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BHUSD Board Discusses New Restrictions on Teaching 'Controversial Topics'

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board, at its June 24 meeting, considered a new policy governing how teachers discuss controversial topics in their classrooms.

The proposal was brought forth by Board Member Sigalie Sabag.

Sabag sought to make clear, she said, that

teachers are not to introduce controversial issues that do not pertain to the subject they are teaching.

"This is a policy that we don't have that needs to be implemented," said Sabag, adding, "If you have a curriculum like, let's say health, and you are teaching regarding gender or teaching any which way, this policy tells you how to go about it responsibly."

See BHUSD, page 7



Photo by Lisa Friedman Bloch

The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills roasted and celebrated outgoing president, Fire Chief Greg Barton, at its June 23 luncheon. The "101 Dalmatians"-themed event reflected the fact that Barton served as the club's 101st president. Pictured (from left): Assistant City Manager Ryan Gohlich, Deputy City Manager Keith Sterling, Police Chief Mark Stainbrook, Councilmember Les Friedman, Mayor Sharona Nazarian, Fire Chief Greg Barton, BH Chamber President and CEO Todd Johnson, City Clerk Huma Ahmed, CVB's DeAnne Yamada, City Treasurer Howard Fisher, and City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey

Business Community Gathers at Chamber Garden Party

BY JULIANNA LOZADA

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce celebrated its Summer Garden Party at the Beverly Canon Gardens on June 25. The event showcased local businesses and inducted its new Board Chair, Offer Nissenbaum.

Nissenbaum succeeds Bobbe Joy Dawson, owner of Bobbe Joy Makeup Studio, who served a 12-month term as board chair.

"It's been my great pleasure to serve as only the seventh woman of the board of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce," Dawson said. "It's also an honor that I got to meet so many incredible people, community leaders and members of the Beverly Hills community, who continue to support the chamber and this very, very special city."

Prior to being appointed board chair, Dawson was a member of the board of



Photo by Julianna Lozada Community leaders gathered at the Chamber of Commerce Summer Garden Party on June 25.

directors for 10 years and served on its executive committee for six. As the new board chair, Nissenbaum brings nearly 40 years See CHAMBER PARTY, page 9

Court Orders DuPont to Pay Attorney's Fees to City

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BY JESSICA OGILVIE

A judge has ordered the DuPont Clinic to pay attorney's fees to the city of Beverly Hills after a previous motion was decided in the city's favor. The amount awarded to the city, \$69,250, was significantly less than the requested amount of \$416,942.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the outcome.

"DuPont was heartened by the court's ruling on the city's motion for attorney's fees," said Jessica Corpuz, an attorney representing DuPont. "DuPont continues to believe that rationality and common sense will ultimately prevail in this case."

Keith Sterling, Beverly Hills' deputy city manager, said the city is happy to receive the partial amount.

"We are pleased to be reimbursed for a portion of our costs," he said.

The legal battle between DuPont and Beverly Hills began in 2023. The clinic, which provides reproductive health care services including abortion up to 32 weeks See DUPONT, page 10

Courier Wins Another First-Place L.A. Press Club Award

BY ANA FIGUEROA

Beverly Hills Courier Publisher Lisa Friedman Bloch was honored at the 67th Annual Southern California Journalism Awards with a first-place win in the category "Sports Reporting Print Online" for her piece entitled "Candace Parker Powering Forward" on the cover of the Beverly Hills Courier's 2024 Holiday STYLE Magazine. Bloch also came in second place in the category of "Personality Profile, Newspapers (Circulation under 50,000)" for the same cover.

Bloch's 2024 Summer STYLE cover story entitled "Jay Leno and Bruce Meyer How They Became the Kings of Cars" garnered a third-place award in the category of "Lifestyle Feature-Print."

Additionally, the Courier's former staff writer Clara Harter earned a third-place award in the category of "Hard News-Print" See COURIER WINS, page 9

Courier Calendar

NOW - JUNE 30 HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: "DIE PLAGE" 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

Harley Gaber, an avant-garde American composer and visual artist, is celebrated for his minimalist soundscapes and powerful visual collages. "Die Plage," Gaber's largest work, is made up of hundreds of collaged canvases, reflecting his explorations of art and history-from the Weimar Republic through World War II. A patchwork of archival images that evoke fragmented narratives and organized chaos, Gaber's monumental project "Die Plage" (The Plague) explores themes of 20th-century history, offering moments of stillness amid intensity to better understand the past and its impact on the present. The installation opens up many questions regarding the collective and individual, propaganda and education and the role of human beings in the course of history. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors or members of the military and free for EBT cardholders, teachers and students with ID and children 17 and under. Admission is free on Sunday. It is located at 100 The Grove Drive, Los Angeles. holocaustmuseumla.org

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LACMA:

"IMAGINING BLACK DIASPORAS: 21ST-CENTURY ART AND POETICS" MON.-TUES., THURS. 11 A.M.-6 P.M. FRI. 11 A.M.-8 P.M.

SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-7 P.M. "Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st-Century Art and Poetics" finds aesthetic connections among 60 artists working in Africa, Europe and the Americas. The exhibition and its catalog are among the first to examine nearly a quarter-century of production by Black artists. The project debuts new acquisitions for LACMA and expands the Pan-African exhibition canon, historically focused on the Black Atlantic, by showcasing artists working along the Pacific Rim. Nearly 70 works of painting, sculpture, photography, works on paper and time-based media are organized into four themes: speech and silence, movement and transformation, imagination and representation. Contemporary poets contributed original work to the catalog, extending the historical use of poetry in Pan-African discourse. Diaspora's general definition as a displacement from origins excludes all the creativity the term entails. People reinvent their heritage through artistic expressions, transforming diaspora from regional movement into a wellspring of imagination. Through an analysis of Black artists' aesthetic choices, "Imagining Black Diasporas" reveals their insights about existence. Tickets are \$23 for adults, and \$19 for seniors, students with ID and visitors with a disability. Admission is free for youths 17 and younger. Admission is also free on Mon.-Fri. after 3 p.m. LACMA is located at 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. lacma.org

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ICA LA: "DEMIAN DINÉYAZHI"" Presented as part of "Scientia Sexualis," "POZ Since 1492" (2016/2024) by Demian DinéYazhi' (b. 1983, Diné/Navajo) elongates the timescale of the ongoing AIDS crisis. With the alternate title "The First Infection and appropriating imagery from Jean Leon Gerome Ferris' infamous painting The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth, 1621" (c. 1912), the artist connects the violence of settler colonialism and germ warfare to government neglect and Western epistemologies of health. DinéYazhi' is a trans nonbinary visual artist, writer and organizer of R.I.S.E.-Radical Indigenous Survivance & Empowerment-a direct action initiative to amplify Indigenous art and culture. Moving between art museum and protest rally, they use institutional

critique as a mirror to turn the colonial gaze back onto their audience. With "POZ Since 1492," the artist transforms the museum's façade into a public service announcement: we live on stolen land. Admission to ICA LA is free with timedentry reservations online. ICA LA is located at 1717 E. 7th St., Los Angeles. theicala.org

NOW - SEPT. 7 HAMMER MUSEUM: "HAMMER PROJECTS: RENATA PETERSEN" TUES.-FRI., SAT.-SUN. 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

SAT.-SUN. 11 A.M.-6 P.M. The source material for "The Secret Gospel Church of Phallic Worship" (2025) by Mexican artist Renata Petersen (b. 1993, Guadalajara, Mexico) is an aggregate of archival materials, including pamphlets, publications, photographs, and other ephemera, used by new religious movements and fraternal orders in California to spread their ideologies and recruit new members. The installation of comic-inspired drawings on ceramic tiles tells the story of groups such as David Brandt Berg's The Children of God, the People's Temple of Jim Jones, and Unarius (Universal Articulate Interdimensional Understanding of Science). The artist's iconographic study recontextualizes the figureheads and doctrines of cults, secret societies, and fringe religious groups in a nonhierarchical, unified field. The title, "The Secret Gospel Church of Phallic Worship," is taken from St. Priapus Church, a San Francisco-based religious organization founded in 1979. The stillactive church preaches phallic worship and avoidance of sexual frustration to its congregation of mostly gay men. Such themes of sexual and libidinal liberation permeate the history unearthed by Petersen. Admission to The Hammer is free and it is located at 10899 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

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NOW - SEPT. 28

THE BROAD: "JEFFREY GIBSON: THE SPACE IN WHICH TO PLACE ME" TUES.-WED., FRI. 11 A.M.-5 P.M. THURS. 11 A.M.-8 P.M. SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

"Jeffrey Gibson: the space in which to place me" is a kaleidoscopic special exhibition filled with vibrant colors, intricate beadwork, towering sculptures, and powerful storytelling, all reflecting the artist's radical vision for a future in which all people are seen, accepted, and loved. The show comes to The Broad directly from the 60th Venice Biennale (2024), one of the most prestigious exhibitions of visual art in the world, where Gibson made history as the first Indigenous artist to represent the United States with a solo show at the U.S. Pavilion. Gibson's practice celebrates individuals and communities who have maintained their dignity and traditions in impossible circumstances, centering the resilience present in the legacies of Indigenous makers. He juxtaposes a variety of texts, from foundational legal documents to quotes from civil rights activists to pop song lyrics, combining American, Indigenous, and LGBTQ+ histories with references to popular subcultures, literature, and global artistic traditions. Admission to this special exhibition is \$15 for adults, \$12 for students 18 years or older with ID, and free for children 17 and under. Admission for all is free on Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The Broad is located at 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles. thebroad.org

JULY 12 THE BROAD STAGE: GOLDA ZAHRA 7:30 P.M.

Golda Zahra makes her much-anticipated return to Broad Stage in Santa Monica on July 12 for a captivating one-nightonly concert. The evening promises an unforgettable blend of operatic mastery, Broadway brilliance and popular virtuoso pieces for soprano, featuring Zahra alongside the Dream Orchestra under the baton of celebrated conductor Maestro Daniel Suk. This performance at Broad Stage marks a homecoming of sorts for Zahra, who grew up in Beverly Hills. The program will feature iconic arias from Puccini, Verdi, and Bellini, highlighting Zahra's vocal agility and emotional range. Adding to the evening's magic is a selection of timeless Broadway favorites, including beloved numbers from "The Sound of Music," "My Fair Lady," and "Les Misérables." The performance will take place at the Eli and Edythe Broad Stage at 1310 11th Street, Santa Monica. Tickets and more information are available online. Tickets include a Champagne dessert reception hosted by Urth Caffé during intermission. goldazahra.com



Golda Zahra performs at the Broad Stage on July 12.

Photo courtesy of Golda Zahra

A Message From:

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Dear Neighbors,

We wanted to make you aware that the demolition of the Oasis Building, the wing of The Beverly Hilton adjacent to Merv Griffin Way, will begin at the end of June.

Before that begins, The Beverly Hilton is providing the Beverly Hills Fire Department with access to the building for onsite, hands-on firefighter training on Saturday, June 28th and Sunday, June 29th. This unique opportunity will support the Fire Department's exceptional orientation and training programs, giving both new and veteran firefighters invaluable realworld experience in a safe, controlled environment.

Offering our space for this type of community benefit reflects The Beverly Hilton's longstanding legacy of service, hospitality, and civic partnership. For over 70 years, the hotel has played an integral role in the fabric of Beverly Hills - not just as a destination, but as a community institution. We're proud to continue that tradition by supporting the essential work of our first responders.

Demolition of the Oasis Building will begin immediately after, marking the next chapter of The Beverly Hilton. Every aspect of the guest experience will undergo a transformation. Importantly, The Beverly Hilton will remain open and fully operational during this time.

Thank you for your continued support as we build a thoughtful and lasting future for The Beverly Hilton, One Beverly Hills and our community.

David Ecija, General Manager

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News

BHPD Arrests Robbery Suspects



BHPD took four suspects into custody after a pursuit.

On June 24 at approximately 1 p.m., the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) was alerted via its Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system to a vehicle wanted in connection to a robbery reported earlier in the city of Huntington Park.

BHPD officers quickly located the vehicle within Beverly Hills city limits. When officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop,

the vehicle failed to yield, prompting a pursuit. The suspect vehicle eventually became disabled near the intersection of Beverly Drive and Rexford Drive. Four occupants then fled on foot.

Officers immediately apprehended three of the individuals a short distance away. A coordinated containment and search effort See BHPD, page 9



Mayor Nazarian Reacts to

Photo courtesy city of Beverly Hills Mayor Sharona Nazarian

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

The ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran-currently the subject of a fragile ceasefire-has uniquely affected the population of Beverly Hills.

Although exact statistics are not available, by most estimates, the Iranian population of Beverly Hills accounts for approximately 20% of residents. The majority of that group is also Jewish, placing their loyalties at the center of the conflict.

Beverly Hills Mayor Sharona Nazarian is among them. Nazarian has shared her immigrant story widely; as a child, she and her family fled Iran to escape religious persecution brought on by the Iranian Revolution. For a brief period of time, they lived in Israel.

Speaking with the Courier, Nazarian discussed the effects of the recent conflict on her constituents and herself.

"It's a very emotional time," she said. "There's a lot of anxiety and concerns, and a lot of hope. It's like, all parts of me, right? I feel divided, but I also feel the weight of these moments. I'm trying to approach it with compassion and a sense of responsibility to represent all parts of our community."

The current war began on June 12, when Israel launched an air campaign against Iran that kicked off a series of retaliatory actions by both countries.

Israel's actions targeted Iran's nuclear program, military infrastructure and key leadership, according to the Critical Threats Project at the American Enterprise Institute See MAYOR NAZARIAN, page 10



Parking Permit Prohibitions Move Forward



The city considered potential prohibitions on parking permits.

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

Beverly Hills has moved closer to prohibiting certain developers from participating in the city's preferential and overnight parking permit programs.

The decision was made by the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/Traffic & Parking Commission Committee at its June 24 meeting, during which commissioners and councilmembers approved a proposed update to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

The proposal will now go before the entire City Council.

The update, which was described as "timel[y]" in a staff report, will apply to new developments that provide a reduced See TRAFFIC & PARKING, page 10

BHUSD Explores Future Partnerships with One Beverly Hills



The BHUSD superintendent and members of the school board took a site tour of One Beverly Hills.

Beverly Hills Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Alex Cherniss and members of the Board of Education toured the site of One Beverly Hills with project leaders to discuss potential collaborations that will benefit BHUSD students and schools.

One Beverly Hills is located a short distance from Beverly Hills High School and El Rodeo Elementary. This 17.5-acre development will include luxury residences, two hotels, and expansive public botanical gardens.

During the site walk, BHUSD leaders explored a range of meaningful collaborations to support

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student safety, expand access to internships and mentorships that offer real-world learning, and build educational opportunities in fields such as sustainability, landscape design, and hospitality, benefiting students across the entire district.

"This project creates a remarkable bridge between education and innovation," said Cherniss. "As next-door neighbors, Beverly Hills High School and El Rodeo Elementary are poised to gain real-world learning experiences that enrich our students." •





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Community

City Celebrates 'Parks Make Life Better Month' Throughout July



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Yappy Hour takes place on July 13 at the Beverly Hills Community Dog Park.

Beverly Hills is joining other communities across the state to recognize July as "Parks Make Life Better" month. This statewide initiative, recognized by the California Parks and Recreation Society, is a public awareness campaign promoting the benefits of parks, recreational activities, and community services for people of all ages.

Beverly Hills is home to 15 parks that encompass over 87 acres. Amenities include baseball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, Pickleball courts, jogging paths, outdoor exercise equipment, picnic areas and playgrounds. Community centers and shared space facilities at some of the parks offer afterschool enrichment, recreation, hundreds of classes for tots to seniors, a teen center and activities, senior gatherings, a robust calendar of community and special events, and more. During "Parks Make Life Better Month," the community is encouraged to take advantage of everything that local parks have to offer.

Every day, Beverly Gardens Park is an exceptional place to take a walk. The beautiful gardens and green space make the 22 blocks or 1.9 miles of walking distance (from one end to the other) a pleasant experience. Additional free activities this month include the following: July 3, 6-8 p.m. -Concerts on Canon "Parks Make Life Better Kickoff Event" at Beverly Canon Gardens. Rock to the oldies with the classic rock band, Smokin' Cobras, and enjoy games, giveaways and a treat from Shake Shack (while supplies last)!

July 4, 11a.m.-2 p.m. - 4th of July Community Picnic at Roxbury Park. Join Mayor Sharona Nazarian and the entire community for team games, big games, a DJ and lots of fun. Bring a picnic basket and take part in some community togetherness.

July 11, 5-6:15 p.m. -Family Bingo at Roxbury Park at Roxbury Park. Have some family fun at Roxbury Park at a "Clueless"-themed Bingo event in honor of the movie's 30th anniversary.

July 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - "Yappy Hour & Dog Park Open House" at the Beverly Hills Community Dog Park. This paws-itively fabulous event is a chance for dog lovers and their canine companions to mingle, explore the dog park and meet local vendors. Dress your pups in their most "Cher-worthy" plaid for photo ops inspired by "Clueless." And enjoy a pup fashion show featuring special guest Nami from the BHPD.

July 21, 1-3 p.m. - Senior Luau at Roxbury Park. The annual Senior Luau theme is "Sunset Luau." Dress in your favorite luau attire and come enjoy this Beverly Hills Active Adult Club event where members socialize and make new friends. Become a member by filling out an application.

July 23, 7-9 p.m. "Shakespeare by the Sea" at Roxbury Park features an evening under the stars while watching a live performance of a special rendition of "Julius Caesar." Bring blankets, chairs and a picnic to the park.

July 27, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - "Parks Make Life Better Month" finale at the Farmers' Market. Teens can enter a miniature Derby Car Race for the farthest and the fastest car. On July 26, registered participants can purchase a soap box derby car kit at Roxbury Park to assemble, paint, and design their entries.

Additionally, the city is making it easy to celebrate "Parks Make Life Better Month" with a trip to a California State Park. Free vehicle day-use passes are available at the Beverly Hills Library. For more information, visit the Beverly Hills Library or call 310-285-1000.

Finally, from July 1 to Aug. 1, "The Great Elephant Migration" art installation is open to the public. Walk among a herd of 100 Life-Size Indian Elephants in Beverly Gardens Park along Santa Monica Boulevard from Rodeo Drive to Rexford Drive and learn their story. For additional information about the City's Parks and Recreation programs, visit <u>beverlyhills.org/csevents</u>.



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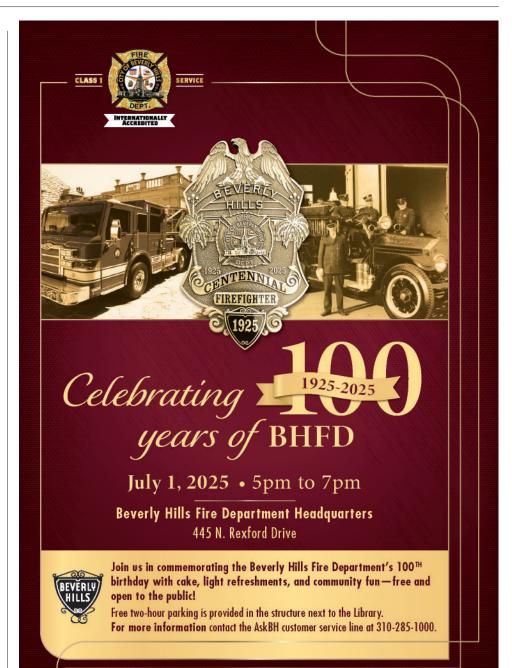
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June Updates

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The draft policy brought forward by Sabag defined controversial issues as including topics such as religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and geopolitical conflicts.

It identified courses such as history, civics, government, geography and economics as classes that may warrant the discussion of such issues.

The proposed policy further identified mathematics, English, science, physical education, world languages, the arts and technical electives as courses in which "teachers must refrain from introducing political, ideological, or personal commentary unrelated to approved instructional goals."

Under the proposal, other staff members would be encouraged to report violations of the policy.

In elaborating on her point, Sabag described an incident in which a BHUSD music teacher showed a film about protesting.

"In this circumstance ... she wasn't teaching music; she was only teaching about protesting," Sabag said. "That's all she was teaching. She is not teaching according to her class. You teach according to your curriculum and class."

During public comment, Katherine Warren, the president of the Beverly Hills Education Association (BHEA), the union that represents the city's public school teachers, requested that the item be tabled. Warren said the collective bargaining agreement already has guidelines for teaching controversial issues, and that document takes precedence over board policies.

"If the board wishes to revise or clarify language related to controversial issues, the appropriate venue for that discussion is the bargaining table," she said. "BHEA requests that the agenda item ... be tabled and brought to the bargaining team for any changes in language."

Board Member Amanda Stern spoke at length against the proposed changes. Expressing a conviction that teachers should be able to instruct students in critical thinking, analytical thinking and how to compose an argument, Stern said educators need the freedom to "think out loud and show their reasoning."

"We don't want robots for teachers," she said. "We want people that we trust ... if we want a machine to just give feedback and a binary response, we can move in that direction. Sadly, I feel that the schools in 30 years may well be that way because of the environment and regulations such as these."

Agreeing with Sabag that violations "must be disciplined and enforced," Stern went on to note that "I stop short of trying to censor some of the activity that makes classrooms stimulating and fun and speaks to these very standards."

Stern added that the policy proposed by Sabag seems to contradict itself with respect

to its purported disdain for bringing partisan politics into the school setting.

"When I look at this new policy ... it's talking about not introducing [issues] along partisan lines, but it seems to me that this policy itself, I want to say it's a playbook from some ideology that is partisan based," she said.

Stern and Sabag agreed to collaborate on the policy before further board discussion.

In other district news, Career Technical Education instructor and Media Director Romeo Carey has announced his retirement.

In a message sent to the KBEV community, district representatives lauded Carey's achievements during his more than two decades of teaching at BHUSD.

"Romeo Carey's dedication to student learning, media excellence, and public service has left a mark that will be felt for generations," said BHUSD Superintendent Alex Cherniss. "We thank him for his unparalleled contributions and wish him the very best in his next chapter."

Carey was at the center of a controversy beginning in December 2024, when he was placed on paid administrative leave for reasons that were not disclosed to the community. Stakeholders, including students, parents and former students, expressed their outrage for months during public comment at board meetings.

Carey was reinstated in March.

In the same statement released by the district, Carey reiterated his mission and his hope for the future.

"My duty as a mentor was to instill the idea that the pillar of a free and open society is a free press that acts as a watchdog, holding those in power accountable and informing the community about public affairs," he said. "To my students who boldly took on their duty as broadcast journalists by holding truth to power, I will forever be indebted to their tenacity and courage." •

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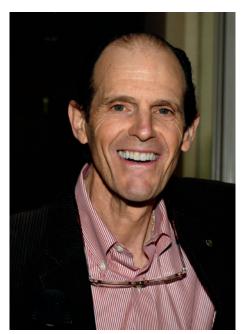
"Michael's passing leaves a tremendous void. Our meetings, our conversations, and our community won't be the same without his 'banter.'

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Our sincere condolences to Michael's family.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

DATE: Tuesday, July 15, 2025

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 July 15, 2025, 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 THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPEAL RESIDENTIAL FRONT YARD SYNTHETIC TURF ALLOWANCES, ADOPT A 15-YEAR PHASE-OUT (AMORTIZATION) PERIOD FOR THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING PERMITTED FRONT YARD SYNTHETIC TURF INSTALLATIONS AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The proposed amendments to the single-family and multi-family residential regulations of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) would:

- Prohibit new installations of synthetic turf in required residential front yards of single- and multi-family residential zones, consistent with Senate Bill 676 (Allen, effective 2024), which restores local authority to regulate or ban synthetic turf; and
- 2. Require removal of existing permitted synthetic turf in required residential front yards within 15 years of the date this ordinance becomes effective.

On May 22, 2025, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review the draft ordinance. By a unanimous vote (3-0), the Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance to the City Council by adopting Planning Commission Resolution No. 2087.

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 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

The draft ordinance was assessed for compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and City environmental regulations, and has been determined to be exempt from CEQA per Section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations). The Amendments represent minor alternations in land use limitations and do not result in any changes in land use or density. Further, the residential areas of the City to which the Amendments apply have an average slope not exceeding 20 percent. Staff recommends the City Council find the ordinance exempt under these provisions from any further CEQA review.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Please be advised that pre-entry metal detector screening requirements are now in place at City Hall. Members of the public are requested to plan visits accordingly. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending in-person or telephonically and may view the meeting through live webcast or BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable. City Council meetings are broadcast on local Beverly Hills television and on other media platforms. Anyone who participates at the meeting and/or enters the City Council Chamber is subject to having their image displayed. These recordings will remain publicly accessible in perpetuity.

Public Comment Participation:

- Oral Comment/Listen only: (310) 288-2288
- Email: <u>cityclerk@beverlyhills.org</u>
 - Video (during public comment only): <u>http://beverlyhills.org/comment</u>
 - To Watch Video Live: <u>http://beverlyhills.org/live</u> 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):

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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 <u>pachis@beverlyhills.org</u>. 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.

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of experience in the hospitality industry, most recently as the general manager of The Peninsula Beverly Hills.

"Tonight, I stand here as someone who is not just proud to serve, but extremely grateful to belong. I feel deeply blessed to be part of such a strong and vibrant network," Nissenbaum said.

Both Nissenbaum and Dawson were recognized with certificates for their service to the Beverly Hills community.

The summer event brought together chamber members for an evening of tastings from local eateries, cocktails, and an opportunity to network with fellow business professionals in the city. The chamber touts the event as its "biggest networking event of the year."

"This is an event that honors all of our members," said Chamber President and CEO Todd Johnson.

Among some of the featured businesses were Bacari Beverly Hills, Cantina Frida, Sweet Angeles, Torrey Pines Bank, and the Beverly Hilton.

One of the board members, Chris Rivielle, CEO of Plant Construction Company, spoke about his experience doing business in Beverly Hills. The company, based in San Francisco, has been renovating the Beverly Hilton.

"I'm very happy to be on this once-ina-lifetime project," Rivielle said. "I'm also proud to be a member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce, proud to be a resident of Beverly Hills, and proud to have Beverly Hills as home to our L.A. office."

Johnson also formally recognized Pam Dodgen as Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year. Ambassadors represent the chamber to the public, informing the community about its programs, benefits, and services.

"I don't know if I've ever seen her without a smile on her face. She's kind and a really good person, and that's what we hope to attract, not only in our city but for our chamber," Johnson said.

Beverly Hills Mayor Sharona Nazarian attended the event along with fellow Beverly Hills Councilmembers Lester Friedman and Craig Corman.

"We understand the importance of the Chamber of Commerce. We understand the important role that you all play in making this city really shine," Nazarian said.

The chamber offers varying levels of tiered membership for businesses, from basic to platinum. Based on the level of membership, the chamber helps members grow and increase visibility through its development, education, advocacy and cost-savings programs. More than 4,500 business professionals participate in the chamber's 250 annual events and programs. The board of directors of the chamber consists of local business leaders who support and influence the chamber's direction and strategies.

"We support our businesses. We understand that it's a cycle. When you win, when you succeed, we succeed, and we are able to

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led to the successful location and arrest of the fourth suspect in a nearby residential yard shortly afterward. There were no reported injuries during

the incident. All four suspects are now in custody, and the case remains under investigation. The Beverly Hills Police Department

credits the effectiveness of its ALPR system, along with the rapid and professional response of its officers, for the safe and

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for her story entitled "Local Pro-Palestinian Protests Elicit Strong Response." In total, the Courier was a finalist in nine award categories.

The Southern California Journalism Awards are given out by the Los Angeles Press Club, the oldest and largest organization of its kind in Southern California. Each year, the organization honors journalistic excellence in print, radio, podcast, TV and online categories. This year's winners were announced on June 22 at a ceremony at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. • preserve that quality of life for our community. So, I encourage you all to eat, shop, live, work, and play in Beverly Hills," Nazarian said. •

successful resolution of the incident.

"This incident is another clear example of how our police officers acted swiftly and decisively, supported by our civilian professional staff, to ensure the suspects were taken into custody without harm to the community," said Chief Mark G. Stainbrook. "I am proud of our Department's continued commitment to proactive policing and public safety." •



Photo by Jonathan Bloch Lisa Friedman Bloch won a first-place award at the Southern California Journalism Awards.



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and six days, was slated to open a location in the city in October 2023.

DuPont was swiftly met with opposition, however, when the Los Angeles chapter of an anti-abortion group began protesting at the clinic's future location on Wilshire Boulevard.

Protesters soon showed up at Beverly Hills City Council meetings, urging officials to deny permits to DuPont.

The clinic received a letter in June 2023 from landlord Douglas Emmett stating that its lease was being canceled due to DuPont's failure to disclose that "the primary focus of tenant's practice would be providing abortions for abnormal and high-risk pregnancies."

DuPont filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court against the city of Beverly Hills and various city officials in October 2023, and the city followed with an "anti-SLAPP motion" in February 2024, seeking to strike numerous allegations in DuPont's complaint.

That anti-SLAPP motion was granted in December 2024, and this February, the city put forth the request for attorney's fees, arguing that they are entitled to them as the prevailing party in the anti-SLAPP case.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Shultz, who oversaw the request for attorney's fees, submitted his final decision on June 20. In it, he found that the work performed and reported by

the city, which the city claimed was done by three partners and two attorneys at the law firm Tucker Ellis, LLP, was "excessive, inefficient, and duplicative."

Shultz wrote that "name partners were doing work that could have been done by lower-billing attorneys, and that all the attorneys were doing work that could have been done by paralegals."

Shultz also found that the hours spent on tasks performed by the attorneys were "unreasonable," and that some of the hourly rates billed by both partners and attorneys, which ranged from \$460 to \$825, were unreasonable and unsupported based on standard rates in the region.

DuPont is still involved in litigation with the city. Following the decision granting the city's anti-SLAPP motion, the clinic filed an appeal, which is still pending.

"DuPont maintains that the court's ruling on the anti-SLAPP was wrongly decided and is currently seeking a reversal of that ruling on appeal," said Corpuz.

In May, the clinic filed a second lawsuit against the city alleging, in part, that the city played a role in the cancellation of DuPont's lease.

According to that complaint, the city denied the clinic's building permits and conducted a "hostile pressure campaign ... under the guise of public safety leading to the termination of DuPont's Lease." •

MAYOR NAZARIAN, from page 4 and the Institute for the Study of War.

The United States entered the conflict on June 21, when President Donald Trump ordered the bombing of three nuclear targets in Iran.

As of press time, Iran and Israel were adhering to a ceasefire agreement, and the U.S. has indicated that it does not plan to strike again.

Many Iranian Jewish residents of Beverly Hills have family in the region at the center of the conflict, Nazarian said.

"I've heard a lot of concern," she said. "[Residents] have deep concern for their loved ones who are abroad or in the diaspora. They're concerned about their safety and the uncertainty that affects them. Many are feeling very vulnerable and heartbroken."

Nazarian declined to discuss the specifics of the conflict with the Courier, but she briefly addressed the situation at the Beverly Hills City Council's June 17 meeting.

"The Iranian people have suffered deeply under a regime that has isolated them from the world and placed them in harm's way," she said at the meeting. "A nuclear-armed Iranian regime would pose a grave danger not only to Israel and the region but to the entire world. Israel's action, though difficult, reflects a preemptive effort to prevent a potential catastrophe."

As a result of the conflict-and an ongoing increase in antisemitism-Beverly Hills is

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number of on-site parking spaces than would otherwise be required by the city's code because they have availed themselves of parking reductions or exemptions in state law.

Residents of those developments would be prohibited from obtaining preferential and overnight parking permits.

Additionally, the property managers, owners or other representatives of those projects would be required to notify future residents of the restriction in writing and obtain a signed acknowledgment from the would-be inhabitant.

Councilmember Lester Friedman, who serves as a liaison on the committee, said at the meeting that the the update was being considered, in part, due to California's stated premise that residents who live near public transportation do not need as much parking.

"The reason that this is being considered is to be in concert with what the state has told us is necessary; that is, that people are not going to be needing as much parking since they're near a high transit zone area," he said. "Personally, I think that premise is a faulty premise, but that is what the state of California has told us, and, of course, we need to be in concert with what those in Sacramento have said."

Friedman added that the update would also serve to prevent a problem for residents in neighborhoods where developers have provided less parking for their buildings' inhabitants.

"We don't want to have the situation in our city where the residents who aren't building suffer because there is overcrowding of vehicles," Friedman said. "So ... if a landowner or developer decides that they don't think that they can be in compliance with the requirements that the Beverly Hills

increasing security. Although there have been no reported threats, Nazarian said that the Beverly Hills Police Department has been closely monitoring the situation and has increased patrols in key areas, including houses of worship.

Officers are making use of the Real Time Watch Center, which employs cameras, license plate readers and drones to monitor activity throughout the city.

"The Real Time Watch Center gives us the ability to track and respond to activity in real time, which is a gift, and it's one of the many tools that our police department is utilizing to be proactive," said Nazarian. "Our officers are highly engaged, and they're in close contact with regional and federal partners. The goal is to keep our community safe while also reassuring residents that we're paying attention and ready to act if needed."

As the conflict's outcome remains uncertain, Nazarian emphasized the importance of togetherness.

"My heart is with everyone, all of our brothers and sisters who are in the region, people who are worried, grieving or waiting for clarity," she said. "I believe there's strength in our community, and in the importance of staying connected to each other. And as mayor, I want to continue to listen, to lead thoughtfully and to work with our partners to ensure a safer, stronger and more united Beverly Hills." •

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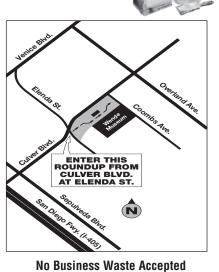
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code has, it's not going to be a burden upon the residents who have nothing to do with that project."

The prohibition will also apply to developers who use reductions to upgrade or remodel in a way that causes them to become ineligible for the permits. In those scenarios, existing parking permit holders would be allowed to keep the number of permits they already have have; however, they would not be allowed to obtain more.

A concern was raised by Hadar Geller, vice chairperson of the Traffic and Parking Commission over the possibility of the prohibition being applied to landlords of smaller properties who seek to add an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). Under the proposed update, those individuals would be subject to the prohibition on parking permits.

"It feels very punitive to the owner," she said. "He's adding value to his property by adding this ADU, but now he's losing value on his units."

Councilmember Craig Corman, who serves as a liaison on the committee, suggested that there may be room to tweak the regulations for such property owners.

"I think it's worth a discussion whether the addition of a single ADU should trigger the prohibition ... because I think the projects the council were thinking about the most were not individual units being added to underparked duplexes or single buildings," he said. "It was the construction of many new units."

The committee decided to move forward with the provision with some small changes, and at the same time, requested that staff refine language surrounding how the update would affect ADUs. The latter issue will be brought back for further discussion.

Police Blotter

The following incidents of assault, burglary, DUI arrest, robbery, theft and vandalism have been reported. Streets are usually indicated by block numbers.



ASSAULT - SIMPLE

6/21/2025, 12:05 p.m. at 9500 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

6/18/2025, 12:51 p.m. at DAYTON WAY / N. BEVERLY DRIVE

BURGLARY -COMMERCIAL BUILDING

6/19/2025, 9:24 p.m. at 9400 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

BURGLARY -CONSTRUCTION SITE

6/20/2025, 4:30 p.m. at 300 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

BURGLARY -RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE HOME)

6/18/2025, 11 a.m. at 200 Block of N. LA PEER DRIVE 6/18/2025, 6:45 a.m. at 200 Block of N. LA PEER DRIVE

6/17/2025, 5:10 a.m. at 400 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

6/11/2025, 11 a.m. at 9300 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

DUI ARREST

6/22/2025, 12:58 p.m. at N. LE DOUX ROAD / WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

6/16/2025, 3:49 a.m. at CHARLEVILLE BOULEVARD / S. BEDFORD DRIVE

6/14/2025, 11:12 p.m. at 9700 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

6/12/2025, 12:05 p.m. at 9200 Block of BEVERLY BLVD. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

6/23/2025, 10 p.m. at 9800 Block of CHARLEVILLE BLVD.

ROBBERY

6/22/2025, 3 p.m. at DAYTON WAY / N. RODEO DRIVE

6/14/2025, 5:28 p.m. at N. CANON DRIVE / N. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

THEFT - GRAND

6/18/2025, 7:40 p.m. at 300 Block of N. BEVERLY DRIVE

6/16/2025, 5:45 p.m. at 9500 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

6/14/2025, 4:38 p.m. at 9800 Block of S. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

6/13/2025, 11:20 a.m. at 200 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

THEFT - GRAND (FROM VEHICLE)

6/18/2025, 2 p.m. at 800 Block of N. DOHENY DRIVE

THEFT - PETTY

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6/20/2025, 5:30 p.m. at 200 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

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6/14/2025, 8:33 p.m. at 200 Block of S. CANON DRIVE

6/13/2025, 8:07 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CANON DRIVE

6/12/2025, 7:34 p.m. at 8500 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

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<u>THEFT - PETTY</u> (FROM VEHICLE)

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June 30

Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll strike a

deal pleasing to all. How? You'll demon-

strate genuine respect. You'll take the

time to find out what others want -- and

more importantly, what they need.

Then, you'll customize your offering

time being myopic about your scene.

Open the conversation. Valuable insight

comes from people who see what you're

doing with objectivity. Distance brings

clarity, whether it's physical, emotional

way others can feel -- even if you never

explain it. Even when you slip (as all

humans do), you correct with grace

and keep showing up as someone worth

learning from. Your integrity radiates.

bring about a change, first by talking

about it, because talking leads to doing.

Sometimes, you'll be talking only to

yourself -- perfect! Use kind and con-

structive terms - not too intense. Call

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Authentic

the work "light" and it will be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You live in a

or ideological.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't waste

or find a customer that's a better fit.

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connection is the theme; what unfolds when people drop the performance and just show up. You have the emotional intelligence to accept and value people for how they think and express themselves, even when it's different from your own process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your emotions run deep and strangely specific today. Your body picks up what your mind can't yet name -- a shiver, a tug, a pause. Pay attention. These subtle cues are your map forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Listen closely; there's more to the story than you're being told. Fortune favors the curious. Get to the bottom of it and you'll be shown many interesting and useful truths along the journey.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Wind blows, water rushes, sand shifts -- you expect it. But when the ground moves, it's a surprise because such seismic changes aren't as common. The same principle applies though: Your stability comes from flexibility, not rigidity. Blessed be the benders.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've had wilder moments, but a kind of maturity settles over your personal life. You're treating love like something you nurture, not something you chase. That

mindset -- sustained care, not constant thrill -- is what gives love a chance to endure.

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July 3

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ambitious people like you aren't afraid of "no." If that's the answer, you want it fast so you can move on. The goal isn't to coax a lukewarm yes; it's to find the big, clear yes that actually leads somewhere. A half-hearted yes is just a slow no.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because someone has the capacity for



greatness, speed or elevation doesn't mean they always need to use it. Sometimes the wiser or more effective choice is to move slowly, steadily and deliberately. How many times have you seen a winged bug crawl? Many.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have the instincts to spot the real deal, the time savers and time wasters. Trust your read, and don't second-guess it. Your judgment has been sharpened by experience. You no longer need proof to know what you already feel.

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Megan Brady Wetzel 1965 - 2025



Megan Brady Wetzel, of Beverly Hills, California, passed away peacefully at home on May 31, 2025, after battling cancer.

Megan was born on March 13, 1965, in Elizabeth, NJ to Richard Thomas Brady and Marianne Painter Brady. She was a beloved spouse, mother, sibling, cousin and adored aunt to many nieces and nephews.

She achieved over four years of post-graduate education, including an MA in Religious Studies from NYU. She never lost her love of learning, teaching others and was a voracious reader her entire life. Since she was a child, she spent countless hours in libraries and had over 20 years of volunteer work in various libraries - the past 5 years at Beverly Hills Public Library Bookstore. She always said in another life maybe she would have become a librarian. Megan was a devoted Roman Catholic, and she was a parishioner of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills, CA.

Megan was a vibrant and spirited person. She was loving and would help anyone in need, as evidenced by the many volunteer organizations she supported throughout her life. She enjoyed trying out new hobbies over the years including horseback riding, tap dancing, and playing the hand bells. She also enjoyed cooking and baking and was a passionate gardener.

Megan was preceded in death by her father and mother, and is survived by her loving husband, Joseph Wetzel, of Beverly Hills, CA, daughter, Jessica Wetzel, of Brooklyn, NY, and sister, Mara Miller, brother-inlaw, Thomas Miller, and nephew Liam Miller, of Alexandria Twp, NJ, as well as countless extended family members and friends.

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RFQual #25-350-40

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

REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INTERIOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INTERIOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid. 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.

A contractor (B license) is the prime contractor for this project, and the prime contractor will need to subcontract with the appropriate contractors for a turnkey project.

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:

<u>https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/39493/</u> <u>portal-home</u>. This item is listed as: *Request For Prequalification of Bidders And Prequalification Instructions For Community Development Department Interior Improvement Project*. Answers to questions contained in the questionnaire are required.

The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is <u>2:00 PM Monday, July</u> <u>21, 2025</u>. Contractors are encouraged to submit prequalification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of omissions of information to be remedied or of their prequalification status in advance of the prequalification deadline for this Project.

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 prequalification 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 there-

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with 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 qualification 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, July 10, 2025. 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 qualification submittals electronically via Planet Bids. Contractors who submit a complete prequalification 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

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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 <u>not</u> 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.

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

REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

MULTIPLE ROOFING PROJECTS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for ROOFING PROJECTS AT VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid. 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.

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<u>https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/</u> <u>39493/portal-home.</u> This item is listed as: *Request For Prequalification of Bidders And Prequalification Instructions For Multiple Roofing Projects.* Answers to questions contained in the questionnaire are required.

The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is 2:00 PM Monday, July 21, 2025. Contractors are encouraged to submit prequalification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of omissions of information to be remedied or of their prequalification status in advance of the prequalification deadline for this Project.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 25SMCP00314 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of the petition of:

Rashel Belle To all interested person(s): Petitioner: Rashel Belle current residence address: 8685 Wilshire Blvd. Apt 5, Beverly Hills, CA 90211 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, on June 10, 2025 for a Decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Rashel Belle Proposed Name: Maxine R Bellay

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

hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING:

Date: July 25, 2025 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 her proposed name wishes to be known by her 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: **Rashel Belle**

Judge of the Superior Court: Lawrence Cho, David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk, Dated: June 10, 2025 BHC - June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025032919 The following is/are doing business as: PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING, INC. 325 Maple Dr. Box #5137, Beverly Hills, CA 90209-6002; Progressive Engineering, Inc. 325 Maple Dr. Box #5137; Beverly Hills, CA 90209-6002 The business is conducted by: <u>A CORPORATION</u> registrant(s) has HAS begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on May 2010: Progressive Engineering, Inc. Diba Yadegari, President. Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: February 18, 2025; Published: February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 Reprint: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025118269 The following is/are doing business as: THE NEURO COLLECTIVE, WHERE ALIGNMENT MEETS FULLFILLMENT 1335 S. Mansfield Ave. Apartment 3, Los Angeles, CA 90019-2923; Jason Joseph Stubbers 1335 S. Mansfield Ave. Apartment 3, Los Angeles, CA 90019; The business is conducted by: <u>AN INDIVIDUAL</u> registrant(s) has HAS begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on May 2025: Jason Joseph Stubbers, Owner. Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: June 10, 2025; Published: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025122925 The following is/are doing business as: **KW BEVERLY HILLS ESTATES 439 N CANON DR SUITE 300, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210-4897;** Forward Beverly Hills, Inc. 439 N Canon Dr Suite 300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210-4897; The business is conducted by: <u>A CORPORATION</u> registrant(s) has HAS begun to transact business under the name(s) listed on February 2004: **Forward Beverly Hills, Inc., David Bailey, President.** Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: June 17, 2025; Published: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2025

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

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