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## Relatives of Menendez Brothers Make Pleas For Their Release



Photo by Sean Beckner-Carmitchel

Attorney Mark Geragos (center) surrounded by relatives of Erik and Lyle Menendez at the Oct. 16 press conference

BY SEAN BECKNER-CARMITCHEL

Relatives of Erik and Lyle Menendez made pleas for their release from prison during an Oct. 16 press conference at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Justice Center in Los Angeles. The brothers are currently serving life sentences for the 1989 murder of their parents Mary Louise (“Kitty”) and Jose Menendez at the family home on Elm Drive in

Beverly Hills. Earlier this month, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced that his office is reviewing the case to determine if a new trial or resentencing is in order. Gascón said he is “not leaning in any direction right now” and is “keeping an open mind.”

The brothers have admitted to the killings, but contend they were victims of See **MENENDEZ BROTHERS**, page 13

## City Council Revises Affordable Housing Guidelines

BY JULIANNA LOZADA

The Beverly Hills City Council voted unanimously at its Oct. 10 meeting to revise affordable housing guidelines by clarifying occupancy priority standards and adding a definition of “displacement” in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

The Beverly Hills affordable housing program places income-qualified tenants into deed-restricted units in private developments. The guidelines and priority standards were adopted in 2016 and 2019, respectively, and have since been reviewed by city staff, who’ve identified areas where guidelines are unclear. Staff also consulted HouseKeys, the administrators of the city’s affordable housing program. The ensuing revisions follow recommendations made earlier this year by the Planning Commission.

The first part of the revisions concerns the affordable housing guidelines for rental units. The revisions remove the time limit for vacating a rental unit and instead added a definition of a “noncompliance event.” The second part of the revisions target occupancy priority standards, which dictate the order in which tenants are placed into the units if qualified. City staff reassessed occupancy priority standards and how the See **CITY COUNCIL**, page 13

## Managing Election Anxiety

BY EVA RITVO, M.D.

With fewer than 20 days left before the election, anxiety is on the rise. This isn’t a new phenomenon, but it has intensified in recent years as political discourse has grown increasingly polarized and the aftermath of the 2020 election replays in our minds. This anxiety is driven by fear of the unknown, a lack of control over the future, and the high stakes that elections represent. Many feel that the outcome may directly affect their personal lives, the state of the country, the future of democracy and the global landscape. For many, the election feels deeply personal. Whether it’s concern about health-care, climate change, economic inequality, or social justice, voters may feel that their values and livelihoods are on the line. The more personally invested someone is in the outcome, the more anxious they are likely to feel. The events following the 2020 election,



and the two recent assassination attempts demonstrate how volatile our country has become further raising our collective anxiety.

Although election anxiety is a common experience in today’s politically charged environment, it doesn’t have to topple your emotional well-being. By understanding the factors that contribute to this anxiety and adopting effective coping strategies, you can navigate the upcoming election with greater

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## Changes Considered for Ambassador Program

BY JULIANNA LOZADA

At its Oct. 10 Study Session, the Beverly Hills City Council heard recommendations from the Community Security Ad Hoc committee about reducing Beverly Hills Ambassador services.

The Beverly Hills Ambassador Program is a safety and hospitality program deployed in the city’s downtown to serve residents, business owners, and tourists on a 24/7 basis. Formed in 2015 and run by the independent service company Block by Block, the Ambassador Program was created to work See **STUDY SESSION**, page 2



# Courier Calendar

**NOW - OCT. 20**

**THEATRE 40: "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE ADVENTURE OF THE ELUSIVE EAR"**

Theatre 40 presents the West Coast premiere of "Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Ear," written by David MacGregor. The setting is London, December 1888. The notorious and as-yet undiscovered genius, Vincent van Gogh, presents Sherlock Holmes with a most unusual case. Aided by his partner Dr. Watson and his paramour Irene Adler, the trio embark on a rousing adventure and find themselves confronting the evil daughter of Professor Moriarty. Aided by Oscar Wilde, the world's greatest detective attempts to solve one of the most audacious crimes of the Victorian era and uncover a Post-Impressionist conspiracy. Tickets are \$35, and season tickets are \$225. Theatre 40 presents its shows at the Mary Levin Cutler Theatre, on the campus of Beverly Hills High School at 241 S. Moreno Dr., Beverly Hills. Ample free underground parking beneath the venue can be accessed via the driveway at the intersection of Moreno Drive and Durant Drive. [theatre40.org](http://theatre40.org)

**NOW - OCT. 26**

**AMERICAN CONTEMPORARY BALLET: "INFERNO AND THE RITE, AND BURLESQUE"**

**8 P.M.**  
American Contemporary Ballet opens its 13th season in L.A. with three provocative and eerie creations on alternating nights throughout October, offering Los Angeles a Halloween experience unlike any other in the city. Tour the underworld, witness a sacrifice and visit the strangest burlesque in the city. With semi-immersive staging, live music and perhaps one of the most inexplicable finales ever attached to a ballet, it's a chilling evening that's made ACB a surprising -- and thrilling -- L.A. Halloween destination. Tickets and schedule are available online. [acbdances.com](http://acbdances.com)

**NOW - OCT. 30**

**DESCANSO GARDENS: "CARVED"**

**6 P.M.-10 P.M.**  
Descanso Gardens presents a Halloween-themed decorated garden featuring art displays and intricate lighting. The garden is transformed into a mesmerizing pumpkin wonderland featuring a new route and more pumpkin related activities. The new Descanso

Railroad will be specially lit for "Carved," and a family of wood spirits carved from five enormous logs by Chainsaw Jenna will add a touch of playful mischief to the event. Guests will be amazed by luminous jack-o'-lanterns, hand-carved giant pumpkins and Descanso's "Rhizome" installation by Tom and Lien Dekyvere. "Carved" is a rain-or-shine event. Tickets are non-refundable, have timed entry and must be purchased in advance. Adult tickets range from \$28-\$38 for members and \$35-\$45 for non-members. Children's tickets aged 2-12 are \$18-\$23 for members and \$25-\$30 for non-members. Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. [descansogardens.org](http://descansogardens.org)

**OCT. 26**

**THE WALLIS: "ALPHABET ROCKERS"**

**2 P.M.**  
The Wallis presents the music group "Alphabet Rockers." Grammy-winning artist Alphabet Rockers make music that makes change. Founded by Kaitlin McGaw (she/her) and Tommy Shepherd (he/him/they), this intergenerational group creates brave spaces to shape a more equitable world through hip hop. Audiences will explore

elements of hip hop together, have shared moments to express and uplift affirmations, reflections and get bodies moving in celebration and joy. Tickets are \$20 and available online. The Wallis is located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills. [thewallis.org](http://thewallis.org)

**NOV. 7**

**BEVERLY HILLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION (BHEF):**

**"POKER PARTY AT FRED'S"**

**6 P.M.**  
Poker Party at Fred's is a Beverly Hills Education Foundation (BHEF) signature annual fundraising event. On Nov. 7 Poker at Fred's will bring the community together to raise funds to benefit the students of BHUSD through program enrichment, innovative grants and scholarship opportunities. Enjoy poker, wildcard games, DJ, great food, open bar, auction items and raffle prizes for a great cause. Tickets to watch are \$150 and \$200 to play. Ticket and sponsorship information can be found online. [bhef.org](http://bhef.org)

## NEWS

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in partnership with the city's departments including the Human Services Division and the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) to address aggressive panhandling, particularly in the Business Triangle. The team consists of 16 members and is spearheaded by Ambassador Manager Jonthon Hunter. Ambassadors carry iTouch devices to log incidents and report shift statistics and Apricot software data.

Over time, the scope of these services has grown, leading to an overlap with other departments and an increased footprint throughout the city. Ambassadors are now additionally tasked with homeless outreach, overnight parking garage checks, tobacco education and outreach, electric scooter pickup, safety escorts, and school field permit management.

The Ad Hoc committee has identified several services that overlap with the BHPD, including overnight security functions and parking garage controls. The committee believes that these functions are best left to community security firms contracted through the BHPD.

The Ambassadors also provide hospital-ity services throughout the city, especially in high-traffic areas. They address tourists' questions and concerns and help educate individuals arriving into the community. When needed, ambassadors can connect individuals to the police. Especially in the Business Triangle, Ambassadors serve as the eyes and ears for merchants to protect against people selling goods in front of their businesses.

The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that ambassadors continue these functions in high-traffic and tourist-dense areas, including the Business Triangle (from Camden Drive to Crescent Drive, between Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard) and South Beverly Drive (from Wilshire Boulevard to Gregory Way). Ambassador services outside these geographic boundaries would be consolidated with overlapping patrols contracted by the police's security service provider.

Under these recommendations, the Ambassadors' overnight shifts would also be eliminated and thus consolidated with the police's security service provider and the remaining daytime services would be tailored to local retailers' and restaurants' hours. The new proposed shifts would be from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays through Wednesdays and 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Thursdays through Sundays.

The final recommendation by the Ad Hoc committee seeks to enhance the professionalism of Ambassadors by enforcing certain areas of conduct during the training process, such as a ban on personal cell phone use while working, enhanced training standards, and uniform appearance.

Currently, the Ambassador Program is under a \$1.6 million agreement for a full year of services as part of a nine-month extension to the original agreement. As part of the next RFP process, city staff estimates costs and pricing for hourly and individual service rates to rise but may be offset by decreases in services provided under a newly negotiated contract. The budgeted amount for ambassador services in the 2024-2025 fiscal

year is anticipated to be expended through the nine-month extension, which ends in March 2025. Thus, any additional services past March 2025, whether under another extension or through a new agreement, would require a budget adjustment to fund services through the rest of the fiscal year (April 2025 to June 2025), which city staff estimates to be an additional \$400,000.

Vice Mayor Sharon Nazarian recognized

the importance and value the Ambassadors bring to the city but agreed that the scope of their services must be clearly identified. Additionally, the Ad Hoc Committee assured that homeless outreach would remain a service area for ambassadors even under new recommendations, addressing Mayor Lester Friedman and Councilmember Craig Corman's concerns about homelessness remaining a large issue in the city. ●







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## BHEA Endorses Stern, Peykar Ronen for School Board



Dela Peykar Ronen



Sigalie Sabag

BY AMANDA COSCARELLI

The Beverly Hills Education Association (BHEA) endorsed two candidates for the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education. Dr. Amanda Stern, current president of the Board of Education, and Dela Peykar Ronen, a local estate planning attorney, were chosen after the association conducted a review and interview process for both candidates.

The BHEA is an affiliate of the California Teachers Association and is the union that

represents BHUSD teachers. They reached out to all candidates for an interview, but only two went through with the process.

“We decided to endorse Dela (Peykar) Ronen and Amanda Stern because they believe in partnerships with parents, teachers, the schools and the school board,” BHEA President Katherine Warren told the Courier. “We believe that these candidates set high expectations for academic progress and student safety.”

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## Public Works Commission Considers Sustainability Issues



BY MADELEINE CONNORS

Since its creation eight years ago, the Los Angeles County Sustainability Office has implemented policies to make the region “healthier, more livable, economically stronger and more equitable, more resilient, and ultimately more sustainable,” explained Raj Dylan, sustainability policy advisor for the L.A. County Sustainability Office, at the Public Works Commission meeting on Oct. 10.

In conjunction with the L.A. Board of Supervisors, the L.A. County Sustainability Office has been working to assess risks in vulnerable communities and develop initiatives in response. “We looked at various climate hazards and how susceptible the county might be to these hazards,” said Dylan. Some initiatives the office implements include developing an urban tree canopy and an extreme heat action plan for heatwaves. Dylan noted that sustainability efforts also target the 88 cities throughout the county. For example, last year, Beverly Hills instituted a single-use plastic ordinance with the guidance of the L.A. County Sustainability Office.

Next, the Public Works Commission discussed plans for a city-owned sandpit site on La Cienega Boulevard. Vince Thomas, water resources operation manager, said that the site used to be a deep-watering facility for sand with multiple wells based out of the location. As Thomas pointed out, the site has the potential for a drinking water well. “It is a city-owned property. It is in the sweet spot in the right hydrogeological zone. The site is in a very good location regarding water production,” he claimed.

Upon city-conducted monitoring, the report concluded that the water at the site was contaminated with gasoline and other related byproducts. “We kept sampling, and we corroborated that we have gasoline contamination and byproducts in all three zones, so we would have to contend with that going forward,” observed Thomas. Construction at the site also proved logistically hazardous, given the area’s multiple businesses and residences. The site’s small size created additional construction challenges.

The Ad Hoc committee voted not to move forward with plans to develop the site and abandoned further investigations of its potential. Next month, the Ad Hoc committee will meet again to determine the site’s future now that it has been ruled out as a potential drinking well.

The committee also heard from Josette

Descalzo, environmental compliance and sustainability compliance manager, about the Consumptive-Based Emissions Inventory (CBE) as part of the Climate Action and Adaptive Plan. “This is an additional tool and data for us to understand the behavior of our community and focus on those areas where we could think of an educational process, outreach and utilizing some incentives,” said Descalzo. Over decades, UC Berkeley developed the CBE report, which the International Council recommended for local government environmental initiatives.

The CBE report provided positive feedback to Beverly Hills residents, showing that the city’s emissions were considerably lower than those of other affluent neighboring communities. Descalzo also discussed possible initiatives to cut emissions, such as carpooling, green business practices and local shopping.

“If you want to encourage people, we need to give them options, and we need to lead by example,” said Vice Chairperson Mark Nehoray.

Descalzo also presented regulations on water conservation that have been instituted as part of a conservation effort titled Make Conservation a California Way of Life. She mentioned that the city is currently 4% over the proposed water use objective, calculated using 2023 water consumption data. Water consumption can be decreased with an efficiency-forward approach to landscaping, such as fewer lawns and incorporating California-native plants.

“We have a lot of properties that have perched groundwater. We’re encouraging them to utilize that as a water resource for their landscape irrigation and rainwater capture,” announced Descalzo.

The city will continue to track and assess water usage data to adjust conservation goals. “We are on the right path, considering that the city has reduced water usage by 30% compared to its 2013 level. That’s a really good start,” said Descalzo.

“We must educate the people who live and work in the city. They need to understand that there is pressure on the city to reduce water consumption. My highest priority is water,” urged Nehoray in response to the presentation.

“The city is taking its responsibility very seriously in reducing water usage, but we need to advertise that. We need to ensure that people understand that the city is doing whatever it can to meet state requirements,” he concluded. ●



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Dr. Amanda Stern

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Peykar Ronen is a BHUSD alumna who has a daughter in first grade at El Rodeo Elementary School. She has been a member of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation since 2023, where she spreads its mission and raises funds through donations. “I am currently really involved in getting more sponsorships again, like having our name be recognized as a big part of the community—a big supporter of our schools—and bringing back its purpose,” she told the Courier. As an estate planning attorney, Peykar Ronen explained, she is a skilled advocate for her clients and knows a thing or two about navigating legal issues. “I think I have a very good



Russell Stuart

understanding of different perspectives,” she said. “And with that, I’m hoping that I will be a fresh point of view for the board and bring in more knowledge that can serve in that role.”

Besides BHEA, Peykar Ronen was also endorsed by two-time Beverly Hills Mayor Barry Bucker, two-time Beverly Hills Mayor Jimmy Delshad, City Treasurer Howard Fisher, Next Night Chair Tiffany Davis and multiple members of the BHUSD community.

Stern is the current President of the BHUSD Board of Education and has spent her time advocating for an increased focus on math, especially taking into consideration the post-COVID achievement gap. “Math is the gateway for some of the most promising

and relevant careers that young people can have,” she told the Courier. As she explained, math is an important skill for acceptance into programs for advanced degrees and it is a cornerstone for careers in the health sciences. As an experienced school psychologist who holds a master’s degree from the Harvard School of Education, math has been fundamental in Stern’s career.

Besides BHEA, Stern has also received endorsements from former Beverly Hills Mayor Bob Wunderlich, Next Night Chair Tiffany Davis, Human Relations Commissioner Noelle Freeman and other members of the BHUSD community such as parents and former board members.

If reelected, Stern will continue as a regular board member, since her term as president is almost finished. “I look forward to serving as president again, but my current presidency will conclude in December,” she said. The current Vice President, Rachele Marcus, will take her seat in the next term.

Two other candidates for the BHUSD Board of Education, Russell Stuart and Sigalie Sabag, were asked to interview with the BHEA for an endorsement, but they both declined.

“It’s a conflict of interest for me to seek an endorsement from the teachers’ union, because, as a board member, we negotiate with the teachers’ union,” said Sabag. “My

priorities are to our students, not endorsements. I want to earn the votes by engaging directly with the residents of Beverly Hills so you can get to know me.”

Although she declined an interview to be endorsed by BHEA, Sabag is currently endorsed by ICAN, the California Disabilities Network.

Stuart, who stated he is not seeking any trade union endorsements, declined an interview with BHEA for similar reasons to Sabag. “In my opinion, I didn’t even want to take the interview to have the opportunity to be endorsed by a group of people that we need to work with, but also be critical of if there are any issues, and of course the people that we negotiate our contracts with,” he said.

As a father to a daughter in first grade, Stuart’s main priority is protecting the students and their environment. “We’re planning on raising our daughter in this, city and district through her entire grade schooling,” he said. “I want to make sure of every single thing, not only for my daughter but for all kids in the district, for their safety for their prosperity and for the relationships that they have.” ●

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## Beverly Hills Art Show Takes Place This Weekend



The Beverly Hills Art Show takes place each May and October.

The 2024 Beverly Hills Art Show takes place on Oct. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Beverly Gardens Park. More than 200 artists will participate. Activities will include children's programming, artist demonstrations, live music as well as a selection of gourmet food trucks plus a beer and wine garden.

Launched more than 50 years ago as a small arts and crafts fair, the Beverly Hills Art Show now encompasses four blocks of Santa Monica Boulevard. It is held twice yearly, in May and October. For more information visit [beverlyhills.org/artshow](http://beverlyhills.org/artshow) or call 310-285-1000. ●

## BHHS Earns AP Honor Roll, AP Access Award and National Merit Scholarships



BY AMANDA COSCARELLI

Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) received multiple national recognitions for the 2023-2024 school year, including the Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll, the AP Access Award and a silver designation for college culture. They also achieved platinum status in both the college credit and college optimization categories. At an award ceremony on Oct. 15, 12 BHHS students were recognized as National Merit Scholars and 14 were honored for the College Board National Recognition Program.

"These are truly exceptional accomplishments made possible by the dedication of our outstanding educators, who work tirelessly to ensure the highest standards of educational excellence in our District," said Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy in a press release. "I am immensely proud of the BHHS community for their commitment to academic achievement and for fostering an environment where students can thrive and prepare for college success."

The silver designation for college culture represents the fact that over 62% of BHHS students are enrolled in at least one AP course during their high school career. This is an improvement from last year's 56%. The platinum award for college credit was awarded to BHHS for having the highest percentage of students earning a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam, and the college optimization award recognizes BHHS for having the highest percentage of students who took five or more AP throughout their

high school career.

At the awards ceremony, six students were given the National First-Generation Recognition, seven students were given the National Hispanic Recognition and one student was given the National African American Recognition. These honors were presented to students who demonstrated outstanding academic performance on the PSAT/NMSQT and AP exams. Five students were selected as National Semi-Finalists and have a chance at the \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship that is awarded to one student in each state. These five students were also recognized at a school board meeting on Sept. 10.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students, whose hard work and dedication make them true ambassadors of Norman academic excellence," said BHHS Principal Drew Stewart.

Amid all the celebrations, BHHS is also nearing the end of a seven-year journey to secure the RAMP designation from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). This comprehensive school counseling certification recognizes schools whose counseling programs closely align with the ASCA National Model. "Achieving the RAMP designation has been a long-term goal for our school, and it underscores the tireless work of our counseling team to ensure every student has the tools they need to succeed in all aspects of their life," said Assistant Superintendent of Education Services Dr. Dustin Seemann. ●



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# BHPOA Endorses Nathan Hochman for District Attorney



Nathan Hochman

BY AMANDA COSCARELLI

The Beverly Hills Police Officers Association (BHPOA) has endorsed former federal prosecutor Nathan Hochman in the Nov. 5 race for Los Angeles County District Attorney. Hochman is also endorsed by a long list of first responders, including police officer associations in 17 other cities, the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, the Los

Angeles Police Protective League, the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association and the Association of Deputy District Attorneys. According to recent polls, Hochman is leading in the race against George Gascón, LA County's current DA.

"We support Nathan Hochman for district attorney because of his plan to work together with police and other community leaders to reduce the residential burglaries and robberies and other crimes that have plagued our city," BHPOA Board President Christian Bond told the Courier. "I mean, crime has just skyrocketed. And nothing's been done about it. We feel that Nathan Hochman is the best choice for a district attorney."

Hochman's campaign focuses on restoring public safety through his Blueprint for Justice. He has stated that public safety has worsened under Gascón's leadership, including a surge in violent crimes and property crimes.

"Homelessness is out of control. Transients are out of control. Mental health is out of control," said Bond. He explained that Hochman's policies on prosecuting criminals align with the BHPOA's values.

"It's not so much stricter policies, it's just enforcing the laws, but doing so in a common

sense and proportional manner," Hochman told the Courier. "So, what I've been advocating [for] is a rejection of extreme blanket policies that don't rely on the facts and law to make the determination."

Hochman's Blueprint for Justice outlines his goals as DA, including restoring the public's trust in the district attorney and restoring the partnership between law enforcement and the district attorney's office.

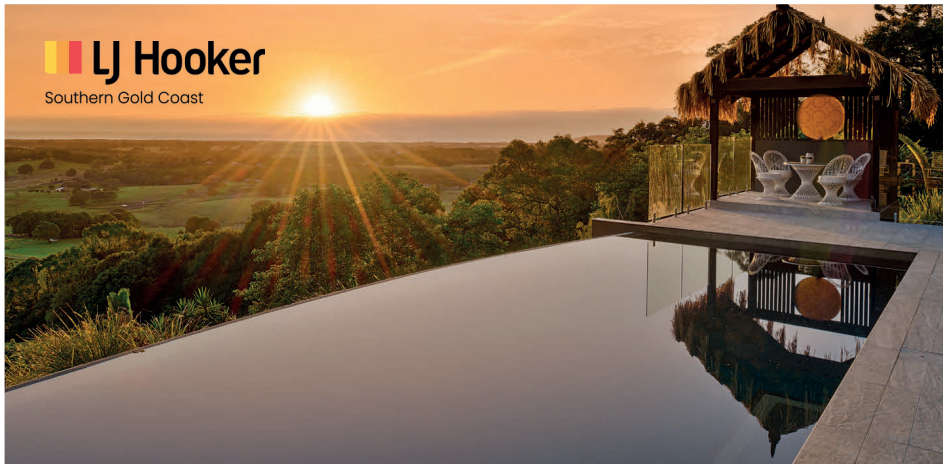
"I think that part of the [Beverly Hills Police Department's] frustration over the last three and a half years is that when they work up very good cases against people who have been committing crimes and then submit them to the DA's office, the DA's office hasn't evaluated them solely on the basis of the facts and the law, but has added an additional filter of George Gascón's political agenda that predetermines that certain crimes and certain criminals won't

be prosecuted," said Hochman.

Although a large portion of his endorsements come from first responders and police officer associations, he explained that as a prosecutor, Hochman has personally prosecuted police officers in the past.

"I will bring these perspectives to the office of the district attorney in order to make sure that police accountability is very viable DA's office," he said. "We will go and make sure that anyone who is factually innocent gets exonerated as expeditiously as possible. We'll make sure that both implicit and explicit racial bias is either not in the decision-making process and the due process that every defendant is entitled to in the court system, or if we do detect it, we'll deal with it." ●

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## Top Fall TV Viewing



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David Tennant as Tony Baddingham in “Rivals”

BY NEELY SWANSON

September and October were the traditional months when broadcast networks premiered their new shows. This week we discuss some of those new entries, but never fear, there are many more to come in November.

“Chef’s Table” has released a new season, and it fits right into the Courier’s latest Wine + Dine magazine. This season’s four episodes celebrate noodles and lead off with a profile of Evan Funke and his restaurants. Following Funke to Italy and the female chefs who taught him everything he knows about pasta, you’ll be dying to scare up a reservation to his Beverly Hills namesake. We learned a great deal about him from the Wine + Dine cover profile; this episode fills in the cooking blanks. There is nothing mechanical about this profile as it emphasizes the painstaking ways he uses and teaches hand-rolled and cut pasta. His ability to twirl a piece of dough into a tiny spiral is nothing short of stunning. The follow-up episodes are equally enchanting. Chinese noodles are made by chef Guong Wei for her London restaurants serving the cuisine of Xi’an; Peppe Guida, the Pope of Pasta, creates amazing dishes centered around dried pasta that he serves in his restaurants on the Sorrento coast; and finally, Nite Yun, inspired by her heritage, serves amazing noodle-centric meals from Cambodia. So loosen your belts and dig in. “Chef’s Table” has some delights in store for you.

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“Rivals” is a pure, nasty delight. Set in the 1980s, “Rivals” is a battle of the titans as billionaire Tony Baddingham launches his new commercial television network. His first move is to poach the BBC’s leading talk show host, Declan O’Hara, with the promise of editorial freedom and oodles of cash. His purchase of a mansion in the countryside is a plus and a minus. On the plus side, it’s a mansion. On the minus side, it’s in the countryside. Everyone but his wife Maud, who is easily bored and takes her marriage vows with a grain of salt and a lot of vodka, is thrilled with the new digs. Not satisfied with what he has achieved, Baddingham strives for more, jealously eyeing his neighbor Rupert Campbell-Black, an aristocrat, wealthy and a former Olympian to boot. A rogue of the first order, Campbell-Black has bedded almost every woman in the surrounding area. His refusal to join Baddingham’s Board of Directors and disdain of Baddingham has only heightened their animosity. “Rivals” is a wonderfully skewed look at wealth, both nouveau and ancient, fidelity, and the news, especially the “get” and the “getting.” Everything is personal and vicious and hilarious.

The cast is superb, led by the infinitely versatile David Tennant (“Dr. Who,” “Broadchurch”) as Tony Baddingham. Aidan Turner (“Poldark”) is a very sympathetic and darkly ambitious Declan O’Hara, and Alex Hassell (“Violent Night”) is the unbelievably sexy bad boy Campbell-Black. Peppering the outskirts are Katherine Parkinson (“IT”), Claire Rushbrook (“A Very Royal Scandal”), Oliver Chris (“My Lady Jane”) and Victoria

Smurfit, perfect as the restless wife (although in one way or another all the wives are restless). This is an absolute must-see. I was devastated that only four of the eight episodes were released because I wanted the immediate satisfaction that only the end (which I hope is not the end) would bring. I suspect that all the bad guys and dolls (and almost all of them are) will get a comeuppance of one sort or another. Can’t wait.

Streaming Oct. 18 on Hulu.

“La Máquina” (“The Machine”) is a genuinely compelling Spanish language series about a boxer at a crossroads. Esteban “La Máquina” Osuna is nearing 40, having spent almost his entire life in the ring. He has always relied heavily, probably too heavily, on his childhood best friend and manager, Andy. He’s won all the championships available to him but he’s old, battling sobriety and he has one more critical fight against a new and much younger rival. When he loses in a quick knockout, that’s it. Sponsors are abandoning ship, a rematch is out of reach and his old cravings are returning. He loves his kids and his ex-wife, but he’s lost. Andy pulls a rabbit out of a hat and gets Osuna that rematch; but there are conditions, ones he doesn’t disclose to his friend. Unknown to Osuna, his career has been controlled by unseen forces since the beginning and they are now demanding payback. His ex, a journalist, is on to something even though no one is talking, and her investigation is endangering Osuna, her children and almost everyone around them. When Osuna finds out the extent of Andy’s machinations, he

knows that only he can fix things. But can he? These are the complications explored in this fabulous series full of twists and brimming with character development.

The casting is outstanding, reuniting Gael Garcia Bernal (Osuna) with his actual childhood best friend Diego Luna (Andy). Both of them shot to fame in Alfonso Cuarón’s “Y Tu Mamá También” and have gone on to star in many English-language films and series. Luna is the star of “Andor” and Bernal was “Mozart in the Jungle.” “La Máquina” is a nail-biter and moves at the speed of light. Having only released 5 of the 6 episodes, I’ll have to wait to find out what happens just like you.

Now streaming on Hulu. In Spanish with English subtitles.

“The Pradeeps of Pittsburgh” showed some initial promise. The Pradeeps, a family recently emigrated from India, have arrived in their new home outside Pittsburgh where father Mahesh has a contract to build rocket components. None too pleased are his wife Sudha, a physician awaiting her license to practice in the U.S., and children Kamal, a teen so on the spectrum that his issues have issues, Vinod, who wants to grow up to be a garbage man, and Bhanu, a hot high schooler who likes bad boys. The overall framework is a police investigation into the feud between the Pradeeps, primarily started by Sudha, against their very Christian and cluelessly but benignly (it’s still wincing) racist neighbors Jimbo and Janice Mills, when daughter Bhanu hooked up with their idiot son Stu. Somewhere along the way a crime



has occurred involving both families, and it is up to two not-so-intrepid police detectives to solve the case by interviewing (repeatedly) every member of each family and unrelated neighbors and school officials. The series, of which eight out of the 11 episodes were released for review, rolled out much like a Bell curve. Starting slowly, it peaked with the middle three episodes and then proceeded to crash and burn when plausibility went off the rails.

The cast is outstanding so it's a pity that the tone and premise didn't sustain. Led by International British star Naveen Andrews ("The Dropout") as Mahesh, with talented Broadway actress Megan Hilty ("Smash") playing Janice Mills with a great deal of wide-eyed faux innocence and Ethan Suplee as Jimbo, nice as can be and dumb as a bag of hammers. Pete Holmes and Romy Rosemont ground (and grind) the series as the two detectives. There is definitely a series in there, but somehow the writers lost sight of how to keep it real enough so that the "fish-out-of-water drowns in middle America semi-good intentions" scenario stayed the course.

Streaming now on Amazon Freevee.

"Matlock" is only a titular remake of the 1980s favorite starring Andy Griffith as a sharp attorney disguised as a cornpone lawyer prone to solving mysteries. This "Matlock" stars Kathy Bates as a sharp attorney disguising herself as an "aw shucks" rusty lawyer returning to the fold after a bad marriage. In this case, all is not as it seems. She has wormed her way into the firm that represented an opioid pharma company that produced the drugs on which her daughter OD'd and she's determined to find the evidence they hid. Mattie Matlock, no relation to Andy's character, promotes lies, including her nom de plume, subterfuge and enlists her grandson to hack into the firm's files all in the name of righteous indignation and Machiavellian "the end justifies the means." While she is on the path to uncover dirty deeds and wrong doers, she also ingratiates herself to her co-workers and helps them win cases. There is only one reason to watch this show, and it is Kathy Bates, but even she has a hard time selling the old lady undone by a cheating husband whose real husband is a sweetie. Still, it's a pleasure to see her at work, so take a look. One look will probably suffice.

On CBS. ●



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Jason Ritter, Kathy Bates, and Skye P. Marshall in "Matlock"



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# GENERAL ELECTION 2024

**LAST DAY TO VOTE:**  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 8PM (SHARP)

## Beverly Hills, are you registered to vote?

Make sure you are registered in advance so that you can receive a Vote by Mail ballot.

 **EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

All registered voters in the City will receive a Vote by Mail ballot in the mail. There will be several Vote Centers in Beverly Hills and to learn more, visit [BEVERLYHILLS.ORG/ELECTIONS](https://www.beverlyhills.org/elections) or call (310) 285-2400.

To update or register to vote, visit [LAVOTE.GOV](https://www.lavote.gov)





# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

**DATE:** Thursday, November 7, 2024  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

**LOCATION:** **Meeting will be held in person at:**  
Council Chamber  
Beverly Hills City Hall  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Members of the public may also participate via teleconference;  
Details provided below

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** **Citywide**

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at a REGULAR meeting on **November 7, 2024**, will hold a public hearing beginning at **7:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) REGULATIONS TO UPDATE MULTI-FAMILY STANDARDS AND ALLOW ONE ADDITIONAL DEED-RESTRICTED RENTAL ADU ON SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTIES WITH A LOT AREA OF 13,000 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

The proposed amendments to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) support the production of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as part of Implementation Program 10.4 of the City's 2021 – 2029 Housing Element. The ordinance introduces the following changes to facilitate ADU construction, expand housing options, and increase the availability of rental units within Beverly Hills:

1. Greater flexibility for multi-family ADU development standards, including:
  - a. Increases in allowable height and floor area;
  - b. Reductions in rear and side setbacks for properties abutting alleys;
  - c. Allowance of internal-facing balconies; and
  - d. Establishment of a new discretionary process allowing deviations from development standards.
2. Authorization of an additional ADU that is consistent with minimum state law standards on single-family properties with a lot area of 13,000 square feet or greater, with at least one ADU deed-restricted as a rental unit.

On August 22, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the draft ordinance, at which time all persons interested in the draft ordinance had an opportunity to and did address the Planning Commission on this matter. The Planning Commission recommended approval by a unanimous vote (5-0) of the draft ordinance to the City Council by adopting Planning Commission Resolution No. 2066, and finding the ordinance exempt from CEQA.

This summary of the ordinance is prepared and published in accordance with the requirements of Government Code §36933. Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code §36933, a certified copy of the entirety of the text of the proposed ordinance will be available for review during normal business hours at the Office of the City Clerk Office located at City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Second Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 at least five days before the City Council will consider adoption of the ordinance.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Staff anticipates that the City Council will find and determine that this ordinance is within the scope of and consistent with the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Amendments to the Adopted 2021- 2029 City of Beverly Hills Housing Element (State Clearinghouse No. 2021090102), which was adopted by the City Council on March 18, 2024

and certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development on May 1, 2024. Furthermore, the ordinance is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to §21080.17 of the California Public Resources Code. This section specifies that the adoption of an ordinance regarding ADUs to implement the provisions of Government Code §§65852.1 or Article 2 (commencing with §66314) of Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code is exempt from CEQA requirements.

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#### Public Comment Participation:

- Oral Comment/Listen only: (310) 288-2288
- Email: [cityclerk@beverlyhills.org](mailto:cityclerk@beverlyhills.org)
- Video (during public comment only): <http://beverlyhills.org/comment>
- To Watch Video Live: <http://beverlyhills.org/live> or
- On-Demand: <http://beverlyhills.org/citycouncilmeetings>
- In-Person: Submit a Speaker Card to the City Clerk at the meeting

#### How to Submit Public Comment (Email/Video):

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/Parking Authority. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. The City Clerk will read only the first three minutes (approximately 350 words) of a written comment. In the event of a large number of written comments on one item, written comments may be summarized by the City Clerk's Office. The entire written comment shall be archived in full as part of the record.

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 no longer than three (3) minutes per each individual comment, subject to City Council discretion based on the anticipated length in the meeting. In-person speaker cards may be submitted to the City Clerk directly during the meeting.

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

#### In Person Participation:

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

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Patrick Achis, Associate Planner**, in the Planning Division at **(310) 285-1129**, or by email at [pachis@beverlyhills.org](mailto:pachis@beverlyhills.org). Copies of the project materials are on file in the Community Development Department, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Please also reach out to add your email to the interested parties list, so that important updates and notifications may be sent to you.

HUMA AHMED  
City Clerk



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emotional balance. Remember to focus on what you can control, engage in self-care, and seek support when needed. The election will come and go, and your mental health should remain a priority throughout the process.

One of the most effective ways to manage anxiety is to redirect your focus toward what you can control. By taking action in meaningful ways, you can restore a sense of agency and reduce the feeling of helplessness.

**1. Vote Early or By Mail**

Taking the step to vote early or by mail (if your state allows it) can reduce some of the anxiety surrounding Election Day. Voting early allows you to avoid the crowds and potential stressors associated with long lines or the possibility of Election Day disruptions. Once your vote is cast, you may feel a greater sense of relief, knowing you've done your part.

If you've already voted, you can use this opportunity to encourage others to do the same. Whether it's reminding friends and family or volunteering to help others navigate the voting process, you'll feel more engaged and proactive, lessening the stress of waiting for the final outcome.

**2. Volunteer or Get Involved in Civic Engagement**

Another way to regain a sense of control is by actively participating in civic engagement. Volunteering for a political campaign, local elections or nonpartisan voter turnout efforts or on Election Day can give you a constructive outlet for your energy over this final stretch. By contributing in these ways, you shift your attention away from the things that are outside your control and toward positive actions that can make a real difference. Even small contributions to civic life help empower you and create a sense of shared purpose.

**3. Focus on Your Own Circle**

In addition to engaging with the larger election process, you can focus on your immediate circle—your friends, family and community. Sharing helpful and fact-based information about the voting process with those close to you can empower others and strengthen your connections. Conversations with friends and family about voting, civic responsibility, or even the values that matter most to you can help create a sense of collective action.

While it's tempting to argue or debate political opinions, especially on social media, these exchanges often escalate into more anxiety and division. Instead, focus on constructive and empathetic dialogue that acknowledges differences while seeking common ground. By fostering a supportive environment in your close relationships, you can reduce the pressure of political differences and focus on shared values.

**4. Prepare for Post-Election Plans**

Although the outcome of the election is beyond your control, you can make plans for what you will do afterward, regardless of the result. Preparing yourself mentally and emotionally for different scenarios can help reduce anxiety by giving you a roadmap to follow.

- If the results align with your hopes,



consider how you will celebrate or take a moment to reflect on the outcome.

- If the results are not what you hoped for, think about how you will cope, including seeking support from friends, taking time for self-care, and engaging in actions that reflect your values moving forward.

Being mentally prepared for different outcomes doesn't mean resigning yourself to a negative result, but rather acknowledging that, whatever happens, you have the resources and resilience to manage it.

**5. Plan for Election Night and Beyond**

Election night itself can be one of the most anxiety-inducing moments in the entire election cycle. As results start to roll in, emotions often run high, and the tension can feel overwhelming. To help alleviate some of this pressure, it's important to have a plan in place for how you will manage election night and the days that follow. Taking proactive steps to create a supportive, calming environment can make all the difference in how you experience this potentially stressful time.

**6. Set Boundaries on Media Consumption**

One of the most important steps you can take is to decide in advance how much media coverage you will consume on election night. While it may be tempting to stay glued to the TV or check your phone constantly for updates, this can fuel anxiety. Election results often come in slowly, and with uncertainty around how long it may take to tally votes, especially with mail-in ballots. It's easy to get caught up in the minute-to-minute updates.

Follow reputable sources: If you choose to stay informed throughout the night, stick to trustworthy, fact-based news outlets. Avoid sensationalist or inflammatory media that tends to heighten anxiety. Turn off social media notifications or mute specific accounts that you know will be overwhelming. Social media often amplifies anxiety as people react in real time with strong emotions, which can make your own feelings of stress worse.

**7. Create a Calming Environment**

To counterbalance the emotional intensity of election night, intentionally set up your physical space to promote calm and relaxation. Here are a few ways to do this:

- **Lighting and ambiance:** Soft lighting, candles or relaxing music can create a soothing atmosphere that helps you feel more grounded.

- **Comforting activities:** Engage in activities that you find comforting, such as knitting, cooking, drawing or reading a book. Having something to focus on that isn't related to the election can help keep your mind occupied.

- **Mindfulness practices:** Consider practicing meditation, deep breathing or yoga throughout the evening to manage your stress response. Apps like Headspace or Calm can guide you through short mindfulness exercises when you need them most.

**8. Surround Yourself with Supportive People**

Consider spending some or all of election night with supportive friends or family members who share your values and can provide emotional support. Whether in person or via video chat, being with people who understand your concerns can help reduce feelings of isolation. Together, you can create a supportive, non-anxious environment where emotions can be shared but not escalated.

Alternatively, if you know that election night will be stressful with certain individuals (due to political disagreements or heightened emotions), it may be better to watch the results alone or with others who won't increase your anxiety. If you do find yourself feeling triggered by certain conversations, take a step back and set boundaries. Politely disengage and remind yourself that it's okay to prioritize your mental health over political arguments.

**9. Be Ready for Uncertainty**

It's important to prepare yourself for the

possibility that election results may not be immediately clear. With the rise in mail-in ballots and the potential for recounts or legal challenges, final results may take days or even weeks to be confirmed. This uncertainty can prolong the feelings of anxiety, but acknowledging this possibility ahead of time can help you mentally prepare.

**During this period of waiting:**

- **Stick to your routines:** Maintaining your daily routine—whether it's work, exercise or leisure activities—can provide structure and stability during uncertain times.

- **Plan self-care activities:** In the days following the election, prioritize self-care by engaging in activities that help you decompress, such as taking a walk in nature, journaling or spending time with loved ones.

- **Reach out for support:** If the uncertainty is particularly overwhelming, reach out to a therapist or counselor who can help guide you through your emotions and offer strategies for managing prolonged anxiety.

As the election approaches, anxiety is a natural and understandable response to the heightened political climate. By focusing on what you can control—such as voting, volunteering and staying informed in moderation—and creating a plan for election night, you can regain a sense of agency and reduce feelings of helplessness. By prioritizing self-care, setting boundaries, and surrounding yourself with support, you'll be better equipped to manage the uncertainty and emotional intensity that often accompanies this time. Regardless of the outcome, taking proactive steps to care for your mental health is crucial for maintaining balance and resilience during these final days before the election and beyond. ●



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## Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Discipline is the structure that brings you freedom. It's the price you pay to get what you want. It's the routine that must be tended for the more exciting routines and preferred routines to ever exist.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your friends want you to show up for reasons beyond filling the seat. You make things better. You lighten the mood. You're a reason people connect. You'll fulfil your destiny as a guest in more places than an official party.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Most people aren't quite the conversationalists they think they are; it's only human to think you are better at things than you really are. The excellent listeners like you will stand out and gain respect today.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Consistency of emotion is like sunny skies for relationships. But changes in juxtaposition of hot and cold or unpredictable behavioral fluctuations cause storms, just as temperature variations in the atmosphere cause wind and weather.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't always have the luxury of being in the appropriate setting to fully work through a particular feeling, but do your best because there is a benefit to processing feelings while they are fresh.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're always in the process of some kind of improvement. And though you know that you're absolutely worthy, loveable and enough without making a single change, it will be fun to hear someone who loves you reinforce the notion today.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love is not a one-size-fits-all scenario. You're versed in the art of specificity, and you sense how to give the attention another person wants, which makes it all the more lovely when you are the recipient of that art today.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's smart to doubt yourself. The ones who don't are poised for folly. But doubt should last a moment and cause things like a pause for reflection, further research and strategy... not existential crisis. Keep positive and keep moving.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before you let fear manage your schedule, consider that there may

be zero expectation of you beyond simply showing up. You might be putting all the pressure to perform on yourself that wouldn't exist otherwise.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't be everything to another person, but you'll enjoy making someone's life a little easier. Relationships benefit from careful pacing and space. Remember that missing one another is a form of appreciation.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Meaningful lifestyle upgrades can't

be bought with money because what means most is love. Wherever you feel warmth and belonging, you revel in the sweetness and consider yourself fortunate indeed.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Selflessness leads to wisdom. When you become less attached to the way you want things to be, you are able to see what actually is. You notice patterns and you believe them, which makes you a better predictor and success strategist.



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**MENENDEZ BROTHERS, from page 1** repeated sexual assaults by their father and lived in fear for their lives. They were tried twice, with jurors in the first trial unable to reach verdicts, deadlocking between first-degree murder and lesser charges including manslaughter. The second trial, which began in October 1995 and lacked much of the testimony centered on allegations of sexual abuse, ended with first-degree murder and conspiracy convictions of both brothers. The two have repeatedly appealed their convictions unsuccessfully.

In court papers filed last year, attorneys for the brothers pointed to two new pieces of evidence they claim corroborate the abuse allegations. The evidence consists of a letter written by Erik Menendez to one of his cousins in early 1989, eight months before the August 1989 killings. The other evidence consists of allegations by a former member of the Puerto Rican boy band Menudo that he was sexually abused by Jose Menendez, a music company executive, as a teenager. The prosecution's response to those papers is due by Nov. 26.

Around 30 Menendez family members attended the Oct. 16 conference. Kitty Menendez's sister, Joan Andersen VanderMolen, said she struggled for many years to come to "terms with what happened in my sister's family."

"It was a nightmare none of us could have imagined, but as details of Lyle and Erik's abuse came to light, it became clear that their actions, while tragic, were the desperate response of two boys trying to survive the unspeakable [cruelty] of their father," VanderMolen said.

She added, "As their aunt, I had no idea of the extent of the abuse they suffered at the hands of my brother-in-law. None of us did... They were just children—children who could have been protected and were instead brutalized in the most horrific ways. The truth is Lyle and Erik were failed by the very people who should have protected them—by their parents, by the system, by society at large. When they stood trial, the whole world was ... not ready to believe boys could be

raped or that young men could be victims of sexual violence. Today we know better."

Additional relatives spoke of the brothers as desperate and fearful victims of repeated sexual abuse by their father. Brian Anderson Jr., a cousin to Erik and Lyle, said "as details of Erik and Lyle's abuse came to light it became clear that their actions, while tragic, were the desperate response of two boys trying to survive the unspeakable cruelty of their father."

Anamaria Baralt, a niece of Jose Menendez, said that the gathering reflected "both sides of the family, united, sharing a new bond of hope. Hope that with the reexamination of the case a new outcome will be reached. Hope that this 34-year nightmare will end, and we will be reunited as a family."

At least one member of the family publicly disagrees with the sentiment shared by those at the press conference. Kitty Menendez's brother, Milton Anderson, said via an attorney that he was "opposed to any resentencing."

Mark Geragos, the attorney for the brothers, said at the conference that both of them have been model prisoners. He said that Lyle earned a bachelor's degree as part of the first graduating class of a partnership between University of California Irvine and the Department of Corrections.

After the press conference, members of the family met across the street with the resentencing unit of the District Attorney's office. Shortly after that, the District Attorney's office released a statement saying, "While we cannot formally comment on any decisions at this time, please know that our office is dedicated to a thorough and fair process and is exploring every avenue available to our office to ensure justice is served."

In an interview with NBC News, Gascón said he hopes to make a decision on resentencing by Oct. 26.

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term "displacement" is defined and interacts with these standards.

Currently, affordable housing applicants are prioritized by tiers. After the application period for affordable housing closes, the developer uses a lottery system to rank all applications within a specific tier, except for tiers that require ranking by lowest annual income.

Tiers 1-3 include those displaced due to redevelopment from the site where new affordable units will be located. Tiers 4-6 are those displaced from other properties in the city but maintains a time limit on how long these households are considered qualified. Tier 7 consists of senior citizens and tier 8 qualifies households based on income only.

Historically, only those in Tiers 7 and 8 have been placed into existing affordable housing rental units in the city because no applicants have qualified for Tiers 1-6.

Over the years, public comments have expressed concern that the tiers were too limited and that time limits for being considered "displaced" were inconsistent across tiers.

The revisions include new proposed occupancy priority standards as follows: Tier 1 consists of those displaced from the site where affordable units are available and provided first right of refusal under state law (SB 8). Tier 2 consists of those displaced from other sites in the city, with subcategories of priority in the order of seniors, then households with BHUSD students, then all remaining households. Tier 3 is comprised of senior citizens and Tier 4 of those working in a private or public entity within the city.

Under the new revisions, the lottery-based system will be managed by HouseKeys. The lottery system will assign a randomized number to each applicant

who have entered the affordable housing drawing. After being randomized, the applicable City Occupation Priority List will be added, and the applicants will be resorted into their specific tiers.

Some council members expressed concern for the lottery-based system instead of using time on the list for affordable housing as a way of choosing to place qualifying residents in affordable housing units.

"On the whole, I can support the Planning Commission and staff's recommendations to the lottery system, but I recognize for people who are displaced a while ago it seems less fair, because they've been out longer," said Councilmember Craig Corman.

City staff stated that a lottery system was the fairest way to randomize the applicants that they consider first, citing the difficulty of determining how long a household has been displaced.

Mayor Lester Friedman expressed similar feelings about the lottery-based system. "I also had some discomfort with the lottery versus the amount of time that a person has been displaced, but for similar reasons, as Councilmember Corman stated, it's probably the fairest way of looking at it instead of looking back and trying to check why a person was displaced over many years."

Additionally, the new guidelines expand definition of "displacement" to include households displaced because of redevelopment, as well as those who voluntarily vacate housing due to new development (such as accepting cash for keys from a landlord), and involuntarily vacate due to substandard conditions or natural disasters.

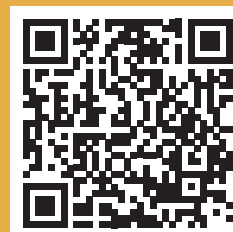
The time frame for qualifying as displaced would be increased to 10 years as consistent with rights granted under California's Ellis Act. ●



Photo by Sean Beckner-Carmitchel

Dozens of media crews attended the press conference.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mike Davidov

(July 10, 1926 - October 5, 2024)



It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of Mike Davidov, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. We bid farewell, while celebrating the legacy of his unique life. On July 10, 1926, Mike Davidov was born in no country, but rather in the city of Jerusalem which was ruled under the British mandate. The son himself of immigrants from the Russian empire who settled in Israel around World War I, Mike grew up in the house his grandfather built near the city center.

Mike helped turn the dream of a Jewish state into a reality by fighting for the Jewish underground movement prior the declaration of Israel. He continued to serve his country, repelling the invasion of the Arab league nations in 1948. He fought in two more wars on behalf of Israel in 1956 and 1973 and served in its navy in peace time as well. In 1955, while in the Navy, he visited Santa Monica on a trade mission and decided Los Angeles was the place of beauty and opportunity he envisioned for his future.

He left the nascent nation he helped to found in 1963 to make a life for himself and his young family in the Los Angeles. He established his business, The Mike Davidov Company, importing and wholesaling diamonds. Shortly after, Mike brought his wife Ruth, and their two young children, to join him in Los Angeles. Mike and Ruth had two more children, and they would eventually move to Beverly Hills in 1972. 52 years later, this remains the family home and the site of weekly family dinners and much more.

Family bonds were and are the most important legacy left by Mike Davidov. Mike and his wife of 68 years, Ruth Davidov, have four children, Allan, Shirley, Iris, and Dean, 14 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. They celebrate weekly Shabbat dinners, holidays, and many other joyous occasions in the family home. As a believer that education is of paramount importance, Mike and Ruth established a trust to ensure that all of their grandchildren would be able to attend college without concern for cost.

Mike Davidov died peacefully, surrounded by family at 1:20pm on October 5, 2024. May his memory be an inspiration.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CASE NO: 24SMCP00517  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:  
**Jacob Tadgh KOZUBEI**  
To all interested person(s): Petitioner:  
**Jacob Tadgh KOZUBEI** current residence  
address: **2691 Wallingford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210** filed a petition with the **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, on Oct. 4, 2024** for a Decree changing names as follows:  
**Present Name:**  
**Jacob Tadgh KOZUBEI**  
**Proposed Name:**  
**Jacob Tadgh KOTZUBEI**

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: **November 15, 2024**  
Time: **8:30am** Dept: **K**  
The address of the court is: **Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401,**  
Reason for name change: Petitioner is already known by his proposed name wishes to be known by his proposed name in all personal/business affairs.  
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: **Jacob Tadgh KOZUBEI**  
Judge of the Superior Court:  
**Lawrence Cho,**  
**David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/ Clerk,**  
Dated: **October 4, 2024**  
BHC - 10/18/24, 10/25/24, 11/01/24, 11/08/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
2024199876 The following is/are doing business as:  
**CASA DERMA 300 South Beverly Drive Unit 201, Beverly Hills, CA 90211;** **FREDERIC BAKHCHI MD INC. 200 North Swall Drive unit 308, Beverly Hills, CA 90211;** The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION** registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed ON AUGUST 2024: **FREDERIC BAKHCHI MD INC., Frederic Bakhchi, President**; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: September 24, 2024; Published: October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024 LACC N/C

### SUDOKU ANSWERS 10/11/24 ISSUE

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### PUZZLE ANSWERS 10/11/24 ISSUE

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SAFARI	POL	CENTS	
WIRYS	SIMILE	PHARAOH	
HOHOS	NIX	SOSA	RAG
ANAPEST	UPDO	LSD	APED
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EASE	AER	REBA	DOOMERS
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HYENA	IDS	TUMULT	
WAITER	METIER	DOT	APP
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### SUDOKU 10/18/24 ISSUE

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### THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE 10/18/24 ISSUE

**TEACHER'S MARKS**  
BY JOHN KUGELMAN / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer and musician. He dedicates this puzzle to his sister Julie Buffington, a.k.a. "Mrs. B.," a second-grade teacher at nearby Haymarket Elementary. For authenticity, she provided all of the redpen marks in this puzzle's original submission.

**ACROSS**

- 1 Remained under cover?
- 8 John Singer Sargent portrait that scandalized Paris in 1884
- 15 Just peachy
- 18 "Time to start the day!"
- 20 What Beyoncé Knowles goes by
- 21 Tournament pass
- 22 Mrs. B you'll die when you hear what happened to one?
- 24 Steve Jobs called it "one of the two or three most important things I have done in my life"
- 25 Municipal regulations: Abbr.
- 26 Soccer-star Hamm
- 27 Make alright
- 28 "Shall we?" reply
- 29 "\_\_\_ degree"
- 30 Windfalls
- 35 Digestive enzyme
- 37 So we're at the convenience store and WOW I find a \$5 dollar bill on the floor
- 42 Stewart's successor "on 'The Daily Show'"
- 43 Needy
- 44 James Joyce short story set in a bazaar
- 45 Surprise surprise! Whopshould walk in? Just my best friend ever!
- 53 Old West actress?
- 54 "Queen of the Jungle," in comics
- 55 Grp. with an in-season tournament beginning in 2023
- 56 "You say it, you pay it" containers
- 59 Tandooor bread
- 60 Multi-movement works
- 63 Prosegy
- 64 Me and Jamie ask if we can get a couple of scratches
- 69 2001 title role for Audrey Tautou
- 71 Bottoms of boots
- 72 Ending with spy or ransom
- 76 Indelicacy
- 79 "Licensed to \_\_\_" (Beastie Boys album)
- 80 They might be said to be dancing or raging
- 82 Draw conclusions, in brief?
- 83 My mom buys them, and she knows how much I love 'em: lottery tickets
- 87 Marilyn who sang "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In"
- 90 Inappropriate to say, maybe
- 91 Greetings from Brazil
- 92 "Scratch them, your jay girls," she says, so we do
- 100 Feature of Japan's flag
- 101 Tool with metal jaws
- 102 Bad thing to do during a meeting
- 104 Content
- 105 Bumps off
- 108 Introspective question
- 109 Et \_\_\_
- 110 One of four rhyming letters
- 111 OMG can you believe it? We won the mall!!! =??"
- 117 Neither's partner
- 118 Polar-sky phenomena
- 119 Devilish
- 120 Ones ordering shots, for short
- 121 Ransack
- 122 Wrestler's outfit

**DOWN**

- 1 Handmade of Ginger, Scary, Posh and Baby
- 2 Cry from a crow's nest
- 3 Fangorn Forest
- 4 A.S.A.P.
- 5 Sigma follower
- 6 "What was \_\_\_ do?"
- 7 Volleyer in a doubles match
- 8 What a stooge!
- 9 Good "Wheel of Fortune" buy for TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL
- 10 Fox burrows
- 11 Prefix with chamber
- 12 "Thank you," on Oahu
- 13 Actor Estevez
- 14 Strikes (out)
- 15 Rank in the Merchant Marine
- 16 Eateries whose patrons dine with tiny forks
- 17 Sneaker brand
- 18 Thick Japanese noodle
- 19 German possessive
- 23 Labyrinthine
- 28 Cowardly Lion portrayer
- 30 Lightly fry
- 31 The "O" in a H.O.R.S.E. poker tournament
- 32 N.Y.C. neighborhood just below Astor Place
- 33 Ancient symbols of royalty
- 34 Spoiled brat for short
- 36 Smartphone predecessor, for short
- 38 Neglected
- 39 Impressed responses
- 40 Waxed
- 41 Most spiders have eight
- 46 "Eureka!"
- 45 QVC alternative
- 47 Thompson of the box-office bomb "Howard the Duck"
- 48 Bearded beards
- 49 Newspaper notice
- 50 Trouble
- 51 "No playing" signs
- 52 A pop
- 57 Lip
- 58 Longtime guitarist for the Eagles
- 59 World's most recycled material
- 61 Drop the ball
- 62 Bier holder
- 63 Flamenco shout
- 65 One in a historic trio
- 67 Thick plank of a ship
- 68 Leaf
- 69 Monet manager?
- 70 Mustangs and Firebirds
- 73 "Te \_\_\_" (Rihanna song)
- 74 Fire (up)
- 75 Suffix with Milan or Bhutan
- 76 Give for free
- 77 Legato mark
- 78 Terms and conditions, e.g., Abbr.
- 80 Auditor's target
- 81 Exams for aspiring clerks, in brief
- 84 International grp. based in Vienna
- 85 Home of Pausley Pavillon: Abbr.
- 86 Lead-in to coin, for a meme currency
- 88 Adjective used with "ye"
- 89 Yiddish exclamations
- 93 "Certaintement!"
- 94 Straighten, as hair
- 95 Shortcoming
- 96 Fainthearted
- 97 Voices one's views
- 98 Braid
- 99 Upbraid
- 103 Dark cloud
- 104 Word (off)
- 106 Darwinian subj.
- 107 Tegan and \_\_\_ (pop duo)
- 109 "Thanks \_\_\_!"
- 111 Yammer
- 112 Get after
- 113 Timeout signal
- 114 "Ew!" in a text
- 115 Darlin'
- 116 Home to the Cotswolds: Abbr.



# Public Notices

RFQ #25-350-01

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
345 FOOTHILL ROAD  
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210**

**REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION  
OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR:  
NOTICE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A QUALIFIED TRADE CONTRACTORS  
LISTS FOR  
9510 BRIGHTON WAY PARKING  
STRUCTURE SEISMIC UPGRADE -PHASE I**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for Notice of the Establishment of a Qualified Trade Contractors Lists for 9510 BRIGHTON WAY PARKING STRUCTURE -SEISMIC UPGRADE -PHASE I ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid. This project will be utilizing a Multi-Prime contract type. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the prequalification questionnaire, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by the CITY to be on the final qualified Bidders list.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid. The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is **5:00 PM Wednesday, November 06, 2024.**

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

The Prequalification package may be viewed on, and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids portal:  
<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo/bo-detail/104883>

This item is listed as: *Notice of the Establishment of a Qualified Trade Contractors Lists for 9510 BRIGHTON WAY PARKING STRUCTURE SEISMIC UPGRADE -PHASE I.* Answers to questions contained in the questionnaire are required. The CITY will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors with respect to whether each Contractor is qualified to bid on the Project, and reserves the right to check other sources available. The CITY's decision will be based on objective evaluation criteria.

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

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

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

Any questions regarding the questionnaire and qualification package should be submitted via PlanetBids by 2:00PM, October 28, 2024. Questions sent via email or over the phone; with the exception of those related to accessing or using PlanetBids, will not be answered.

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

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

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

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

Contractors may submit all qualifications submittals electronically via Planet Bids. Contractors who submit a complete pre-qualification package will be notified of their qualification status no later than ten business days after submission of the information.

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

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

Where a timely and completed application results in a rating below that necessary to pre-qualify, an appeal can be made by the unsuccessful Contractor. An appeal is begun by the Contractor delivering notice to the CITY of its appeal of the decision with respect to its prequalification rating, no later than two business days following notification that it is not pre-qualified. The notice of appeal shall include an address where the Contractor wishes to receive

notice of the appeal hearing. Without a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the decision of the CITY, whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding.

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

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

APN:4348-005-025 T.S. No.: 2024-1752 Order No. 2486711CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/11/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Will sell at a public auction sale to the highest bidder, payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: 1130 CAROLYN WAY BEVERLY HILLS LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Duly Appointed Trustee: S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Deed of Trust recorded 1/17/2024 as Instrument No. 20240035976 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 10/24/2024 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other reasonable estimated charges: \$14,316,812.34 Street Address or other common designation of purported real property: 1130 CAROLYN WAY BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210 A.P.N.: 4348-005-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the trustee within 10 days of the date

of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. 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 FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342 or visit this internet web-site [www.superiordefault.com](http://www.superiordefault.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2024-1752. 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.

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342, or visit this internet website [www.superiordefault.com](http://www.superiordefault.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2024-1752 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 9/17/2024 S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106, Westlake Village, California, 91362 (818)991-4600. By: Colleen Irby, Trustee Sale Officer. (TS# 2024-1752 SDI-31537) BHC 10/04/2024, 10/11/2024, 10/18/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024143258 The following is/are doing business as: 1) WORLD'S FAIR COMMUNICATIONS 2) WORLD'S FAIR COMMS 273 S. Spalding Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90212; WORLD'S FAIR COMMUNICATIONS, LLC 273 S. Spalding Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on JUNE 2024: World's Fair Communications, LLC., Craig Radow, Managing Member; Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: July 5, 2024; Published: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 LACC N/C REPRINT: October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024



# Public Notices

## BID PACKAGE NO. 25-350-02

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
PUBLIC WORKS - PROJECT  
ADMINISTRATION  
345 FOOTHILL ROAD  
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210

### LEGAL NOTICE - BIDS WANTED

#### WILL ROGERS PARK RESTROOM DEMOLITION PROJECT

The City of Beverly Hills ("City") hereby requests bids for the materials, supplies, equipment or services set forth herein, subject to all conditions outlined in this Bid Package, including:

- SECTION 1: NOTICE INVITING BIDS
- SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
- SECTION 3: GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS
- SECTION 4: CONTRACT
- SECTION 5: BONDS
- SECTION 6: INSURANCE
- SECTION 7: SCOPE OF WORK
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### SECTION 1: NOTICE INVITING BIDS

#### 1. Notice Inviting Bids

- a. **Date of Request:** October 28, 2024
- b. **Bid Number:** 25-350-02

c. **Item Description:** The project scope includes, without limitations, demolitions of restroom building, site walls, walkways paving and selected utility equipment.

d. **Obtaining Bid Documents:** The Bid Package, including the plans and specifications may be viewed and downloaded from the City's PlanetBids portal:  
<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39493/bo/bo-detail/104883>

This item is listed as: *Request for Bid for WILL ROGERS PARK RESTROOM DEMOLITION PROJECT*  
Interested bidders must have experience working on similar type projects and projects must have been completed within the past ten (10) years.

e. **Request for Information:**  
Any questions regarding the questionnaire and qualification package should be submitted via PlanetBids by 2:00PM, November 12, 2024. Questions sent via email or over the phone; with the exception of those related to accessing or using PlanetBids, will not be answered. Written responses to all questions will be issued via addendum and posted on PlanetBids by November 15, 2024

f. **Due Date and Location for Submittals:** Bids shall be submitted via PlanetBids by **Tuesday – November 19 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**WILL ROGERS PARK RESTROOM DEMOLITION PROJECT- RFB 25-350-02**

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

g. **Contractor's License:** In accordance with provisions of Section 3300 of the California Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid California Contractor's

License B – General Building Contractor, or other appropriate license classification under the State Contracting Code at the time the contract is bid. Failure to possess such license may render the bid non responsive and bar the award of the contract to that non-responsive Bidder.

h. **Liquidated Damages:** There shall be a \$500.00 assessment for each and every calendar day work remains undone after date fixed for completion.

i. **Prevailing Wages:** In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., this Project is a "public work," and thus, the Contractor and any Subcontractors must pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site.

j. **Pre-bid Conference Date and Location:** A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, November 06, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Restroom Building in Will Rogers Memorial Park at 800-876 N Canon Dr, Beverly Hills 90210.

k. **Bid Bond:** A bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total bid amount, will be required of the contractors. Bid bonds must be issued by a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of California. Bids not accompanied by the required bid security shall be rejected.

l. **Payment Bond and Performance Bond:** A Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, will be required of the Contractor.

m. **Insurance:** Upon award of contract, contractor will be obligated to file certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as specified in the bid documents and in a form acceptable to the City. The certificates shall be on the City's standard proof of insurance form.

n. **Time of Completion:** The contractual completion time shall be 55 calendar days from the date of Notice To Proceed.

o. **Retention:** In accordance with the contract, five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, and City shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Refer to the contract for further clarification.

p. **Contact Person:** Project manager for this project is Ji Kim, [jikim@beverlyhills.org](mailto:jikim@beverlyhills.org). All communications shall be via PlanetBids with the exception of those related to accessing or using PlanetBids

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## BID PACKAGE NO. 25-350-03

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
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### LEGAL NOTICE - BIDS WANTED

#### BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT AT 1959 S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

The City of Beverly Hills ("City") hereby requests bids for the materials, supplies, equipment or services set forth herein, subject to all conditions outlined in this Bid Package, including:

- SECTION 1: NOTICE INVITING BIDS
- SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
- SECTION 3: GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS
- SECTION 4: CONTRACT
- SECTION 5: BONDS
- SECTION 6: INSURANCE
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### SECTION 1: NOTICE INVITING BIDS

#### 1. Notice Inviting Bids

- a. **Date of Request:** October 28, 2024
- b. **Bid Number:** 25-350-03

c. **Item Description:** The project scope includes, without limitations, demolition of the 2 story, 6,000 SF building located at 1959 S. La Cienega, Los Angeles. Demolition scope includes but is not limited to hazardous material abatement, removal of the structure in its entirety including foundation, as well as removal of site elements including but not limited to pavement, curbs, planters and removal and capping of the utility lines. Complete demolition scope has been delineated in the drawings and specifications.

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p. **Contact Person:** Project manager for this project is Eli Benitez, [ebenitez@beverlyhills.org](mailto:ebenitez@beverlyhills.org). All communications shall be via PlanetBids with the exception of those related to accessing or using PlanetBids.

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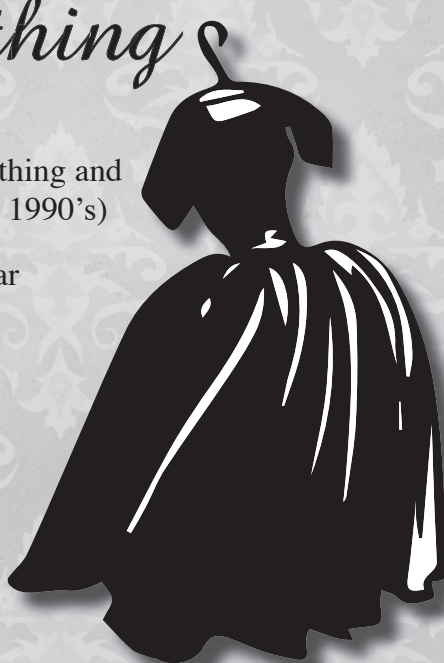
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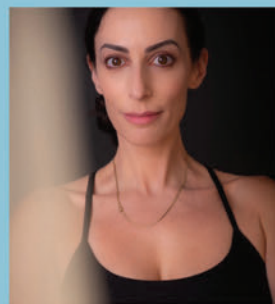
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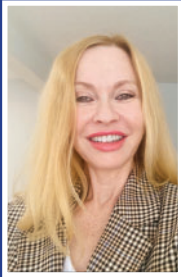


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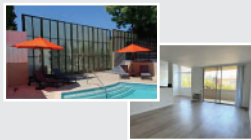
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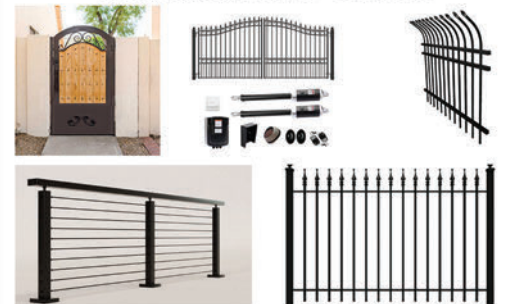
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