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# Beverly Hills City Council Passes Ordinance on Assemblies

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Beverly Hills has unexpectedly become a central hub of protest in the last five months. While some protests seem to target the community for its wealth and privilege, other demonstrations seem unconnected with the City itself. Since civil unrest broke out following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, reigniting the Black Lives Matter movement and sending tens of thousands

of Angelenos to the streets, Beverly Hills has seen looting, civil disobedience, rallies, and marches on a near weekly basis. During this time, the City has halted enforcement of its usual regulations regarding parades and assemblies.

But on the precipice of Election Week, the Beverly Hills City Council has amended its Urgency Ordinance to include new provisions on assemblies in the City. Concluding a marathon seven-hour Regular Meeting that started on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. and went until 2 a.m. the next day, the Council placed new restrictions on large gatherings in the City that will go into effect on Nov. 4. The ordinance includes restrictions on the time and place assemblies can happen. (Ordinance continues on page 11)



Protestors marching on Rodeo Drive Photo by Samuel Braslow

## BHPD Chief Addresses Mask Enforcement at Rallies

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

On Saturday, Oct. 25—like every Saturday since mid-July—supporters of President Donald Trump gathered in Beverly Gardens Park in front of the Beverly Hills sign. The rally has grown from a couple dozen, to a couple hundred, to more than two thousand on Oct. 24. The Courier has reported from each of the weekly "Freedom Rallies," and has observed one constant fact. Namely, that most attendees are not wearing masks, in violation of a City ordinance.

While the City has issued more than 300 citations for lack of face coverings over the course of the pandemic, it has issued zero citations at the Freedom Rallies. Now, after months of watching unmasked rally-goers march down Rodeo Drive, residents of Beverly Hills have begun speaking up about the civil infraction.

"Masks are the single most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID," said

Pulminologist Dr. Andrew Wachtel, who decried what he viewed as the City's inaction on a KNX10.70 radio program this week. "As a resident, I don't want my co-residents to be exposed to any increased risk."

Mayor Lester Friedman, who also took part in the radio segment, told the Courier, "It concerns and upsets me when people aren't wearing masks. I will put on my mask as soon as I go out the door. Why people don't do it, I'm not really sure."

More than just a personal choice, the rally has made not wearing a mask a plank in its political platform. At the second Freedom Rally on July 25, organizer Shiva Bagheri led a small group to the house of Mayor Lester Friedman, where she urged him to open schools and end the City's mask mandate. (Mask Enforcement continues on page 13)

## Mixed Use Sparks Debate

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills City Council spent more than five hours debating whether to allow mixed use development in parts of the City. In a meeting that was briefly interrupted by an announcement of the Dodgers' World Series victory (courtesy of Councilmember John Mirisch), the Council found itself mired in disagreement over questions of the proposed ordinance's fiscal impact.

Throughout the discussion, City staff repeatedly impressed a single message on the Council: with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) looming ahead, it is "mission critical" that the City find new sources of housing.

"I think it's a groundbreaking decision," said Councilmember Lili Bosse. "It takes us into the next decade of a healthy City that we can provide for the seniors, for the millennials, and for affordable housing." (Mixed Use continues on page 12)

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### Courier Calendar

NOW - OCT. 30 SEVENTH ANNUAL "VULTURE FESTIVAL: IN THE NEST"

Join for the Seventh Annual "Vulture Festival: In the Nest." This year's virtual event features cast reunions, table reads and conversations with favorite creators and stars in the home. The showcase includes Rachel Brosnahan, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Minnie Driver, Jenna Lyons, Whoppi Goldberg, Henry Winkler, Gabrielle Union, Jessica Alba, Mary J. Blige, Method Man, 50 Cent, Rachel Bloom, Samantha Bee, Luca Guadagnino and more. https://vulturefestival.com/schedule/



NOW - OCT. 31 SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE: ONLINE "ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN"

The Family Theatre Halloween tradition of Santa Monica's Playhouse "Absolutely Halloween" is online this year. Helmed by Graham Silbert, the costumes are created by award-winning designer Ashley Hayes with production and graphic design by The Attic Room. The show streams on-demand on the Santa Monica Playhouse website.

https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/ absolutely-halloween.html



NOW - NOV. 1 "NIGHTS OF THE JACK" HALLOWEEN JACK O'LANTERN EXPERIENCE

Enjoy the Halloween spirit with a visit to the "Nights of the Jack" Halloween Jack O'Lantern experience. The family-friendly, contactless production includes installations made out of carved pumpkins and takes place through Nov. 1 at King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas. https://nightsofthejack.com/

#### NOW - NOV 4 THE MUSIC CENTER: "GRAND PARK'S DOWNTOWN DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS"

The eighth annual "Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos" features an online arts workshop, digital ofrendas, audio storytelling and more. This year the 12-day commemoration of those who have passed on will focus on mental health wellness and collective healing. All parkand plaza-goers are required to maintain social distancing and wear masks. https://www.musiccenter.org/ tickets/events-by-the-music-center/ downtown-dia-de-los-muertos/



NOW - NOV. 18 PASADENA PLAYHOUSE: BOB BAKER MARIONETTE THEATER'S "HALLOWE'EN SPOOKTACULAR"

Pasadena Playhouse presents PlayhouseLive with the Bob Baker Marionette Theater's production of "Hallowe'en Spooktacular." The online musical variety puppet show is part of a fall line-up of pay-per-view streaming theatrical events. The haunting night of family fun features beloved characters such as Purple People Eater, Dracula, the Invisible Man, and nearly 100 others. A Los Angeles tradition, children of all ages have experienced a Bob Baker puppet performance since the Theater's establishment in 1963. https://playhouselive.org/

### OCT. 30 THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC SOUND/STAGE EPISODE 6- ORIGINAL

SCORE TO "BECOMING: AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT OF MICHELLE OBAMA" BY KAMASI WASHINGTON 10 a.m.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic's Sound/ Stage is an online collection of concert films and interviews, essays, and artwork that offer deeper insights into the music. In Episode 6, one of the inventive and respected voices in modern jazz, Kamasi Washington, comes to Sound/Stage to perform his original score to "Becoming: An intimate portrait of Michelle Obama," a new documentary based on the former First Lady's bestselling memoir. https://www.laphil.com/about/ watch-and-listen/introducing-soundstage



HAMMER MUSEUM - "FAMILY DAY: MAKE IN L.A. 2020"

Join Hammer Museum for "Family Day: Make in L.A. 2020" where Hammer Museum brings art to homes across Los Angeles. Enjoy artwork that is creepy, spooky and fun. L.A. 2020 artists Ann Greene Kelly and Umar Rashid created Halloween-themed kids' art projects, and families can participate by checking the website for information about the projects and the supplies needed. https://hammer.ucla.edu/ programs-events/2020/ family-day-make-la-2020

#### THE ALS ASSOCIATION GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER: WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

Join in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Walk to Defeat ALS, which is virtual this year. Register as a virtual walker or fundraising walker. Fundraising through the Walk drives innovation that could lead to a treatment and cure for ALS. Through education, support groups, access to care and advocacy, the ALS Association it works to provide hope to people living with ALS and their families. http://webgw.alsa.org/site/ TR?pg=entry&fr\_id=14344

#### NOV.1 HAMMER MUSEUM: "REMBRANDT'S SYNDICS, ARISTOTLE, JUNO, AND LATE PORTRAITS" 2 p.m.

In this series of online lectures for the Hammer Museum, art historian, curator, and museum director John Walsh examines Rembrandt van Rijn's works and career in detail, including recent research, surprise reappearances, and shifting opinions about the artist and his achievements.

https://hammer.ucla.edu/programsevents/2020/rembrandts-syndicsaristotle-juno-and-late-portraits



NOV. 1 THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC FORD DIGITAL FESTIVAL: "TOVAANGAR TODAY" 4 p.m.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic's Ford Digital Festivals are curator-led virtual programs offering an in-depth exploration of a single theme through multi-disciplinary performances, workshops and conversations combined into a multi-hour video production. On Nov. 1, tune in for "Tovaangar Today," a virtual celebration of Native artists of many disciplines who are connected to Tovaangar. The festival features artists from the local intertribal urban Native diaspora, and highlights the connections between art, activism, identity, and tribal sovereignty.

https://www.theford.com/ concerts-and-events/ford-digital-festivals

### **SELF HELP GRAPHICS: 47TH ANNUAL** DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

Self Help Graphics celebrates its 47th Annual Día de los Muertos season. This vear the celebration will be held virtually on the YouTube channel, and co-hosted by musician and scholar Martha Gonzalez, and singer, actor and activist Annie Gonzalez of "Gentefied." Performers include Ceci Bastida, Tropa Magica, Katzù Oso, and Danza Divina de Los Angeles. https://www.selfhelpgraphics.com/



NOV. 2 24TH STREET THEATRE: VIRTUAL "DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS" CELEBRATION 6 p.m.

The 24th Street Theatre's "Día de los Muertos" block party is moving online. Celebrate Mexico's famous holiday with host Gabriel Romero, and guests Louie Cruz Beltran; Aztec dance troupe Huitzilopochtli; ballet folklórico Sol de Fuego; and award-winning actor Edward James Olmos. https://www.24thstreet.org/

#### NOV. 2 - 23 - MONDAYS SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER-"WOMEN IN YIDDISH SONG: A SING-ALONG HISTORY CLASS" 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Connect to generations past by singing along to Yiddish folk songs. This online class covers everything from heartfelt love songs to empowering tunes about the justice-seeing women of the labor movement and the partisan resistance fighters in the Holocaust. The instructor is Cindy Paley, Music Educator at Valley Beth Shalom, cantor soloist, teacher of Yiddish workshops, and performer of American folk songs with the musical trio, The Folk Experience.

https://www.skirball.org/programs/ online-classes/women-yiddish-song

#### "STARS IN THE HOUSE": ELECTION DAY VOTE-A-THON 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.

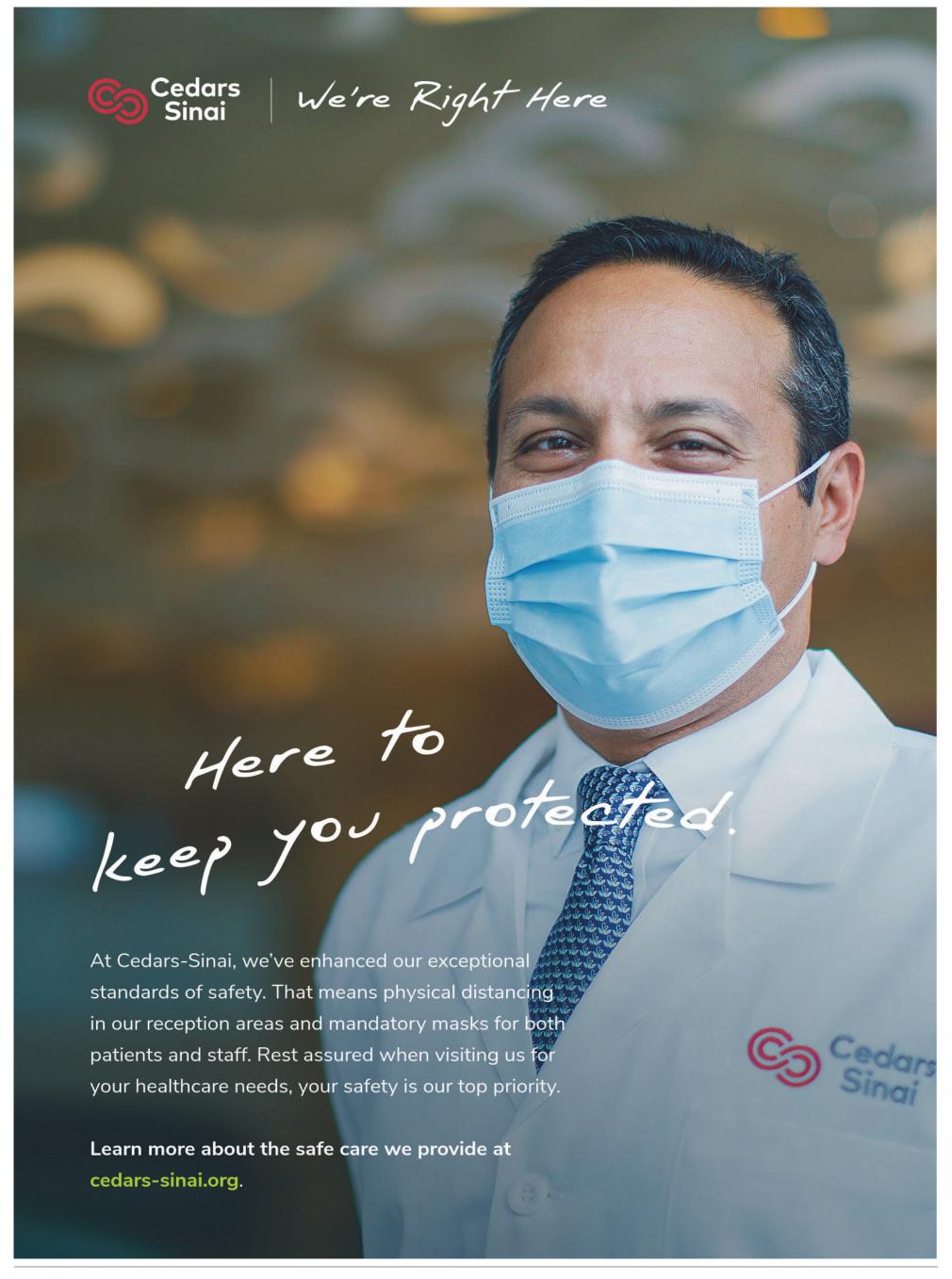
Join Seth Rudetsky and James Wesle as "Stars in the House" hosts an Election Day 10 hour Vote-A-Thon featuring Bellamy Young, Dana Delany, Marcia Cross, Jessie Mueller, Megan Hilty, Jeremy Jordan, Marc Shaiman, Vanessa Williams, Adam Pascal, Peri Gilpin, Anika Larsen, Judy Kuhn, Marilu Henner, Annette Bening, Kelli O'Hara, and many more. The Vote-a-Thon is in support of The Actors Fund. https://www.starsinthehouse.com/

#### HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA - "BUILDING **BRIDGES THE MORNING AFTER:** SIFTING THROUGH THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR IMPORTANT LESSONS" 11 a.m.

Holocaust Museum LA continues its monthly series, "Building Bridges -The Morning After: Sifting Through the Election Results for Important Lessons," with virtual conversations featuring representatives of the city's important advocacy and social justice organizations via Zoom.

https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/ event-details/building-bridges-themorning-after-sifting-through-the-<u>election-results-for-important-lessons</u>

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### Beverly Hills Considers L.A. Marathon In COVID Era

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



For the last 11 years, the City of Beverly Hills has participated in the Los Angeles Marathon, the 26.2 mile race that traverses L.A. and draws tens of thousands of participants. But in none of those 11 years was the City in the grips of a pandemic.

At the Oct. 28 Rodeo Drive Committee/ Special Events City Council Liaison meeting, the committee considered a request for assistance for next year's L.A. Marathon. The McCourt Foundation (TMF), the nonprofit in charge of the race, hopes to bring the route through Beverly Hills, with a new finish line in Century City. Representatives of the organization presented their plans to keep racers and observers safe, including potential vaccination requirements for participants.

"I think now, more than ever, we need this," said City Councilmember Lili Bosse. "We've been focusing on health and I think that this is a wonderful opportunity to promote exactly who we are in terms of a healthy city."

As a first, the 2021 L.A. Marathon will finish in Century City on Avenue of the Stars, as opposed to its traditional endpoint in Santa Monica. This represents a potential boon to Beverly Hills' beleaguered hospitality industry. "There's a unique opportunity now for hotels in Beverly Hills to be benefited largely as a result of that decision," said TMF representative Howard Sunkin. "Runners historically like to stay at the finish line."

"With us no longer being in Santa Monica, [there is an] opportunity to do joint marketing with your Conference and Visitors Bureau and the hotels in Beverly Hills to fill those up for the marathon," he said.

If approved by the City Council, the race will follow the same route it has in previous years. Street closures would include portions of Doheny Drive, Burton Way, S. Santa Monica Boulevard, Rodeo Drive, and Wilshire Boulevard. As in years past, the closures would begin at 5 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. As a part of TMF's collaboration with various City groups, including the Rodeo Drive Committee, it will promote the race's route through Rodeo Drive.

With the finish line so much closer to Beverly Hills, Mayor Lester Friedman raised concerns over possible parking issues.

"I have not run the marathon; my wife has done it a couple of times, and we wind up in Santa Monica and parking is a challenge," he said. "I think I walked maybe a mini-marathon just to get to the finish line to see her." "So I'm working with both LAZ parking and with Westfield Century City to designate parking lots, both for participants and for spectators," said Stacy Embretson, Senior Director, Operations for TMF. "I'm also working very closely with L.A. DOT to determine driving routes to those lots."

While Century City offers 5,000 parking spaces, Mayor Friedman floated the idea of using the Beverly Hills High School parking lot for "our residents who are participating and meeting their family at the conclusion of the race."

Given the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, TMF has requested the City approve both an intended day and a contingency day for the race—March 21 and May 23, respectively. But in the committee hearing, TMF CEO Murphy Reinschreiber admitted that the March 21 date was too optimistic. "March does not seem like a real possibility at this time, so our planning and our focus right now is on May 23," he said.

If May 23 also falls through, TMF is asking Beverly Hills and other cities to consider other dates in the fall of 2021.

Even with the race taking place at the later May date, it will still have to contend with extra health and safety precautions. According to a staff report drafted for the committee meeting, the organizers of the race have formed a Medical and Operations Advisory Group to determine how to approach the race safely. They are also working closely with the LA County Department of Public Health (Public Health).

Among the precautions designed by the L.A. Marathon, all participants and volunteers must be vaccinated, have an immunity certificate, or pass a rapid testing protocol. The race itself will factor in the need for social distancing between participants and observers. This means reducing the number of racers to allow for more space on the route. The marathon will also distribute only prepackaged food and beverages to minimize contact.

While casual observers will likely only have to abide by county or City public health rules, those who hope to watch from the stands or VIP sections will have to abide by stricter guidelines.

The Marathon has become a productive driver of charity, offering a platform to approximately 70 nonprofits and raising millions of dollars each year. According to the staff report, the Marathon has generated more than \$50 million since its start in 1988. In 2019 alone, the event raised over \$2.7 million, including \$194,000 for the Beverly Hills-based Concern Foundation.

"We are not interested at all in staging an event or encouraging the staging of an event that is not safe," Sunkin said. "So mask wearing and all those appropriate protections, if that's the order, then that's what we will do—even if we have to go to no spectators." •

### Metro K-Rail Closures Continue

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The Metro K-Rail work zone within the center lanes of the Wilshire Boulevard/San Vicente Boulevard intersection is expected to continue through the month of December. The enclosure will support ongoing tunnel and mitigation work underneath Wilshire Boulevard. All left turns within the Wilshire Boulevard/San Vicente Boulevard intersection will be closed while the K-Rail is in place, and work hours within the K-Rail enclosure are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for five to six days a week. Directional closures will be implemented on weekends. Additionally, the following land reductions are in place:

- Eastbound Wilshire Boulevard between Tower Drive and San Vicente Boulevard will be reduced to two lanes.
- Westbound Wilshire Boulevard between about 500 ft. west of La Jolla Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard will be reduced to two lanes.
- Northbound San Vicente Boulevard between Warner Drive and Wilshire Boulevard will be reduced to a single lane.

• Southbound San Vicente Boulevard between 6th St. and Wilshire Boulevard will be reduced to a single lane.

The following detours are currently in place:

- Northbound San Vicente Boulevard to westbound Olympic Boulevard to northbound La Cienega Boulevard
- Southbound San Vicente Boulevard to eastbound 3rd Street. to southbound Fairfax Avenue
- Westbound Wilshire Boulevard to southbound Fairfax Avenue to westbound Olympic Boulevard
- Eastbound Wilshire Boulevard to northbound Robertson Boulevard to eastbound 3rd Street.

Additionally, intermittent single-lane closures will be implemented on Wilshire Boulevard, reducing eastbound and westbound traffic to one lane. These lane reductions are anticipated to be in place during off-peak hours. •

### **BHPD** Awarded Grant

BY ANA FIGUEROA



The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) has received a \$92,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. The grant's focus is on the safety of the traveling public. As such, it is intended to assist the BHPD in its efforts to reduce traffic injuries and deaths.

"These are trying times, and now more than ever, it is important that we are at the forefront of traffic safety. This funding allows us to educate and enhance the safety of all residents," said Beverly Hills Interim Police Chief Dominick Rivetti.

The grant will provide funding for a number of safety programs, including police patrols with emphasis on alcohol and impaired driver prevention; patrols with emphasis on education and awareness of traffic rights for pedestrians and bicyclists; patrols with emphasis on education and awareness of the state's hands-free cell phone law and patrols with emphasis on education and awareness of common causes of crashes, including failure to signal, yield, stop at stop signs, and improper lane changing or turning.

The grant will also help fund presentations for community education on many traffic safety issues such as speed, distracted driving, pedestrian safety, and bicycle safety.

"Through education and behavior changes, we hope to create an environment that is safe and equitable for all road users in our community." said Chief Rivetti.

The grant will provide funding for the 2021 federal fiscal year, from Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021. •

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### Sports Gatherings Blamed for Spike in COVID-19 Cases

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Two exciting championship victories for Los Angeles provided much-needed cause for celebration in the last few weeks. But those celebrations may also be behind an uptick in COVID-19 cases this week.

In fact, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has recorded the highest number of new cases since late-August not associated with backlog cases.

On Oct. 29, Public Health confirmed 19 new deaths and 1,745 new cases of COVID-19. This increase in cases coincides with the reopening of several sectors, as well as increased gatherings associated with watching sport competitions, including celebrating the Lakers and Dodgers victories.

"At many of these gatherings, people were together without distancing or wearing face coverings, often inside, and unfortunately, at times they were transmitting COVID-19 to other people," said a statement this week from Public Health.

The County's daily case numbers continue to keep the County in the State's most restrictive purple tier (Tier 1) in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Currently, the County's adjusted case rate is 8.0 new cases per 100,000 people. This is an increase from the 7.6 adjusted case rate reported last week. In order to move to the next less restrictive Tier, the County must reduce its daily number of new cases to seven or fewer new cases per 100,000 people for two consecutive weeks.

To date, Public Health has identified 303,369 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 7,040 deaths. The number of confirmed cases in Beverly Hills is 752.

The number of COVID-19 hospitalizations has stabilized. The number has remained below 1,000 daily hospitalized patients for most of September and October, and the County continues to average under 800 hospitalized patients per day. This continued stability in hospitalization numbers while the numbers of daily cases increase is likely

due to a combination of three factors: First, younger people are primarily driving the increasing numbers of new cases and this is a group that may be less likely to become seriously ill and require hospitalization from COVID-19. Second, for those who do require hospitalization, the ability of health care providers to offer better therapeutic treatments often leads to shortened length of stays; and third, there is often a lag between the time we start to see increases in cases and subsequent increases in hospitalizations.

Public Health notes that those who have been part of celebratory crowds in close contact with others not wearing face coverings may have been exposed to COVID-19. They should take the following precautions over the next 14 days: remain apart from others as much as possible, get tested, and monitor themselves for symptoms of illness. If they know they were in contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19, they need to quarantine for the full 14 days, even if they have a negative test.

(Sports Gatherings continues on page 12)

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## The Scene

### Luxury Tents Provide New Home Entertainment Venues

BY CAROLE DIXON



Raj Tents dinner by David Tutera

The holidays are upon us and yet we are still immersed in social distancing. In fact, we are not even supposed to mingle indoors with people outside of our household. With that in mind, and maybe a throw-back to dressing-up and playing fort in the backyard as a kid, luxe party tents are having a moment.

At some point in the past decade, all of us have huddled inside a large tent for a wedding reception. Now, the concept is taking on a more intimate scale. Personally curated tents are a new way of catering and entertaining during COVID-19.

Raj Tents co-founder Maurice Walsh has been one of the leading tent providers for the past 15 years in Los Angeles, from Hollywood industry events to weddings by David Tutera. The pandemic brought larger scale events to a halt for Walsh's business, even outdoors. "Since venues are history for now," he told the Courier, "small groups including micro-weddings in clients back gardens, is how weddings [and events] have been happening since this past summer."

The events include smaller, more sophisticated luxury tents, along with a collection of Indian and Moroccan boho lounge furnishing elements, lighting and lamps. "Most of the time my clients want to furnish my tents with suitable lounge furniture for their event," he said.

His Beverly Hills clients are now partying under small canopies at much smaller gatherings. "Instead of large-scale installations for a birthday party for 40 to 120 people, the events under my canopies are now with



The Lemons Theory Photo by Jenni Hwang



Raj Tents interior

six to 12 guests," said Walsh. Raj Tents prices begin at \$950 per day and more information is available at <a href="https://www.rajtents.com">www.rajtents.com</a>.

WonderTent Parties actually launched in 2017 with a simple request for a sleepover. Owner Trish Healy and her husband had just fostered a 13-year-old-girl through non-profit charity Kidsave that connects older youth with families. After the teen requested the overnight stay with her friends, the company was born by initially offering glam, five-star, at-home sleepover and glamping experiences for kids and adults.

"Once lockdown opened up again, we introduced a series of socially distanced experiences such as the Picnic Circle, Dining Circle and Movie Circle that allowed for small groups of friends and family together safely while still getting to enjoy that connection everyone misses," Healy told the Courier.

The latest collaboration was partnering with celebrity chef Curtis Stone, transforming the rooftop terrace area of his new venture, The Backyard at Picnic Society by Gwen at the Grove. "We've extended the [tented] offering to deliver the experience to people in their own backyards with our beautiful dining experience or intimate Picnic Circles and Curtis Stone's amazing food," said Healy. "Aussies love a good picnic too so it's in my blood," said Stone. The team is currently working on creating specialty menus for unforgettable Friendsgiving, Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings, either fully catered or in a picnic-basket.

As a way to honor her daughter's spark of inspiration, Healy created the "Good InTent" initiative, which donates a portion of the proceeds from each WonderTent Parties event to Kidsave to support the great work they do.

Healy also partners with a range of caterers to help people find the right fit for their celebration and budget. And clients can always enjoy their own food with the brand's dining setups.

"No matter what is happening in our city and the world, small groups are still wanting to come together in a safe and positive way," said Healy. "We want to make what has no doubt been a challenging year for everyone one that can still hold a little wonder."

Stone and his team wanted to create a safe and convenient way for individuals to find solace in the shared experience of simply enjoying a meal together. "The world has changed in recent months, and so has the way that we enjoy food and come together," said Stone. "I began thinking back to the stories of early 19th century gatherings of 'picnic societies' in Europe. With good food and the right company, you can really make anywhere in the world your restaurant."

WonderTent Parties experiences start at \$300 per table of six and can be booked at wondertentparties.com.

As a response to COVID-19 and the slowing of the restaurant industry, private chefs Manouschka Guerrier and Natalie Romero formed The Lemons Theory from the old adage "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

The business was launched just a few months ago after a birthday picnic on the beach with friends who hadn't seen each other in six months.

Those friends and colleagues, many from the entertainment industry, now gather with colorful cushions scattered on lawns with umbrellas for shade, and under lace tepees with Moroccan leather footstools.

Even though the teepees retain heat, there won't be as many beach picnics once winter arrives. The company will increase their movie night offerings, with one already planned in November at popular cocktail bar Employees Only in West Hollywood.



WonderTent Parties

No matter the backdrop, every set-up from The Lemons Theory includes masks for the guests, hand sanitizer and social distanced spacing achieved by smaller tables, different tents and separate blankets if needed.

Other perks include individual smores stations and fire pits. Space heaters, a standard offering from party planners, can also be ordered. For an upcoming event in the Hollywood Hills, a masseuse is also on the menu, along with safety measures. "This is a way for people to gather and get together now but we need to be cognoscente of not hosting a super spreader event," confirmed Guerrier.

"We decided to take a backseat as chefs and to get the food from restaurants we love in the geographical locations of our events," said Guerrier, who was a cast member on the Food Network's "Private Chefs of Beverly Hills," and has clients from Drake and Ariana Grande to Selena Gomez.

"People trust our palate, and they discover new restaurants," added Guerrier. Some of the restaurants and ghost kitchens they frequently support include Vietnamese from Phorage, sushi from Sugarfish, Secret Lasagna, Roe Caviar, healthy fare from Kreation Organic and even Cannabis Cuisine by Chef Andrea Drummer (formerly of Lowell in West Hollywood.)

When they do cook, Guerrier makes food from her Haitian roots that honor her

grandmother while Romero focuses on grazing boards with the city's best charcuterie, vegan cheese, pickles, olives with French lemonade flowing and bundles of fresh flowers to top off the table settings.

Clients can also bring their own food to the party but Guerrier designs the look of the event, whether it's for a date night, movie night, baby or bridal showers. Their latest event was a fall-friendship gathering of college friends who hadn't seen each other in seven months.

And, they are eliciting a range of emotional responses from these gatherings as well. "There has not been one single event, where someone is not crying at the end because they are so happy, grateful or overwhelmed," said Guerrier. "It's an amalgamation of everything that's going on from the setting, weather, food and friends, and it's pure joy." Packages start at \$125 per person, with more information listed at www.thelemonstheory.com/.

If you're feeling adventurous this holiday season, the Courier has recently discovered that the glamping tent on the roof of the Beverly Wilshire was purchased from Shelter in the Bay Area. <a href="https://shelter-co.com/">https://shelter-co.com/</a>. So, you can order your own tent and put together a family fete for yourself, but it still might be best to call in a professional. Either way, you might find yourself saying "pass the gravy" on Thanksgiving from your backyard this year. •

### When Needed Most, Donor-Advised Funds **Empower Charitable Giving** By Steve Gamer



In the realm of trusts-and-estates attorney Paul Gordon Hoffman, planned charitable giving is every bit as personal as it is professional. A founding member of the nationalrecognized Los Angeles law firm Hoffman, Sabban & Watenmaker, APC, Paul routinely advises clients on matters related to charitable planning and how it fits into the scheme of their larger estate plans.

Away from the office, the attorney practices what he counsels clients. For Paul and his wife, Sue, giving back plays a prominent role in their lives. and their donor-advised fund (DAF) at the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles (The Foundation) provides the ideal charitable vehicle for doing so.

While the Hoffmans sustain a range of causes of shared importance to them through the DAF they established in 2012, the charitable fund also enables them to respond generously and nimbly in times of crisis, including support in the aftermath of catastrophes such as the Santa Barbara wildfires and Louisiana hurricanes. Most notably, though, it is their giving during the current global pandemic that has taken on personal importance, with the couple stepping up their giving for COVID-19-related response and relief efforts.

What is our DAF for if not to be used for a once-in-a-lifetime event like the current pandemic?" Paul commented, adding that The Foundation's online COVID-19 Response Hub provided a source to help them identify vetted causes and programs worthy of support.

He continued: "Our DAF enables us to support a wide range of causes more efficiently and strategically, provides us with a lot of flexibility, and affords us access to The Foundation's helpful guidance with our giving when we need it, as it has done during the pandemic."

Why did the Hoffmans, as well as hundreds of others, select Foundation DAFs as the best vehicle to conduct their philanthropy?

#### Streamline Your Giving

DAFs offer many of the advantages of a private foundation without the costs and administrative complexities of a private foundation.

One of the smartest ways to enhance your philanthropy is by establishing a DAF—essentially a charitable-giving account-at The Foundation. It provides convenience and flexibility for your donations, allowing you to give more strategically. You can fund a DAF with a variety of assets and can recommend grants to your favorite charities, Jewish or secular, on your

own schedule. You may select investment options to potentially grow your fund as The Foundation streamlines the entire process by handling all the administrative responsibilities, freeing you to focus on the joy of giving.

The benefits of a donor advised fund at The Foundation include:

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- By using appreciated assets such as marketable stocks and bonds, real estate, or interests in a limited liability company to fund your DAF, in addition to the fair-market-value tax deduction, you will avoid all capital gains tax on your gift. And, through thoughtful pre-planning, a DAF can even help maximize tax benefits in the event of the sale of a business.
- You can recommend grants of \$100 or more to a nearly limitless range of nonprofit organizations. Jewish or secular, locally, nationally, or in Israel via 24/7 online access to your fund. Plus, you can review your fund's balance and giving history and add to your fund anytime with a credit card or online check.
- If your fund's balance is \$50,000 or more, you can access several types of investment options providing diversity and potential tax-free growth of your fund's assets.

- Additionally, our Center for Designed Philanthropy offers complimentary philanthropic consultations and educational programs on giving more strategically. For example, we can help you determine which causes to support based upon your own passions and fields of interest.
- Finally, DAFs afford the ability to name your children as successor donor advisors, effectively creating the closest equivalent to a private family foundation without the cost and administrative hassles of establishing and maintaining one.

#### **Multigenerational Giving**

Studies indicate that children whose parents actively discuss giving are significantly more likely to become charitable adults themselves than those with parents who do not. This same research shows that charitable families volunteer more and consider themselves happier and closer-knit. That's why we suggest engaging your family early on to communicate your charitable values and decision-making process.

To encourage their children's philanthropic values, many Foundation donors have opened DAFs for their children and grandchildren as well, enabling them to experience firsthand the fulfilling power of giving at an early age. Upcoming articles in this four-part series include instilling meaningful giving in future generations of your family, as well as considering charitable legacies.

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#### For the Good of Community

The only cost associated with a DAF at The Foundation is a modest annual fee which covers several important administrative and portfolio management functions. A portion of that fee is reinvested in The Foundation's own grantmaking to numerous causes throughout our community-creating, in effect, philanthropic sustain-

To explore smart giving strategies—and the fulfillment that comes with it—at this time when it matters most, as well as ways to amplify the impact of your giving, please visit www.jewishfoundationla.org or contact us at (323) 761-8704, or development@jewishfoundationla.org.

About the author: Steve Gamer is vice president of advancement for the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles, which manages more than \$1.3 billion in charitable assets and distributed \$129 million in grants in 2019 to causes locally, nationally and around the world.

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# **Community**

### Fire Damages JEM Community Center in Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Rabbi Hertzel Illulian in front of JEM Community Center

On Oct. 24, a fire broke out at the JEM Community Center on south Santa Monica Boulevard, resulting in extensive damage to the rear exterior of the building, the interior and the children's campus. Formerly the Beverly Hills YMCA, the Center provides facilities and programs for children, youths, adolescents, young professionals and adults and also offers religious Jewish education, Shabbat and Holiday services and children's winter and summer camps. Neighbors alerted the fire department just after 3:53 p.m., after observing flames coming from the facility. The Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) dispatched 25 firefighters to the scene, entering to find the building cloaked in heavy, black smoke. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, and nothing has been ruled out including arson or terrorism.

The structure fire began on the second floor of the Center, in a children's playroom. BHFD Fire Chief Greg Barton described his department's work at the scene to the Courier. "The firefighters with fire hoses went into the building and they went up to the second floor using their hoses to put the fire out. At the same time, we sent others to the roof trying to ventilate the area, trying to get all the heated gas and smoke out of the building. So, they cut a ventilation hole on top of the roof like a chimney to clear out the smoke. So, we have a coordinated

attack, hose lines on the fire, and then we're cutting a hole on the roof to let all the smoke and heated gasses out."

According to Barton, the fire was extinguished in 20 minutes. The flames were quelled before consuming the entire building and did not spread to other nearby structures on the block, but the damages to the Center are still being assessed.

"Thank God Almighty nobody was hurt. It breaks my heart to see the building like this." Rabbi Hertzel Illulian, who founded the JEM Community Center, said on Saturday. "The Center is the heart of the community, especially amongst our youth. Through the JEM Community Center, I have witnessed countless lives saved from today's trials, brought broken families together, and I am determined to transform these ashes to build a bigger and better home and to help save more lives of all youth from all challenges."

The JEM Community Center primarily serves pre-high school youth and their families throughout the Los Angeles area, and is dedicated to the welfare and health of the community. The facility and its affiliates host thousands of children and adults each week, boasting an indoor Olympic-size swimming pool, basketball court, volleyball court, a yoga studio and other multi-purpose rooms where AA meetings are held as well as suicide and drug prevention mentoring.



Firefighters on the scene at JEM Community Center

Rabbi Hertzel Illulian, known for helping over 3,000 Jewish and Christian children from dangers of the revolution in Iran, has fought to maintain the Center as a place that welcomes children and adults regardless of faith, nationality, race, zip code or economic background.

Unfortunately, the JEM Center has suffered a series of calamities in recent years. In 2019, a storm caused the roof above the basketball court to collapse. The court is JEM's prized facility, having hosted basketball legends such as the late Kobe Bryant, Kevin Durant, Shaquille O'Neal, Kareem Abdul Jabbar and others. The basketball court still remains partially paralyzed by the collapsed roof.

"I played here as a kid 60 years ago and came recently to coach inner city children with my son," attorney Michael Shapiro told the Courier. "Unfortunately, I lost my wife this week and while my son was playing basketball I went up as the tenth man for a minyan, to pray and say a Kaddish for my wife, and was deeply touched by the warmth and kindness of the people there. I believe now is the time the Beverly Hills and Los Angeles community should awaken their hearts in an outpour of love and support to partner up in assisting this incredible iconic community center in these tragic times!"

To learn more, visit <u>www.</u>
<u>JEMCommunityCenter.com.</u> ●

# Memorial Held for BHHS Student

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Rabbi Danny Illulian alongside BHHS students during the memorial for Gomez

On Oct. 19, a memorial service was held in front of Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) in the wake of the untimely death of 16-year-old student Gael Gomez. Gomez was in his junior year at BHHS and an active member of Beverly Hills High School Jewish Club, where Rabbi Daniel Illulian sits as advisor. During the memorial, Rabbi Illulian spoke about unity, understanding, and love in front of roughly 150 students and alumni who came to honor the memory of Gomez.

Club co-presidents, Daniel Rabkin and Yonatan Kashanian recognized the gravity that such an unfortunate loss is having on the BHHS community. Rabbi Illulian, Rabkin and Kashanian opened the ceremony with heart-warming comments followed by testimonies given by Gomez's closest friends.

"The BHUSD Community is deeply saddened by the loss of one of our Normans," BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy told the Courier. "We are heartened to see how our students and staff have rallied around one another in this time of grief. We continue to respect the family's wish for privacy."

Given the ongoing pandemic, the Jewish Club implemented strict social distancing measures and mandatory face coverings at the memorial. The ceremony culminated with every student lighting a candle to hold up in a moment of silence. Afterwards, Rabbi Illulian closed the ceremony by speaking about how the student body can turn Gomez's passing into something positive. He reminded the mourners of the importance of being there for one another—regardless of differing viewpoints, popularity and appearances. The ceremony concluded with the laying of flowers at the base of the school grounds. •

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# Safer at Home This Halloween



To protect the health and safety of the community during COVID-19, the following is prohibited in the City of Beverly Hills on Saturday, October 31, 2020:

- 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).
- Providing candy or other Halloween treats or toys to any person outside their household.

# Closed to pedestrian and vehicle traffic, local-access only (Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.):

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



For virtual Halloween activities and more information, visit beverlyhills.org/halloweenbh

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, will hold a public hearing to consider:

EXTENSION OF AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS TO PROHIBIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT FAIL TO COMPLY WITH INCLUSIONARY HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

The Council will consider whether or not to extend the interim ordinance for a period of one year, in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 65858. The extension of the interim Urgency Ordinance will require a four fifths (4/5) vote by the City Council.

This Interim Ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. The adoption and implementation of the Interim Ordinance represents minor alterations in land use limitations and noticing procedures for certain projects and do not result in any changes in land use or density. It can therefore be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments may have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, the Interim Ordinance consists of an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment due to the fact that it will apply inclusionary housing regulations to all multi-family housing developments. Accordingly, the City Council will consider the staff recommendation to find the Interim Ordinance exempt from the environmental review requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), 15305, and 15308 of the California Code of Regulations because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question would have a significant effect on the environment.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Oral and written comments regarding the project can be submitted up to and at the November 10, 2020 City Council meeting. Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 members of the Beverly Hills City Council and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference/video conference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can access City Council meetings telephonically, through live webcast, and BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable.

To submit Audio/Oral comments during the hearing call: 310-288-2288, to submit written comments please email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org, to submit video comments (during public comment only) use https://www.gotomeet.me/BevPublic

It is recommended that public written comments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12:00 p.m. on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the City Council. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. Written comments will be allowed with a maximum of 350 words, which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes of speaking time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, it will not be a part of the record. Public comment via video conference will be 3 minutes per each individual comment, subject to City Council discretion. Any interested person may participate in the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the City Council. According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Timothea Tway, Principal Planner,** Community Development Department, at (310) 285-1122 or ttway@beverlyhills.org. The case file, including a copy of the proposed urgency Ordinance, is available for review by contacting the planner above. In addition, the staff report on this matter will be available at least ten days in advance of the meeting date at the following web address: www.beverlyhills.org/planningpolicy, or by contacting the planner above.

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Protestors on Rodeo Drive Photo by Samuel Braslow

#### (Ordinance continued from page 1)

"We have tried to draft an ordinance that attempts to balance the first amendment rights to demonstrate with the physical and fiscal impacts on the police department and the City," said City Attorney Laurence Weiner.

The ordinance designates three locations as "favorite assembly locations" where crowds of less than 500 could demonstrate without a permit or a fee. These include Beverly Gardens Park between Crescent Drive and Rodeo Drive, La Cienega Park, and the west side of City Hall adjacent to Crescent Drive.

The ordinance also addresses the matter of residential protests, which the City experienced over the summer. In response, the City adopted regulations that limited assemblies in residential neighborhoods after 9 p.m. and before 8 a.m. The current ordinance takes these rules a step further,

limiting such gatherings starting at 30 minutes after sunset or at 7 p.m., depending on which comes first.

"It's our responsibility to help make our community feel safe and our residents feel safe," said Councilmember Lili Bosse, voicing support of the earlier cut-off time. "In my mind, there's no reason whatsoever that we should be having anybody protesting in the residential areas at all."

Weiner cautioned that earlier limitations would make the ordinance more susceptible to legal challenge. Even if someone had not been subjected to the ordinance, they could launch a "facial challenge" to the ordinance, he said. "Someone could say, I cannot protest the way I want to protest because of this ordinance, because of x or y or z," he said.

"My instinct is, and I've talked to an awful lot of people about this, and they're nervous," Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold said. "And I think that anything we can do that is protective, is something we ought to do. I personally would be willing to take the chance that this would be challenged."

The ordinance additionally prohibits protests that target a specific home or residence in the City and "proceed solely in front of that residence for a period of more than 15 minutes."

If an organizer underestimates the number of attendees the first time they hold a demonstration, the City will give them a pass. But if that same organizer neglects to apply for a permit the second time, Weiner said the City would enforce the ordinance.

Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Interim Police Chief Dominick Rivetti said that the ordinance gives law enforcement useful tools to deal with any potential demonstrations going forward. With the ordinance, BHPD officers will have the option of declaring an unlawful assembly and clearing out crowds before any violent incidents, he said. "If we have to make arrests, we'll make arrests," he told the Council.

"The strategy that we have is trying to get people to voluntarily comply with the ordinance and comply with doing things in a lawful peaceful manner," said Rivetti. "But when they violate the law, then it becomes an unlawful assembly and then it switches over to a different situation where we can... disperse the crowd."

The ordinance includes new prohibition on items at assemblies, including skateboards; shields made of metal, wood, hard plastic, or glass; lasers; and gas masks

or similar respirators. The ordinance also prohibits "any length of plastic or metal pipe, rod, or other object greater than one foot (1') in length or greater than one-quarter inch (1/4") in its thickest dimension." This would seem to apply to flag poles as well, of which there are no shortage at the weekly Freedom Rally.

The permit application forms are currently available online. Parties can book locations in advance without limitation, though Wiener said that the City could revisit that arrangement down the line.

The Pro-Trump "Freedom Rally" held on Oct. 24 drew its largest crowd to date of 2,500, by BHPD's estimates. The rally occupied the entire space of Beverly Hills Park and the City anticipates an even larger turn out on Oct. 31.

Councilmember Bosse raised the issue of what happens if two groups vie for the same space. Weiner explained that the City would try and accommodate both groups in the same area, as they have done in the past. When Beverly Gardens Park has seen counter protesters arrive in opposition to the Freedom Rally, the City has cordoned off the two groups on either side of the park.

"But ultimately, if someone else is occupying the space, and all the space is occupied, there's not really going to be anywhere for them," Weiner said. "I don't anticipate that happening. That's a possibility, I suppose."

A counter protest is currently scheduled to take place at Beverly Gardens Park on Oct. 31. •

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#### (Mixed Use continued from page 1)

The proposal has met a fair amount of criticism from the public. On Oct. 13, the City Council heard 78 total comments, with 69 opposed to mixed use. While they were not read into the record, the Oct. 27 meeting received another 13 comments, 12 of which were in opposition.

"Every time I heard the letters that were read to you, or the public comments that were read to you, or read to us, in these hearings, I heard the voice of a few people that really rallied a number of people with [less than] the full amount of information," said Planning Commission Vice Chair Lori Greene Gordon. "And I think it's very important that we be cognizant of the fact that without all the information, I don't think the public really understands the urgency of what we need to do in this RHNA situation."

The City has allowed limited mixed use in the past on a case by case basis, but the ordinance would provide a formalized process for developers. It would add an element of "certainty" that the Planning Commission characterized as necessary to foster development in the City. It would also grant the City a crucial source of housing units as a part of its RHNA allocation.

The consideration of the ordinance comes as the City faces steep demands by the State to increase its housing stock over the next eight years. As a part of the RHNA allocation, California has determined that Beverly Hills must enable development of more than 3,000 new units in the City. While not a mandate, the City must prove to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that its zoning and regulatory framework enables and encourages that level of development. In the event that HCD remains unconvinced by the City's efforts, the State would step in and allow developers to build projects with "at least 20 percent low income or affordable housing where they want without regard to many of our rules," Planning Commission Chair Peter Ostroff told the Council.

At previous discussions of RHNA, the City Council has bristled at the 3,000-plus number, characterizing it as unrealistic. While appeals of the allocation are rarely successful, the City Council has indicated a desire to challenge the amount. At the Oct. 27 Regular Meeting, the City Council moved forward with a request to the regional body in charge of RHNA allocations—a part of an effort to challenge the validity of the State's overall housing calculation.

"So yes, it's true that it sounds punitive for the state to impose these numbers on us," Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold said. "But if we don't comply, it's going to get even more punitive. And under the circumstances, I don't really think we have a whole lot of choice but to find creative ways to build new housing in the city."

Assistant Director of Community Development and City Planner Ryan Gohlich described mixed use as "one of our best ways to substantially chip away at that 3,096-unit count."

"Mixed use allows us to create additional housing opportunities on land that is not currently zoned for residential, and the best part of that means that we're not displacing any of our current residents, many of which are benefiting from our rent control regulations," he said.

Throughout the public commenting period, the City Council and Planning Commission heard frequent detractions to the mixed use proposal. Councilmember Bosse raised those concerns with staff. "What I heard again and again in calls and in emails is a concern that, by allowing mixed use in certain corridors, that this proposed ordinance might destroy the quality of life of the abutting residential area and such," she said. "What I want to make sure that I understand is that...we have an ordinance, but there's nothing specifically that happens by right. In other words, now that we have this overlay zone, it doesn't mean that people can just build whatever the heck they want."

"It's the same findings and same discretionary review process that any commercial building or multifamily building is subjected to," Gohlich said.

Another source of controversy around the mixed use ordinance relates to the State Density Bonus Program. The program allows developers to request extra floors or square footage in order to include affordable units in a project. Many residents have expressed concern that the program would allow new mixed use developments that clash with their surroundings. The Staff Report states that, in most cases, the density bonus would grant developments an additional story at most.

Councilmember John Mirisch came out strongest against the proposal, saying that he believed the matter required more study to understand the fiscal impact. He also described the ordinance as overly generous to developers at the expense of the City. "We had 80 people who opposed it and 10 people who were in favor, but of course, the 10 people who are in favor of it were developers," he said. "I think we have to be very, very careful about corporate welfare."

Given his reservations, Mirisch said he didn't think the ordinance was "ready for primetime."

Mirisch and Ostroff found themselves at considerable odds toward the end of the meeting. Ostroff took issue with the timing of Mirisch's comments, claiming that Mirisch should have requested a financial analysis much earlier.

"This thing has been pending for 18 months at least and it could have been done long ago," Ostroff said. "What that tells me is that there is no bonafide interest in doing a financial analysis of any type. That is just a way to ensure either that this doesn't pass, or that if it does, nothing will happen as a result."

"Thank you for being the representative of developers," Mirisch replied.

The City Council will resume discussion of the matter on Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m. While the Council will not hear or read comments, anyone interested can still submit comments to the Council via cityclerk@beverlyhills.org. •



(Sports Gatherings continued from page 5)

"Many people, especially our younger residents, are interacting with each other while not adhering to recommended prevention measures, while our older residents continue to experience the results of increased spread with the worst health outcomes, including death. We have learned a lot about how this infection is transmitted since the beginning of the pandemic and it's

useful to reflect on what we know so that we can better understand the risks associated with certain activities. Activities that have been linked to a high number of COVID-19 cases include parties, wedding celebrations, in-person dining at bars and restaurants, and on and off-campus socializing at universities," said Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed., Director of Public Health.

For more information and resources, visit <a href="https://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.">www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.</a>



Mary Wells, (right) BHUSD School Board candidate, held a socially distanced storytelling event outside with a small group of children at her private residence on Oct. 24. The event featured authors Patti Tanenbaum and Carol Zaslow and their new book "Lovable Grandpa Joe" releasing on Oct. 30.



"Movies in Your Car at Greystone Mansion & Gardens" debuted on Oct. 23 with a screening of "Hocus Pocus."

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BHPD officer speaks with rally-goers on Oct. 24 Photo by Samuel Braslow

### (Mask Enforcement continued from page 1)

At subsequent rallies, Bagheri has led a growing contingent through the Golden Triangle, sometimes calling out on a bull-horn to bystanders to take off their masks.

One of the headline speakers at the Oct. 25 rally was Dr. Simone Gold, a medical doctor who appeared in a since-banned viral video promoting misinformation about COVID-19 and hydroxychloroquine. Dr. Gold encouraged attendees not to wear masks, saying, "To the extent that you can, you should not comply with the masks." She also described public health efforts as part of a "power grab."

"You have to role model for other people what it's like to be without the mask," Dr. Gold told the crowd. "I've been stunned to learn that there are human beings who are genuinely afraid that they're going to hurt another human being if they're not wearing a mask. They may need to see you do it a hundred times, a hundred people wearing no masks, before they will stop being unafraid."

Gold's comments came one day after the United States registered its largest ever spike in COVID-19 cases. They also conflict with the consensus in the medical community, according to Co-Chief Infection Prevention Officer at UCLA Dr. Annabelle de St. Maurice.

"Among the infectious disease community, there's widespread support for mask wearing and physical distancing," she told the Courier.

"Masks were used in the 1918 pandemic and seemed to have an effect, but there wasn't great data on using them, particularly for asymptomatic individuals," she said. "That's what's really novel about SARS-CoV-2, is that 48 hours before you get symptoms, you can still transmit the virus and there's evidence that people who are asymptomatic can transmit the virus."

"That's why just having some people wear masks doesn't make sense," she said. "Everybody needs to wear them, because everybody is potentially at risk of transmitting."

Dr. de St. Maurice pointed to a recent model published in the scientific journal Nature that projected a possible death count of 511,373 by Feb. 28. But the model also found that universal masking could save 129,574 lives.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't get many calls regarding mask wearing," said Councilmember Lili Bosse at the Oct. 27 Study Session. "When we do have these rallies, there's people that aren't wearing masks and there is a concern that we are not enforcing the ordinance that we have in place."

Beverly Hills Police Department Interim Police Chief Dominick Rivetti addressed public concern about the state of mask-wearing at the rallies at the Study Session. "We have been unable to enforce face coverings at these demonstrations and protests," Rivetti told the Council. "It's simply because we're doing our best to keep the peace and to protect the city, and at the same time facilitating the demonstrators to exercise their first amendment rights."

He cited as an example the Oct. 25 rally, which dwarfed all prior Freedom Rallies with a turnout of around 2,500. The department had only 60 officers to manage the event, he said.

Beyond the logistics of supervising the events, Rivetti also touched on the political element of the masks. "In this particular group, it's part of their platform that they refuse to wear face coverings," he said. "They think it's their constitutional right not to wear them. And so, we're going to get resistance right out the gate."

Issues of enforcement stretched beyond mask noncompliance. The weekly rallies have also brought a crush of cars to Beverly Hills' streets and parking spots. According to Bosse, members of the Council have fielded calls complaining about people parked in restricted areas.

Like with mask enforcement, Rivetti said that the department was stretched too thin to police parking. "We just simply have not had the people available to do the parking enforcement," he told Councilmember Bosse.

"We're not giving them a pass on purpose," he said. "It's just a question of what we can accomplish." •



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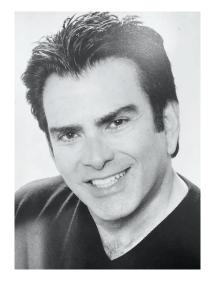


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### **Birthdays**



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### Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 30). People first. This is your genuine inclination, and because of it, you wind up with a great deal of things that aren't people -- business, money and assets, to name a few. A relationship takes you on an emotional journey unlike any you've known thus far. You'll discover talents previously untapped. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 7, 1, 4 and 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It is easy to notice and avoid the dangers that come in the form of bad ideas, oppressive forces and general trouble. What's hard to avoid (and, therefore, more dangerous) are the seductions and temptations of daily life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). New people need much more attention in order to feel comfortable in a group. You will not be sorry if you go out of your way to make someone feel welcome.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Love and all its contradictions will be the theme that winds through this day,

stringing together elegant and messy outcomes. There's not a lot to analyze here -- not now, at least. Live it and make assessments later.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be exceptionally gifted at recognizing the limitations of a situation, which are not as constricting as most people assume and not as expansive as the big dream. You'll find level ground on which to set your expectation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The expression of your mind and body can be baffling, but there is wisdom here beyond mundane comprehension. However your mind and body are working, it's happening that way to keep you safe and protected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though people need attention, relationships get off balance when too much attention is paid. Freedom and privacy are also core needs. Today's gifts of love come in the form of trust and space.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People experience you as self-contained. This is why they don't provide much: You don't seem like you need it. Though it's true you are quite fulfilled in your own being, ask for help anyway. Someone wants to be needed by you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Trust and commitment are the cornerstones

of long-term relationships and, to some degree, more casual arrangements. It's hard to want to relate to a person you don't trust.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're being nudged into a change. Though it doesn't feel like a glorious turn of events, it really is tremendous luck because this fortuitous shift is not something you would have initiated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Every dalliance has a tribute. The chocolate cake exacts its revenge calorically. The endless video game or binge-watch takes its toll energetically.

Knowing what things really cost will help you make better decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you decide to be, you're a master of focus and a wizard of productivity. The trick is in deciding what is worth doing and prioritizing well. Many will benefit from your organized approach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no better revenge than success. Is it wrong to want to punish someone by blinding them with the light of your superstar status and accomplishments? There are worse things.

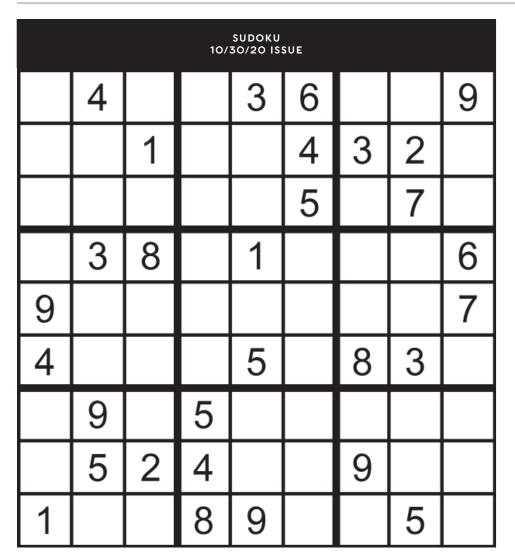


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#### AT THE HALLOWEEN PLAY ... BY PETER A. COLLINS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Peter A. Collins is the chairman of the math department at Huron High School, in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he has taught for 40 years. He has been married for 33 years and has four adult daughters, all still in the Ann Arbor area. The genesis of this puzzle was hearing about an actor who had [answer at 48-Across]. That made him think of Frankenstein, and an idea was born. This is Peter's 114th crossword for The Times. - W.S.

#### ACROSS

- 1 Reposed
- 6 Ruler divisions: Abbr.
- 9 Objective  ${f 12}$  Source of stress for a
- 18 Homes staffed with
- butlers, say 20 Heartburn-relief
- brand
- 22 Snapple competitor
- 23 At the Halloween play, when the black cat
- appeared, the \_ 25 Really bother
- 26 Sound of a candy wrapper
- 27 Collectibles-like ticket stubs and matchbooks
- 29 Glassy square?
- 30 "Critique of Pure Reason" philosopher 31 Enemy of Bowser in
- video games 33 Music producer Gotti
- 35 Fr. religious title
- 36 ... the skeleton gave
- 43 Belle of a ball
- 46 Bradley or Patton: Abbr.
- 47 Citrus fruit with a
- portmanteau name
- 48 ... Frankenstein had

**ANSWERS FOUND** IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

- 53 One of the kids on "Stranger Things"
- 57 Most common U.S. street name, surprisingly
- returning vacationer 58 Scarecrow portrayer
  - 59 Blanket that's worn 60 Follow closely, as the
  - curb 61 Pitcher Satchel in the Baseball Hall of
  - Fame 63 Chow
  - 65 "Of course I remember you!" often
  - 66 Glasses, in slang
  - 68 ... the critics loved the witch's performance,  $\,$  123 In the style of
  - 71 Tickled
  - 72 Dragon-roll ingredient
  - 73 Friendly
  - 74 Prepare, as
  - mushrooms 75 Vexation
  - 76 Cassandra, for one
  - 78 Vocal critics
  - 84 Great Lake name
  - 85 ... the ghost had \_
  - 88 Amazon, for one
  - 90 Old-timey title
  - 91 No-go area, in brief
  - 92 ... the vampire never
  - 99 "Evil Woman" group, for short 100 Most common
  - English letter, in

- 101 Joyce Carol with two 15 Formal admission
- O. Henry Awards 102 Slumps
- 106 Send emojis, say
- 108 Southern shade trees
- 112 It gained its Ethiopia in 1991
- 115 Source of some tweets
- $117\ldots$  the mummy was a hit \_
- 119 Try to make out
- 120 Tot's spot in a lot
- 121 Certain Bach compositions
- 122 Fitting anagram of
- ANGER + E
- 124 G.I.'s chow
- 125 Artoo-

#### DOWN

- 1 Kiss
- 2 Oscar winner Dern
- 3 Finish with 4 Final destination,
- perhaps 5 Long haul
- 6 Title for Emma Bovary: Abbr. 7 Appreciative cry
- 8 Arrive unnoticed 9 "As I Lay Dying"
- father 10 Two of Us? 11 Fashioned
- 12 Them's fighting words!
- 13 "It's Raining\_ 14 "This minute!"

- 16 Simple shelter
- 19 "30 Rock" was
- independence from 21 Apt thing to wear during allergy
  - season?
  - water +

  - 34 French towns
  - 37 What you're doing at

  - 43 Article of Cologne? 44 She raised Cain
  - with "The" 49 Component of
  - 50 Celebration of a life,
  - 51 Clouds (up)
  - 55 Capital of Samoa
  - 59 Card's place: Abbr.
  - break 62 One of two for a tee
  - 66 Late-night host Meyers

- 17 Glossy gown fabric
- inspired by it, for short
- 24 Mortar = sand +
- 28 Gymnastics event
- 32 With skill
- every moment 38 Bassoon attachment
- 39 Buck 40 Like royal flushes
- 41 Beg 42 Museum offering
- 45 Hit ABC dating show,
- béchamel sauce
- 52 Tickled 54 Spam filter, of a sort
- 56 Lentil, e.g. 61 Good thing to make or
- **64** It might be pale or amber

- 102 115
- 67 Indiana city that's 100 miles west of
- Lima, Ohio 68 Pale

119

122

- 69 Quaint "not" 70 Tidy up ... or make less tidy
- 71 Produce on a farm 73 Poster heading **75** Spy's collection 77 Billy in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- **79** Not up **80** Fatty tuna, in Japanese cuisine
- 81 Lead-in to phobia 82 Common sight at a

120

123

- cash-only bar 83 AM radio abbr.
- 85 Capone contemporary 86 Bone: Prefix 87 Like some Coast
- Guard rescues 89 Superfan 92 Do another take of 93 Number of sides on a
- hendecagon 94 More crafty 95\_ \_\_ ark
- Jeffries, chair 109 Cow, in Cádiz of the House Democratic Caucus
- 97 Them's fighting words!
- 98 Will matter 103 Stop, in France 104 Reach
- 105 Have the final word 107 "United States of show for which Toni Collette won an

Emmy

- 110 Bibliography abbr. \_\_ vez (again, in
- Spanish) 113 Record speed, for short

114 Gadget that once

- came with a click wheel 116 Rip (on)
- 118 It might start with "I-": Abbr.

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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): SANDY SOLEYMANZADEH current residence address: 10106 Empyrean 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: 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 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 chance: 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. Sorava Soleymanzadeh Soraya Soleymanzaden
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 Beverly Hills Courier SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES
CASE NO: 20STCP02963
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
In the Matter of the petition of:
Vivien Latife Mizrahi
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner: Vivien Latife Mizrahi
current residence address: 4311 Present Name

current residence address: 4311 Noeline Ave. Encino, CA 91436 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 on September 14, 2020 for a Decree changing names as follows: Vivien Latife Mizrahi
Proposed Name:
Vivien Mizrahi Benjamin 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 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: January 19, 2021 Date: January 19. 2021 Date: January 19, 2021
Time: 11:00 am
Dept: 20 Room: 310
The address of the court is:
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles, 111 N.
Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 90012
Reason for name change:

I 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: David J. Cohen

Judge of the Superior Court Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk, Nick Miramontes, Deputy Clerk Dated: September 14, 2020 Published: October 23, 30, November 06, 13, 2020 Beverly Hills Courier

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#### **FICTITIOUS** BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020137602

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

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#### **FICTITIOUS** BUSINESS STATEMENT NAME 2020137557

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business as: **PETER FETTERMAN** PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKS OF ART 2525 Michigan Ave. #A-1, Santa Monica, CA 90404; Peter Feterman Productins Inc. Michigan Ave. #A-1, Santa Monica, CA 90404; business is conducted by: A **CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed July 1980: Peter Fetterman, President: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September Published: October 16, 23, 30, November 06, 2020 LACC N/C

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Los Angeles, CA 90034;
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020161845

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The following is/are doing business as:

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME **STATEMENT** 2020165492

The following is/are doing business as:

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The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: MOHAMMED J. ALAM, 1057 W. GAGE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044

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Name and address of escrow holder: WILSHIRE ESCROW COMPANY, ESCROW COMPANY, 4270 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 That is has been agreed between said transferee(s) and said transferor(s) that consideration for the transfer of said assets and of said license(s) is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, pursuant to Sec. 24073 et seq. DATED:

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