meeting of Oct. 13. The ordinance would create a new overlay zone for developments and buildings that include both residential and commercial space. The proposal comes at a time when the City faces pressure by Sacramento to greatly increase its housing stock.

The City first discussed mixed use in 2010, the last time the City's General Plan was updated. In 2018, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to study mixed use zoning, with the plans developing in committee meetings and hearings over roughly the next two years.

Planning Commission Chair Peter Ostroff spoke first in support of the ordinance, addressing the comments he has fielded over the years working on the proposal. "Many of these comments have urged that we do nothing, we change nothing, we just keep everything as it is," he said. "And many

of the others urged that we'd be much more aggressive than we have been by adding more areas, authorizing more height, more density, smaller units and reduce parking requirements. What we did was to strike a balance when we recommended the version that is in front of you and we erred, in my view, on the less aggressive side."

The proposed mixed use overlay zone would fall mainly along major commercial corridors, including Wilshire Boulevard, La Cienega Boulevard, South Santa Monica Boulevard, Robertson Boulevard, Olympic Boulevard, Beverly Drive, South Doheny Drive, and San Vicente Boulevard. The overlay zone would not extend to the Business Triangle.

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Packed Agenda for Beverly Hills City Council on Oct. 13

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



The Beverly Hills City Council presided over two jam-packed sessions on Oct. 13, a Study Session and a Regular Meeting. While the body devoted the majority of its time to marquee topics like the proposed mixed use overlay zone, the Halloween trick or treat ban, and the RHNA numbers, it also heard numerous other matters of importance.

At the Study Session, the City Council recognized the nearly three decades-long career of Beverly Hills Police Department officer Sergeant Sean Smollen, who received a Certificate of Recognition by the Mayor and City Councilmembers. Smollen began his career with the BHPD as a Communications Dispatcher in 1991, but his connection with the City stretches back to 1970. When Smollen was just two years old, his father joined the Beverly Hills Fire Department.

"I can't tell you how many times different residents and parents and students would talk to me about you and how you were just always there for them," said Councilmember Lili Bosse. "Even the smallest things, you would make people feel comfortable and safe, and just really helped make our town feel like a small town."

Over his career in the department, Smollen worked assignments with the Crime Suppression Unit, served as a School Resource Officer, a Field Training Officer, and a Detective. He achieved the rank of Police Sergeant in 2013.

Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold recounted a personal story about an experience with Smollen. "Apart from being a great policeman, you're just a nice guy," Gold said. "I think about that day at the blood drive with my dad, where you just came over and made him feel comfortable."

Later in the day, at the Oct. 13 Regular Meeting, the Council recognized two new members of the Planning Commission and acknowledged two departing Commissioners. Alan Block and Farshid Shooshani have stepped down, with Thomas Hudnut and Dr. Myra Demeter taking their place.

"I have great expectations for you," said Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold about the appointment of Thomas Hudnut.

Commissioner Demeter previously served as a commissioner on the Health and

Safety Commissioner and as the President of the Beverly Hills Board of Education.

Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich honored Shooshani's years of service on both the Planning Commission and the Public Works Commission, investing in the "guts and the future of the City."

The City also announced the winner of the ninth annual Embrace Civility Award, recent Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) graduate Thomas Recupero. The current first-year student at Washington University in St. Louis, Recupero was nominated by his AP English Teacher, Loren Newman.

"Thomas embodies exactly what this award is about," said Human Relations Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld. "He is a wonderful role model of positive behavior, takes a stand supporting respect and responsible actions, and he acts as a positive ally in student to student relations."

During his time at BHHS, Recupero served in multiple leadership positions, including as the 2019-2020 Beverly Hills Unified School District Student Board Member and on the Head Row of the Associated Student Board.

"Thomas did not always advocate for the popular decision, but for the best decision for the students he represented," said Newman in a statement.

"I do not know what the future holds for me, but I do know that I will continue to serve others and the Beverly Hills community in any capacity either as an involved community member or even as a City Council member one day," Recupero told the Council.

The City Council passed the Salary Schedule for City employees, a State-mandated document that reports the salaries of all City positions, from City Arborist, to Crime Analyst.

The Council also approved a resolution to apply for a grant for affordable housing assistance through the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA). The \$101,845 grant would go towards rental assistance for "lower-income households throughout the City who are facing either temporary or permanent job losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated economic recession," according to the Staff Report. ●

BHUSD Unveils “Ready Together” Plan

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On Oct. 13, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) held a regular Board of Education meeting during which Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy discussed the District’s “Ready Together” uniform plan to safely reopen and return to the physical school. The plan was first published on Oct. 4, not as an academic reopening plan but a physical one based on guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Order, the California Department of Public Health Order, and outside expert opinions. L.A. County, which is currently in the purple “widespread” tier, must achieve 14 consecutive days of less than an eight percent positivity rate and less than seven daily new cases per 100 thousand people before moving to the red tier, and allowing for in-person instruction. While all K-12 schools in purple tier counties are prohibited from physically reopening, the L.A. County Department of Public Health updated their Health Order in September, allowing schools to submit an application to offer in-school instruction for small cohorts of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and children who are English Learners (EL) needing assessments and/or specialized in-school services.

After much interest surrounding the school waiver program for in-person instruction offered for students in transitional kindergarten (TK) through second grade, Bregy informed the Board that BHUSD is unlikely to be a recipient. A motion was approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Sept. 29 to begin accepting applications in early October. Public health officials can grant up to 30 waivers per week, with priority given to schools with a large population of low-income students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals. “We are not in a place with our low-income students to be one of the first that is awarded,” Bregy said during the Oct. 13 meeting. “As you can see, with our Hawthorne TK-2 low income data, we’re at about 2.4-2.5 percent, and then also Horace Mann is at about 6.37 percent. And so, there are schools throughout L.A. County that have 80 to 90 percent of low-income learners.” Bregy added, “This is something that is not a sure thing, as they will start to award these waivers to school districts and schools with the highest level of low-income learners.”

While BHUSD is not able to bring back the student body in its entirety yet, the 77-page “Ready Together” reopening plan provides a thorough blueprint for all on how to safely return to—and stay in—the physical classroom. The plan includes workplace policies and practices to protect employee and student health; measures to ensure physical distancing; measures to ensure infection control; communication with employees,

students and families of students and the public; and measures to ensure equitable access to critical services. “The County has actually asked for a copy of our plan so that they could use this as an exemplar for other school districts,” Bregy said during the Oct. 13 Board Meeting. “There’s a lot of detail that’s in this plan that has never been shared before and 80 percent of this is new,” Bregy added. Measures such as signage, tape, furniture removal and plexiglass are in place to ensure physical distancing as students, parents or visitors enter and move throughout all school buildings on every campus. Classroom furniture has been rearranged and set up to ensure 6 feet between students at their desks/tables and between students and teachers. “We’re looking at our workspace, our indoor space and our outdoor space because it’s really going to take the creativity of being able to use the entire footprint of our school district and our site in order to ensure that we have the safest environment,” Bregy said. “It may be outside of what somebody would consider to be typical or traditional, but we’re getting really creative about how we can use our space.”

New signage, decals, and informative illustrations are up throughout campus, reminding students and staff to keep physical distance. Appropriate PPE has been secured and is being stored onsite. Gym class activities will be offered outdoors, and air filtration systems have been refreshed District-wide. A multitude of touch-free hand sanitizing stations have been installed on all school sites and water fountain usage has been removed. Face coverings are required, and staff will be deployed in common areas to reinforce their proper use. Buffet style meals will no longer be offered, and physical barriers will be in place to limit contact between cafeteria staff and students. BHUSD has secured a partnership with an on-site COVID-19 testing provider and all personnel will be offered regular testing. BHUSD will also be equipped to test students immediately on-site for the virus if need be.

All positive cases must be reported to County health officials. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 inside a class, the entire classroom will go home. If there are multiple positive cases in more than one classroom cohort, the school will pivot back to distance learning. If there are three or more positive COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period reported within BHUSD, health officials may categorize it as an outbreak. If 25 percent of schools in the District close within a 14-day period, the District would close. For BHUSD, one school closure would result in a District closure. “We’re going to continue to update this document as things change and evolve as this is happening every day,” Bregy added. ●

Beverly Hills Announces New Inter-Commission Collaborative

BY ANA FIGUEROA

The City of Beverly Hills announced a new Inter-Commission Collaborative Initiative that will bring the Arts & Culture Commission and Human Relations Commission together in developing programs highlighting cultural diversity, inclusion and belonging. Through Community Engagement and the Arts, the two commissions will find relevant ways to showcase global arts and cultural art forms, support local artists, arts and service organizations, and honor community-based individuals and philanthropists who enrich their communities through daily acts of kindness, compassion and tireless service. Members of the Inter-Commission Collaborative Initiative are Human Relations Commissioners Annette Saleh and Karen Popovich Levyn, and Arts & Culture Commissioners Stephanie Vahn and Deborah Frank.

“While Beverly Hills has always been a place welcoming people from all over the world to come to reside, visit and work, it is not enough to just accept people, rather it’s crucial to celebrate and find meaning

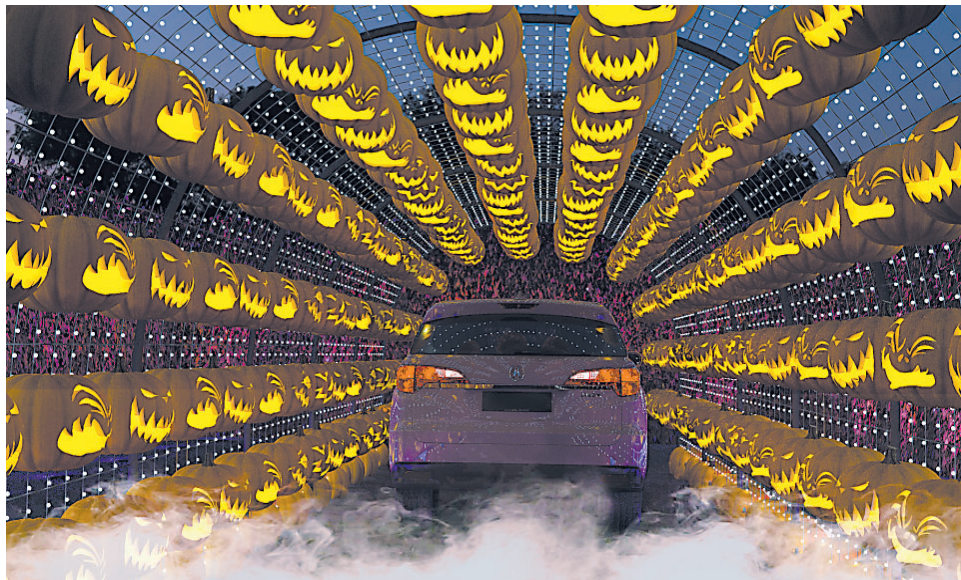
in what makes us different and unique,” said Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services. “The new program will feature the arts, lectures and community engagement as a way to manifest a community of kindness and love, and to stand in opposition of hatred, violence, racial intolerance and injustice.”

Arts & Culture Commissioner Deborah Frank pointed out the groundbreaking nature of the new collaboration.

“This joint venture between our two commissions is groundbreaking and has never been done before. Through our collaborative programs, we hope to cultivate a sense of community amid a cultural awakening. In upcoming art programs, we will showcase artwork from emerging and L.A.-based artists and people of color, hoping to offer inclusion and belonging by drawing attention to social issues and the talent of artists across all cultures. Art is essential in that it can unite us and heal us,” said Frank. (New Initiative continues on page 13)

Halloween Events and Safety: Drive-Thru or Drive-In

BY CAROLE DIXON



Haunt'oween Tunnel

The Beverly Hills City Council approved an emergency ordinance on Oct. 13 banning trick-or-treating on Halloween due to the Coronavirus pandemic. In addition, Los Angeles County public health officials are not recommending gatherings, so you most likely will not be going to a Halloween party this year either. In anticipation of these restrictions, L.A. event producers, city planners and a few architecture buffs got creative and put together some wild rides this year—all viewable from your car.

Normally, the streets of neighboring West Hollywood are lit up with décor and costumed crowds on foot celebrating into the wee hours. This year, The City of West Hollywood Recreational Services Division is hosting its annual youth Halloween event at Plummer Park. “Trunk-or-Treat” has been reimagined as a drive-thru event on Oct. 24 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Yes, there will be trick-or-treating but all from the safety of your car with social distancing. And, cars are taking center stage, decorated in various Halloween themes parked along the perimeter of the parking lot for viewing as participants drive-thru at their registered time.

Kids will be able to see a pumpkin

patch while listening to Halloween music provided by a West Hollywood DJ, and will take home craft activity kits, swag items, prizes and most importantly, the candy, which is limited to commercially packaged non-perishable treats.

To select a time slot and pre-register, visit West Hollywood Recreation online. A dashboard pass will be provided to registered participants during event check-in. In accordance with safety protocols, face coverings are required during this activity along with appropriate physical distancing. All ages are welcome, but patrons must remain in their vehicles during the drive-thru event, which is limited to 50 vehicles at one time.

If you'd like to get a jump-start on setting the spooky tone this year, currently happening now through Halloween night, the Andaz West Hollywood overlooking Sunset Boulevard is showcasing a late-night drive-in with a ghoulish theme. The Friday and Saturday night screenings include “The Hills Have Eyes” (Oct. 23), “Halloween” (Oct. 24), “Suspiria” (Oct. 29), “An American Werewolf in London” (Oct. 30), and a Halloween Night double feature of “Young Frankenstein” and “Braindead.”

Pricing is \$56.25 for each car. The



Joseph Residence Hobbit House Photo by Michael Locke

Andaz will also make your car picnic easy by offering food and beverages for purchase. The “Date Night Bag” is equipped with a half-bottle of house wine or Champagne, charcuterie, insulated cooler bag, two glasses and a Pashmina blanket.

For a scary line-up with a little comedy thrown in, The Hollywood Roosevelt is hosting “Spooky Sundays,” a drive-in theatre experience in the landmark hotel’s valet parking lot, which can also be a little scary in itself. The double features are “Ghostbusters” and “The Exorcist” on Oct. 18, and “The Addams Family” and “Halloween II” on Oct. 25.

Complimentary popcorn is available for every guest along with a full bar and food menu for purchase. General Admission is \$55 per car and \$65 for VIP Front Row, with discounted pricing for double features. Tickets are on sale at Eventbrite.

To keep the comedy theme going, the famous Magic Castle in Hollywood—long deemed haunted by many members—has debuted “Magic Asphalt,” a new COVID-safe stand-up comedy show by the producers of The Comedy Store on Sunset Boulevard. The bi-weekly show can be viewed from your car in the shadow of the castle and has featured

notable comedians like Jay Pharoah, Bill Burr, Michael Rappaport, Iliza Shlesinger and Doug Benson.

Tickets are \$125 and allow up to five people per car with food and drinks available for purchase from the castle kitchen. The next events are taking place Oct. 23-25.

The L.A. Zoo is also getting in on the action by transforming its parking lot into “Halloween Drive-In Movie Nights” starting on Oct. 29, featuring “Clue,” “Goosebumps” (Oct. 30), “The Addams Family” (Oct. 31) and “Poltergeist” (Nov. 1).

The movie events include photo ops, treat bags with candy, and food for purchase via mobile ordering. There will be a pre-show video presentation featuring favorite Zoo animals and trivia challenges. Guests are encouraged to dress in costume and decorate their vehicles. Pricing is \$100 per vehicle for up to two guests, and \$140 per vehicle for three or more guests. Members can save \$15 with a discount code.

For digging deeper into the architectural history of the Southland, a non-profit preservation group that celebrates the diversity of architecturally significant homes, Friends of Residential Treasures: Los Angeles (FORT:LA) has put together a



Pumpkin Patch in Woodland Hills



Egasse-Braasch House Photo by Michael Locke

self-guided driving trail of five witch houses or storybook style homes to celebrate the Halloween weekend.

The self-guided tour is a fun, socially-distanced scavenger hunt of sorts that helps local residents discover a variety of architectural styles and neighborhoods only found in L.A. The trail starts in Culver City and ends in Burbank. Highlights include Humphrey Bogart's old house, a storybook 'castle' where Ben Affleck and Matt Damon wrote "Good Will Hunting", the Hlaffer-Courcier house inspired by Tam O'Shanter restaurant, a row of Hobbit homes in Culver City designed by a Disney artist in 1922, and the Columbia Ranch Dwarf Houses in Burbank.

To add more intrigue, the trail was specifically selected by producer, director and actress Amber Benson, known for her portrayal of Tara Maclay on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Every month FORT:LA chooses a trailblazer to select a theme and create a map of interesting homes designed in a particular architectural style.

For a drive to the outskirts of Pasadena for a magical experience, "Halloween at Descanso" has morphed the famed gardens into a pumpkin-filled extravaganza where guests can safely wind their way through socially-distanced, pumpkin-themed displays in the most popular sections of the gardens. Highlights include a pumpkin house and children's hay maze, a pumpkin arch, scarecrows and pumpkin mandalas.

Children 14 and under are invited to wear their costumes with masks as they explore. The Kitchen at Descanso will also be serving warm, fall-inspired drinks and soups, along with seasonal favorites such as caramel corn and churros. On Halloween night, extended hours will be reserved for Descanso members at the Family Plus level and above. Advance ticketing is required for non-members and can be purchased at the Descanso website. Admission is free for members.

The family-friendly "Nights of the Jack" is a drive-thru Halloween experience with thousands of hand-carved and illuminated Jack O' Lanterns. Located at King Gillette Ranch on Mulholland Highway in Calabasas, the one-mile driving trail features larger than life pumpkin installations as well as detailed artist depictions of movie stars, sports heroes and animated characters. Pricing is \$69 per vehicle (up to 7 people) with a \$20 large vehicle add-on for 8-12 people.

As long as you are in the west valley, you can drive by the HAUNTOWEEN LA which is an immersive, interactive, and safe drive-through experience, open daily until Oct. 31, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 6100 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills.

This one-of-a-kind event comes to families from Experiential Supply, an award-winning company to which the Hollywood movie industry turns for large-scale, immersive experiences.



Columbia Ranch Dwarf House Photo by Michael Locke

Keeping the traditions and excitement of Halloween alive in a safe format is the priority at HAUNTOWEEN LA. If car windows are down, masks must be on. This is a kid-friendly, non-scary community adventure with door-to-door trick-or-treating, installations, scenic paths, vehicle video ops, lots of candy and a sanitized pumpkin to take home. And, don't skip the Jack-O-Lantern

tunnel with over 1,000 pumpkins.

"Our kids are facing so many challenges right now, and we didn't want the pandemic to ruin Halloween," said Experiential Supply Founder & Chief Experience Officer Jasen Smith. "We decided to create something relevant and exciting that could bring the whole L.A. community together," he said. ●



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**, will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS TO INCREASE SOLID WASTE RATES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER THROUGH JULY 1, 2025

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the rate adjustments. Any property owner or property tenant who is directly responsible for the payment of the solid waste charges may submit a written protest against the proposed rate adjustments in accordance with the instructions that were mailed to such owner or tenant. Oral comments at the public hearing will not be counted in the determination of a majority protest.

Any interested person may attend the virtual meeting and be heard. Please remember, if you challenge the Council's action in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-29-20, and given the health risks associated with COVID-19, the Public Hearing may be conducted via a teleconference/virtual meeting, without a physical location from which members of the public may attend. Please check the October 27, 2020 meeting agenda for further information, including how to submit public comment. The agenda will be available on the City's website at www.beverlyhills.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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The City Council will consider the Proposed Rate Adjustments at the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Please visit www.beverlyhills.org/solidwasterates for additional information including meeting details.

BHUSD Candidates Make Their Case

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

In the upcoming Nov. 3 general election, Beverly Hills residents will vote into office three new board members to the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education. The Board of Education consists of five members whose terms are staggered so that half of the members are elected in each odd-numbered year. Candidates are elected to serve four-year terms.

Of the seven candidates running this year, Noah Margo is the sole incumbent, seeking his third term on the Board. In addition to Margo, the slate of candidates consists of actuary Frank Chechel; educator/safety advocate Benjamin Liker; retired educator Robin Rowe; school psychologist Dr. Amanda Stern; attorney Donna Tryfman and construction manager Mary Wells.

The Courier asked the seven candidates vying for one of three open seats to describe how each would address some of the biggest challenges the District faces. Their answers were limited to 150 words. Here is what they had to say:



Frank Chechel

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the District? What do you suggest as a solution?

The District is facing a number of complex and challenging issues, including reconfiguration, massive construction projects and the pandemic, all while trying to deliver high quality education. As such, I believe the #1 issue is ensuring we have experienced, dynamic leaders with the right skill sets to provide appropriate guidance and oversight across these diverse issues.

With Mel Spitz's departure, my deep business, financial and risk management skills will be critical to managing the District's \$80 million budget and for making optimal decisions for our students, parents, teachers and community members. Even more importantly, I have the temperament for the job. This has been earned through hard won experience, leading multi-million-dollar business negotiations and transformative multi-year project initiatives. The bottom line—I know what it takes to keep my cool

and bring diverse teams together to get a complex job done.

The management of District funds and decreased enrollment are issues that have plagued the Board in recent years. Tell our readers why you think you are qualified to take on these issues?

As an actuary, I have 20-plus years of experience in managing multi-million-dollar budgets, ensuring that funds are invested efficiently to deliver organizational success. So, managing District funds would be second nature to me. In addition, my business negotiation, project management, technology purchasing, and risk management skills can all be leveraged to help us avoid waste and spend our dollars appropriately.

Regarding declining enrollment, much of this is driven by demographics. Birthrates are on the decline and our residents are aging in place, so the supply of new students is naturally going down. However, we do have one clear opportunity—according to the demographic study from Feb. 2020, there are currently 1,123 students residing in BHUSD who do not attend BHUSD schools. My goal would be to continue to improve the educational offerings and facilities of BHUSD to encourage some of those private school families to come back.



Benjamin Liker

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the District? What do you suggest as a solution?

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My platform goes much deeper than the multi-year COVID-19 return-to-school plan I have published on my website. The all-encompassing issue at stake in this election is the quality of education this school district provides. I have remained steady in my assertion that the issue of declining enrollment is a symptom of a greater issue: BHUSD facilitates a learning environment that is inadequate for preparing students to

be the leaders of tomorrow. That has been true throughout the COVID crisis and has been true for the decade preceding it. None of the other candidates in this race even recognize that the system is failing Beverly Hills taxpayers: Beverly Hills has among the highest per-student spending in the County, yet due to financial mismanagement and irresponsible budget prioritizations, that spending doesn't help students as much as it should.

When I asserted that the reason for declining enrollment in BHUSD is the declining quality of education, current board member Tristen Walker-Shuman commented that the true reason is declining birthrates in Beverly Hills. Such reasoning isn't necessarily untrue—Beverly Hills no longer has the influx of young families that it did in years past.

My family moved to Beverly Hills over 50 years ago because the education was phenomenal and worth the price, but now, young families can't justify the high costs of living in such an upscale part of Los Angeles for just good schools. Beverly Hills taxpayers deserve the best, and as the only candidate whose primary goal is giving them the best, I am the most qualified to be elected this November. None of the other candidates have spent as much time in and out of classrooms with BHUSD students as I have, so I don't blame them for being focused on the wrong things. But Beverly Hills residents deserve someone who knows what's wrong. Beverly Hills residents deserve the best. And that is me.



Noah Margo

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the District? What do you suggest as a solution?

The immediate issue facing the District is the safe return of staff and students to the classroom. As is evident with the County's rising case numbers, this may not occur until after the new Board is seated. Because of that, it will take a strong partnership with our teachers to get them back to work and allow students to return in whatever safe

environment the County permits. Once students and staff are safely back to school, we must turn our attention to transforming education. By that I refer to "how" we teach, not just "what" we teach. We must foster a critical-thinking, problem-solving approach to education to truly move this District forward.

The management of District funds and decreased enrollment are issues that have plagued the Board in recent years. Tell our readers why you think you are qualified to take on these issues?

First of all, our budget has been balanced every year I've been on the board. We have never deficit spent and have kept a \$20 million-dollar reserve for years. Concurrently we have funded new programs and given our teachers raises every year for the last eight years. So, I plan on continuing that level of financial management while seeking more opportunities for increased revenue, streamlining expenses and expanding our reserve.

As far as declining enrollment, home prices are the highest they have ever been and when families can't afford to live in Beverly Hills that in itself decreases enrollment. That doesn't excuse us from providing the best educational experience that we can. And I think we have some work to do in that area. That is why I advocate for transforming education. When our construction is complete and our educational experience consistent across the district, we should begin to see an uptick in enrollment.



Robin Rowe

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the District? What do you suggest as a solution?

Big issues I have plans to solve include COVID mitigation, School Board budget mismanagement and abandoned oil well abatement. What's exciting though is my Future School plan, to make BHUSD the most advanced education system in the world, to make our schools great again. Both in advanced technology, such as AI and AR, and in advanced teaching techniques, such

as outdoor learning and pairing. And, to show we respect our teachers by paying them a living wage so they can afford to live in our community.

The management of District funds and decreased enrollment are issues that have plagued the Board in recent years. Tell our readers why you think you are qualified to take on these issues?

Reading about our School Board being sued for diverting \$16 million of our taxpayer funds from education then trying to hide it, that upset me. It motivated me to run. As an enterprise manager, I've overseen multiple divisions at a multi-billion-dollar defense company. I've designed accounting systems for Fortune 500s and major non-profits. Auditing a metropolitan hospital, I uncovered a million dollars in missing funds. As a CFO Alliance subcommittee chairman, I've written national policy for financial best practices.

It used to be that BHUSD schools were the best. Families moved here from all over the world to go to our schools. The incumbent took office a decade ago. It's been a decade of decline. Today our schools don't even rank in the top 50 of local schools. Students are fleeing BHUSD. Another 700 students gone in the last three years. Three-quarters of our children are going to school somewhere else. The incumbent has said decreasing enrollment is fine, it is fewer students to teach.

My plan to increase enrollment is by being the best in the world. To measure our Beverly Hills schools' progress as increased enrollment and higher academic ranking. To make our schools great again.



Dr. Amanda Stern

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the District? What do you suggest as a solution?

One of the biggest issues facing the district is the continued need for implementation and fidelity of the strategic plan. The plan addresses at least three crucial objectives which are the largest issues at this time. In order to meet plans for student

success, for instance, we must monitor student achievement during remote learning. It is also critical to assess once school is physically back in session so that we can get a baseline of where the students are and where they need to go. The facilities rely upon careful balancing of the budget as we continue to expand and make buildings safe. Finally, community relations means fostering meaningful engagements within our community as well as the media.

The management of District funds and decreased enrollment are issues that have plagued the Board in recent years. Tell our readers why you think you are qualified to take on these issues?

District funds and balancing the budget are crucial needs that every Board member must consider seriously. Of major concern is the noted decline in enrollment at this time. Numbers suggest a downward trend of about 2 - 3 percent per year. As a professional who regularly works to understand how different members of the school community feel about the schooling of our students as well as the priorities they hold for learning and education, I am uniquely qualified to address, monitor and collaborate towards needed innovations and goals that are mutually agreed upon with all stakeholders. Furthermore, such innovations are also intricately related to how District funds are managed and overseen.



Donna Tryfman

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the District? What do you suggest as a solution?

The major issue facing the BHUSD currently is that there is no in-person learning. Obviously, in-person learning cannot occur until the data permits and the guidelines from the L.A. County Department of Public Health are implemented. From my meetings with Dr. Bregy, I believe the BHUSD has begun preparing for the eventual return to in person learning by purchasing PPE, etc. and preparing the facilities physically with directional signage and plexiglass as necessary. I support continued efforts to work out a hybrid return.

Our District is plagued by litigation. I plan to lend my litigation skills as an attorney for nearly 25 years to help differentiate between litigation that can reach a negotiated disposition and litigation that must be pursued. The District needs closure on the myriad of lawsuits it is involved in. I am also a skilled negotiator and have common sense and reason as I handle the most complex felony litigation. Our District facilities must be completed. I believe the lack of attractive and modern facilities has led to an exodus of students and contributes to the declining enrollment. I've spoken extensively with the construction manager, Mr. Blake, and I plan to work collaboratively with him to find manners of expedited building possibilities. I plan to expand our curriculum options by instituting the Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial Program. This program relates to constitutional issues, civic duties and will give the kids an opportunity to learn about issues of justice and due process.

The management of District funds and decreased enrollment are issues that have plagued the Board in recent years. Tell our readers why you think you are qualified to take on these issues?

I am qualified to take on all issues facing the BHUSD as I am an educated, considered, and reasonable professional. There are categories of funds in a school district budget, including but not limited to, assigned funds and committed funds. I will ensure the District administration utilizes committed funds for their purpose only, and that administration utilizes assigned funds after robust discussion and recommendations by the Board. I will also ensure that the District reserve is funded according to legal requirements. I have a common-sense approach to budgeting issues and can work collaboratively across cross-functional teams. As far as declining enrollment, I am a product of this District and remember this as a lighthouse District. I am personally invested because I grew up here and my daughter is a current District attendee.



Mary Wells

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the District? What do you suggest as a solution?

Our primary mission is the support of academic excellence in our schools. No matter what our challenges may be, we must continue to improve on the quality and delivery of education for all students. COVID-19 is the latest challenge. Whether remotely or in-person, we must deliver the best educational experience and ensure that our students meet or exceed educational milestones. If we do this, along with strong fiscal management and a streamlined building completion program, our district will truly return to the lighthouse status it once had. As soon as the State and County health officials tell us it is safe to do so, we will return to in-person learning.

The District needs to prepare for the safe return to school while continuing to iterate innovative teaching techniques. We must think long-term and keep our focus on rebuilding our District and always improve how we educate our students.

The management of District funds and decreased enrollment are issues that have plagued the Board in recent years. Tell our readers why you think you are qualified to take on these issues?

My background in business, construction and project management uniquely qualify me to serve on the BHUSD School Board. I have served on the BHUSD Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee for four years. Our resident-supported Bond Measures E and BH for the modernization of the schools total \$700 million dollars. We must make this a highly efficient process.

I have been a resident for over 13 years, and I have three adult children, including a BHUSD alumna. I hold a BS in Business Administration, finance and accounting from USC. I will bring professional expertise, business acumen and financial background to serve and represent students, parents, and taxpayers through responsible governance and commitment to excellence for BHUSD. By demonstrating that we can be fiscally responsible, completing the school modernization projects timely, and improving the quality of education for all students we can attract students to BHUSD. I am the person for this job. ●

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Visionary Women to Host “Women on the Frontier of Science: Cloning, COVID & Cancer Reimagined”

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Visionary Women, the Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization focused on the advancement and empowerment of women and girls, is hosting a complimentary virtual salon featuring two female luminaries in medical science for an important, timely discussion.

“Women on the Frontier of Science: Cloning, COVID & Cancer Reimagined” will take place on Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. PST online via Zoom's webinar platform. Topics will

include recent breakthroughs in COVID-19 research, as well as the Innovative Genomics Institute's (IGI) revolutionary CRISPR DNA editing technology and its power to help eradicate diseases such as viruses, cancers and more.

Moderated by Johnese Spisso, R.N., M.P.A, President of UCLA Health and CEO of UCLA Hospital System, the event will feature guest Megan Hochstrasser, Ph.D., Education Program Manager at IGI who works alongside Jennifer Doudna, University of California, Berkeley professor and IGI founder, president and chair. Doudna was recently awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, along with French microbiologist, Emmanuelle Charpentier.

Hochstrasser will also speak to the Visionary Women community about breaking barriers in a male-dominated industry and the profound influence of working with female pioneers such as Doudna.

“We are incredibly lucky to have Megan and Johnese speak to Visionary Women about their pivotal roles in helping to educate and heal the world through transformative

scientific advancement,” said Shelley Reid, President of Visionary Women.

Hochstrasser earned a B.A. in Biology from Brown University and received her Ph.D. from Jennifer Doudna's lab at UC Berkeley in 2016, where she studied mechanisms of CRISPR immunity in bacteria.

Spisso has received numerous awards and recognition throughout her career, most recently being named to Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Most Influential Women Leaders.

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Under existing law, the County of Los Angeles or another regional entity could raise the Beverly Hills sales tax rate and collect that incremental revenue. Measure RP ensures any new sales tax revenue would remain in Beverly Hills under local control.

DOES MEASURE RP INCREASE TAXES?

Measure RP does not raise taxes unless the County or another entity imposes an increase to the sales tax. Measure RP would then be imposed to capture that revenue for use in Beverly Hills.

HOW WOULD MEASURE RP IMPACT BEVERLY HILLS?

If approved by a majority of Beverly Hills voters, Measure RP would prevent the loss of local sales tax revenue to regional control and instead retain this funding for local use under local control.



Learn More

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“The context and objectives as outlined by the Planning Commission for this ordinance were to provide an opportunity for new housing in the City and new housing types, such as smaller units than what we generally see in multifamily,” explained Senior Planner Timothea Tway at the Council Meeting. “This could be helpful for seniors or small families, also addressing the regional housing needs and the city’s housing needs and creating housing where there would not be displacement of existing residents for new units.”

“The number of housing units would be based on the site area of the project, and the height is based on the neighboring properties maximum height,” she said.

The Staff Report submitted in advance of the Oct. 13 meeting cites potential fiscal impacts of the new overlay zone. Those impacts could include the development of “older, underutilized buildings, which could contribute more property taxes.”

Given that commercial rents are usually higher than residential rents, the Report points out that there would be “no financial benefit for a successful commercial building to be replaced with a mixed use building, and the City should not be concerned about losing its high-quality commercial buildings (and associated tenants) to mixed use developments.”

Additionally, commercial areas could benefit from the presence of proximal neighbors, increasing local spending and the City’s tax base. “The increased presence

of residents along commercial corridors can result in greater pedestrian activity, which can enhance the street-level atmosphere as residents patronize businesses and create hubs of community activity,” the Staff Report states.

The Report also addresses concerns over increased traffic, a perennial concern in Los Angeles. While mixed use housing would bring higher density to commercial areas, it would also place residents nearer public transportation. Local workers would also have the chance to live closer to their jobs, “which could reduce vehicle miles traveled and the associated negative environmental impacts.”

On the other side of the equation, an increase in population could put a larger strain on municipal services.

The proposal to allow mixed use comes at a crucial time for the City. Current State housing goals require Beverly Hills to plan for more than 3,000 new units in its General Plan covering 2021 to 2029. Though the City is not required to build the units itself, it must ensure that its zoning and regulatory framework enables and encourages that level of development.

The conundrum for Beverly Hills is how to expand housing stock in a City with little to no vacant land without fundamentally altering the character of its neighborhoods. Typically, to build a new house in the City, an old one must be demolished first. Mixed use developments, the Staff Report points out, have the benefit of not displacing existing residents while adding units to the City.

Of the more than 60 public comments that were made during the session, though, many expressed concerns with the possibility of mixed use in Beverly Hills.

“So many of us have been here all our lives have seen enough change, and have come to terms with it just so we aren’t miserable all the time,” one commenter wrote in. “However, enough is enough. We love our city as it is.”

The City Council has now closed the

public comment portion of the item. It will resume consideration and potentially make a decision on adoption of the mixed use ordinance on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to submit written comments to cityclerk@beverlyhills.org, which will be included in the public record and provided to the City Council for their consideration, but will not be read during the Oct. 27 meeting. ●



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In 2019, as cities across California grappled with soaring rents and a homelessness crisis, HCD announced an ambitious goal of about 3.5 million new units over the new Housing Elements cycle. Southern California's share of the load came out to 1.3 million units. For Beverly Hills: 3,096 units.

In comparison, in the last housing cycle, Beverly Hills' allotment was only three.

While the City is required to plan for a certain level of growth and take efforts to facilitate it, the RHNA is "not a development mandate," the Staff Report notes. Jurisdictions must ensure that bureaucratic hurdles like zoning and planning do not obstruct development, but they do not need to build housing or issue permits themselves. But, if the State determines that a jurisdiction has not done enough to foster development, it can withhold certification of its General Plan. This results in loss of certain State funds, more frequent updates to the City's Housing Element, and loss of control over housing project decisions.

Cities face similar penalties for not meeting their RHNA obligations. Jurisdictions will have to implement a streamlined review process to approve housing development projects.

Assistant Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich explained that to comply with RHNA, the City "must show that we have land use plans and regulations either in place or to be implemented that will allow housing developments adequate to meet our RHNA obligations. This can

include changes to the zoning itself or to regulations to make it more permissive to build housing. And then, throughout the RHNA cycle, we have to show our progress to the State that we are actually meeting the numbers as required."

The RHNA breaks down this number into four income categories, very low, low, moderate, and above moderate. For Beverly Hills, this breaks down as 1,005 very low income units, 678 low income units, 601 moderate income units, and 812 above moderate income, or market rate, units.

"When we receive the RHNA allocation, we then have to show in our Housing Element that we can meet the RHNA number that's been assigned to us," said Gohlich. "As part of that, we have to look at housing barriers and address those through policies, we have to show that land is zoned to accommodate units, and that we have policies and programs either in place or to be implemented that will encourage the appropriate number of units at each income level."

The current RHNA numbers only represent a draft. Jurisdictions have the right to appeal the number allocated to them by their local regional planning agency. But, as Gohlich told the Council, "In the past, it has been our experience that very few jurisdictions have been successful in their appeals, because there are such limitations on what the grounds for appeal are and those tend to get tighter over time."

"For example, an 'unrealistically high' RHNA allocation based on market trends



and lack of vacant land is not considered to be legitimate grounds for appeal," the Staff Report reads.

Further complicating the process, any reduction granted to a jurisdiction must be offset by an increase in units in other jurisdictions.

The State will consider three grounds for an appeal. Jurisdictions can appeal on the grounds of a misapplication of methodology. Beverly Hills could claim that SCAG misapplied the methodology used for allocating units.

"We reviewed the methodology and, whether we agree or disagree with the methodology, it does not appear as though SCAG has miscalculated our assignment," Gohlich said.

Additionally, the City could argue that SCAG did not consider certain local factors, including a lack of capacity for sewer and water service, lack of available land suitable for urban development, and the rate of overcrowding.

Said Gohlich: "Again, we do not see any items specific to Beverly Hills that fit within that particular set of facts."

Finally, the City could claim a "significant and unforeseen change in circumstance" that happened after April 30, 2019. As an example of a change in circumstance that might pass muster, Gohlich cited the town of Paradise, "where they had wildfires come through and they lost just about all of the city." By this standard, Beverly Hills looks about the same as it did on April 30, 2019. "We have not identified any significant changes in circumstance in Beverly Hills at this time," said Gohlich.

Jurisdictions have until Oct. 26 to file an appeal, meaning Tuesday's City Council meeting was the last opportunity for the Council to consider this option.

Gohlich explained that staff were not recommending the City to appeal the RHNA number, pointing to the City's RHNA allocation of only three units from the last housing cycle.

"With such a low number, I think looking at a much higher number this year, there is some balance there between the two cycles," he said. "Other cities under the prior cycle

had much higher allocations from SCAG."

He also told the Council that appeals tended to fail due to the strict criteria. In the last RHNA cycle eight years ago, 12 cities appealed their allotment. None succeeded. A meritless appeal, he warned, might risk alienating the State agency in charge of overseeing the process—losing valuable goodwill in the process.

Gohlich told the Council that he has spoken with a number of colleagues at other cities. "I have not found one so far that thinks that they have a case for appeal that meets the criteria," he said. "Some of them are filing appeals because they've been directed to do so, but they don't believe that they will be successful in their appeals because the criteria are so strict from SCAG and from the State."

Finally, he said that even in the case of a successful appeal, the number would not be reduced by a significant amount. "Even a 10 or 20 percent reduction would still leave us with a substantial number of units to plan for."

Many City Council Members expressed frustration with the process. Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold accused the State of a "bait and switch." Councilmember Lili Bosse argued that the RHNA numbers fail to account for the City's limited power in realizing new developments. "Unfortunately, I believe that we have been really trying to encourage development for affordable housing, but on the other hand, we can't necessarily make people build housing," she said.

One of the most vocal councilmembers on the subject, John Mirisch, described the RHNA number as "punitive" and the entire process as "weaponized."

Given the difficulty of making a successful appeal, the City Council moved to form an ad hoc committee to examine the route, with councilmembers Robert Wunderlich and Mirisch serving as liaisons.

"I do think we should appeal," said Mirisch. "I agree it's probably not going to make a difference, but at least we will have gone on record saying that we feel that the process is flawed." ●

Next stop: more subway.

PURPLE (D LINE) EXTENSION TRANSIT PROJECT
 Section 2 – Beverly Hills Update

Wilshire/Rodeo Station Construction

Excavation of the Wilshire/Rodeo Station box is expected to continue until early 2021. Once excavation reaches the bottom of the station box, interior station construction begins.

TRAFFIC ALERT

Wilshire Bl will be open with at least two lanes of traffic in each direction during daytime hours.

WORK HOURS

Work hours will vary depending on construction activity, more details at metro.net/purple.

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(New Initiative continued from page 5)

Human Relations Commissioner Annette Saleh noted that the “Human Relations Commission recognizes the benefits inherent in a diverse community, fosters understanding and acceptance of all its citizens, and promotes civil discourse and conduct.”

She added, “Our hope is the upcoming events will highlight the Human Relations Commission’s primary objective to actively establish our city as a model of a just and equitable society. And by aligning with the mission of the Arts & Culture Commission, we saw a path to bringing into existence a relevant celebration of cultural diversity and spreading a message of inclusion through the arts and other forms.”

Programs are still in the development stage. But, current proposals include the following:

An art installation created by TZ Projects in collaboration with The Wallis Annenberg Center for Performing Arts. Slated for Nov. 19-29, artwork from emerging voices and Los Angeles-based artists of color will be projected on window activations along

the façade of The Wallis on Santa Monica Boulevard;

A collaboration between the City of Beverly Hills and United Talent Agency will activate empty storefronts in Beverly Hills with art installations in an exhibit entitled: “Beyond 2020: A Cultural Experience Like No Other.” The intent of the exhibit is to look forward in a positive way by creating wonder and meaning during challenging times. The art installations are proposed for December;

A quarterly literary event featuring individuals of interest who are artists, academics, educators and experts in their fields of study with emphasis on prominent figures in the history of cultural diversity, tolerance and inclusion. Dates and times to be determined.

All programs are being developed with social distancing in mind in order to ensure public safety. For more information on the Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative, visit www.beverlyhills.org/embraceandcelebrateculture. ●



Karen Popovich Levyn - Vice Chair, Human Relations Commission



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Eugene Harold Corman

1927 - 2020

Eugene H. Corman (“Gene” to all who knew him) died peacefully at home on September 28, 2020, four days after his 93rd birthday, with his wife of 65 years, Nan, at his bedside. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Gene moved to Los Angeles in 1920 with his mother (Anne Corman), father (William Corman), and brother (Roger Corman) and attended Beverly Hills High School, where years later he was inducted into its Alumni Hall of Fame. He went on to attend Stanford University, where he played on the tennis team and was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

After graduating from Stanford, Gene went to work in the entertainment industry. In the early 1950’s, he became an agent at MCA, where he represented actors and directors such as Ray Milland, Joan Crawford, Fred MacMurray, Harry Belafonte, and Allan Dwan (who later became godfather to his two sons). It was at MCA that Gene met his future wife, Nan, who was working as a legal secretary for MCA’s General Counsel.

Gene enjoyed his time as an agent, but he ultimately wanted to produce films. So, in the late 1950’s, he left MCA and partnered with his brother, Roger, with whom he made numerous films over the next several years. Then, in the mid-1960’s, Gene struck out on his own, ultimately making films for Universal, Columbia, MGM, and United Artists. In 1978, he produced “The Big Red One,” which was the United States’ official entry at the Cannes Film Festival, and a few years later, he produced “A Woman Called Golda,” for which he won an Emmy Award and a Christopher Award. In the early 1980’s, he became a Vice-President at 20th Century Fox, overseeing production of the studio’s television series.

By the time he retired from the business in 1990, Gene had produced more than 30 feature films in a dozen countries and overseen the production of hundreds of hours of prime-time television programming. He was also a member of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, where for several years he served on the board that chooses which films to screen for members.

As much as Gene liked making movies, his real passion was learning everything he could about modern and contemporary art. Gene and Nan became avid art collectors in the 1970’s, even getting an apartment in New York so they could regularly visit the city’s museums, galleries, and auction houses. At one point, Gene also served as Chair of the Beverly Hills Fine Arts Commission.

Gene was a member of the Beverly Hills Tennis Club for many years. He made many wonderful friends at BHTC and in the entertainment industry, and he will be sorely missed.

Gene is survived by his brother, Roger (Julie), and his loving wife, Nan, and their two sons, Todd (Jennifer) and Craig (Karen). He was also a devoted grandfather to Wyatt and Bayley (Todd), and Kyle and Paige (Craig).

Gene will be interred next to his parents at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills in a private ceremony.

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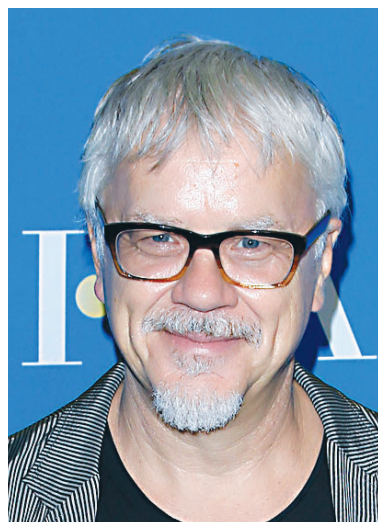


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October 17



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RICHARD BENVENISTE
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October 22



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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
10/16/20

PIR SQUARED
BY GARY LARSON / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Gary Larson, of Edmonds, Wash., is a retired comedian. He spent the last 15 years of his career entertaining on cruise ships, where crosswords were a way to pass the time between shows. One day a clue-and-answer combination in a New York Times crossword cracked him up, and he thought, Why don't I try making one of these? I love writing jokes. How hard can it be to fit them into a puzzle? He found out. This is his 592nd puzzle. It's his fourth in The Times. — W.S.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Examples of attention to detail</p> <p>9 Yearbook-award word</p> <p>13 Lift weights</p> <p>19 Gingerbread man, often</p> <p>20 British pop singer Lily</p> <p>22 In the Caribbean it's known as "the chicken of the trees"</p> <p>23 "The government has discovered aliens but isn't telling us," e.g.</p> <p>25 Port on the Loire</p> <p>26 Missouri site of the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival</p> <p>27 Applications</p> <p>29 Actress Ward</p> <p>30 Acronym for a North American quintet</p> <p>33 Intertwine</p> <p>35 Pains in the neck</p> <p>38 Spanish article</p> <p>39 Power of a square</p> <p>42 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez</p> <p>43 Nocturnal bloodsucker</p> <p>46 Steal</p> <p>48 Stuff</p> <p>49 It requires no oxygen for growth</p> <p>50 Pants with baggy legs</p> | <p>52 Task</p> <p>54 Noodles often eaten cold in the summer</p> <p>55 Square things</p> <p>56 Cause of joint pain</p> <p>59 Relatively new relative, maybe</p> <p>61 Small songbird</p> <p>62 Cornmeal bread</p> <p>63 Wood for violin-making</p> <p>66 Brian who co-founded Roxy Music</p> <p>67 "You rang?"</p> <p>68 Means of breathing</p> <p>74 Calming retreat</p> <p>77 Subject of 199 silk-screen paintings by Warhol</p> <p>78 Present from birth</p> <p>79 Activist _____</p> <p>83 Hesitating sound</p> <p>84 Unremarkable</p> <p>86 Goes out for a bit?</p> <p>88 Valorous</p> <p>89 Specialty</p> <p>91 The continents, e.g.</p> <p>94 His resignation triggered the first invocation of the 25th Amendment</p> <p>96 Start up again</p> <p>98 Wacky</p> <p>101 Like some flights</p> <p>102 Triangular flags</p> <p>103 Aerial maneuver</p> <p>104 Kiddy litter?</p> <p>105 Mature</p> <p>106 Power issue</p> | <p>107 Computer image format</p> <p>109 More up to it</p> <p>111 South American mammals with trunks</p> <p>113 Introductory course?</p> <p>115 Brand of allergy spray</p> <p>118 Lime and rust</p> <p>121 It was known by the Algonquin as the "Father of Waters"</p> <p>126 Extends</p> <p>127 Similar</p> <p>128 Castle in "Hamlet"</p> <p>129 More out there</p> <p>130 "May God bless and keep the _____ far away from us!" (line from "Fiddler on the Roof")</p> <p>131 Return to the fray</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DOWN</p> <p>1 Grumpy co-worker</p> <p>2 Spanish gold</p> <p>3 Old country-music channel</p> <p>4 French for "cup"</p> <p>5 Locale of Kings County and Queens County, fittingly</p> <p>6 Like some batteries and parties</p> <p>7 Sapa _____ (title for Atahualpa)</p> <p>8 Not merely cut</p> <p>9 Gospel singer Jackson</p> <p>10 Fútbol cheer</p> | <p>11 Doesn't sit right?</p> <p>12 Snippy, in a way</p> <p>13 Spare part?</p> <p>14 Sch. for Bulldogs</p> <p>15 '60s sitcom family</p> <p>16 What "X" marks on a treasure map</p> <p>17 First-year law student</p> <p>18 Mission-driven org.</p> <p>21 "Science Guy" Bill</p> <p>24 Shades</p> <p>28 Glittery glue-ons</p> <p>30 Wheel cover</p> <p>31 Acting mindlessly</p> <p>32 "_____ Brando: Larger Than Life" (1994 biography)</p> <p>34 Dog in classic films</p> <p>36 Flowing forth</p> <p>37 Steeple feature</p> <p>40 Cleverness</p> <p>41 Universal donor's blood type, for short</p> <p>43 Peacockish</p> <p>44 Activist Hoffman</p> <p>45 Milk dispensers</p> <p>47 Lost cause</p> <p>51 Only player with three 60+ home run seasons</p> <p>53 Rest of the afternoon?</p> <p>57 Slant skyward</p> <p>58 2010 sci-fi film subtitled "Legacy"</p> <p>60 Trouble</p> <p>64 Catering container</p> <p>65 Color for the right eye of a pair of 3-D glasses</p> |
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erty. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 20-0186. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION AND STATUS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, GO TO: WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM OR CALL 916-939-0772. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DISCLOSURES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: (1) At the time of sale, the opening bid by the beneficiary may not represent a full credit bid. The beneficiary reserves the right, during the auction, to increase its credit bid incrementally up to a full credit bid. The beneficiary may also bid over and above its credit bid with cash, cashier's checks or cash equivalents. (2) The Trustee's Deed Upon Sale (TDUS) will not be issued to the successful bidder until the bidder's payment has been deposited in the trustee's bank and cleared (all holds released). The bidder may have to take additional actions as required by trustee's bank in order to facilitate the deposit and clearance of bidder's funds. (3) If, prior to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may decline to issue the TDUS and return the bidder's funds, without interest. If, subsequent to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the

foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may rescind the TDUS pursuant to Civil Code Section 1058.5(b) and return the bidder's funds, without interest. (4) When conducted, the foreclosure sale is not final until the auctioneer states "sold". Any time prior thereto, the sale may be canceled or postponed at the discretion of the trustee or the beneficiary. A bid by the beneficiary may not result in a sale of the property. All bids placed by the auctioneer are on behalf of the seller/beneficiary. THIS COMMUNICATION MAY BE CONSIDERED AS BEING FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY, YOU MAY HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT IN WHICH CASE THIS NOTICE IS INTENDED TO EXERCISE THE SECURED PARTY'S RIGHTS AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY ONLY. Date: 10/01/2020 Witkin & Associates, LLC 5805 Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 670 Sherman Oaks, California 91411 Phone: (818) 845-4000 By: APRIL WITKIN TRUSTEE OFFICER NPP0371652 To: BEVERLY HILLS COURIER 10/09/2020, 10/16/2020, 10/23/2020

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20STCPO2722 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner: **JANET NAZLE ROMANO**
current residence address: **11500 Dona Dorotea Dr Studio City, CA 91604**
filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Central. 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012** on **August 26, 2020** for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: **JANET NAZLE ROMANO**
Proposed Name: **JANET ROMANO MORRIS**
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: **December 11, 2020** Time: **8:30am** Dept: **K** Room: **A-203**
The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Room #102 Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.**
Reason for name change: **Revert back to old 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: **Soraya Soleymanzadeh**
Judge of the Superior Court
Laurence H. Cho, Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk, By: Jacob Bradley, Deputy Clerk
Dated: **September 25, 2020**
Published: **October 16, 23, 30, November 06, 2020**
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North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Reason for name change: **I have been using my proposed name and want to make it official.**
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: **Janet Nazle Romano**
Judge of the Superior Court:
Ruth A. Kwan
Executive Officer/Clerk:
Sherri R. Carter
Deputy Clerk: **Nick Miramontes**
Dated: **August 26, 2020**
BHC Published: 09/25/20, 10/02/20, 10/09/20, 10/16/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20SMCP00332 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
In the Matter of the petition of: **SANDY SOLEYMANZADEH**
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner: **SANDY SOLEYMANZADEH**
current residence address: **10106 Empryean Way #302 Los Angeles, CA 90067**
filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Room #102 Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse,** on **September 25, 2020** for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: **SANDY SOLEYMANZADEH**
Proposed Name: **SORAYA SOLEYMANZADEH**

The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2018094994
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:

BEL AIR BRANDING
10787 Wilshire Blvd. #1102, Los Angeles, CA 90024; The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on (date): April 18, 2018 in the county of Los Angeles; **Christina Rath** 10787 Wilshire Blvd. #1102, Los Angeles, CA 90024; **Tatiana Steelman** 557 Myrtle Ct., Oak Park, CA 91377; **Alycia Beautler** 853-10th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP** declare that all information in this statement is true and correct, Signed: **Tatiana Steelman, General Partner**; Statement #2020137743 is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 11, 2020; Published: September 25, October 02, 09, 16, 2020 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137746

The following is/are doing business as:
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10787 Wilshire Blvd. #1102, Los Angeles, CA 90024; **CHRISTINA RATH** 10787 Wilshire Blvd. #1102, Los Angeles, CA 90024; **Tatiana Steelman** 557 Myrtle Ct., Oak Park, CA 91377; The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed April 2018: **Tatiana Steelman, General Partner**; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 11, 2020; Published: September 25, October 02, 09, 16, 2020 **LACC N/C**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137602

The following is/are doing business as:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137604

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137557

The following is/are doing business as:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137618

The following is/are doing business as:
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NOTICE— Fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14400, et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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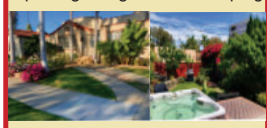
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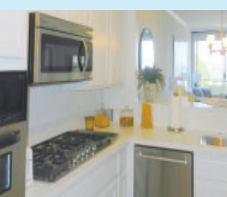
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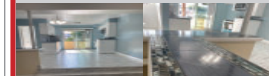
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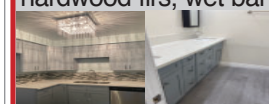
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