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# Planning Commission Denies Permits for Burton Way Project



Rendering courtesy Crescent Heights

Rendering of the proposed 26-story mixed-use building at 8844 Burton Way

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

The Planning Commission at a special meeting on Oct. 21 denied a development plan review and density bonus permit utilizing the state's Housing Accountability Act Builder's Remedy provisions for a proposed 26-story

mixed-use building at 8844 Burton Way.

The vote was 4-1, with Commissioner Terri Kaplan voting against the denial of the review and permit.

The commission's decision came following a nearly four-hour deliberation, which See PLANNING, page 11

# One Beverly Hills Addresses Concerns About El Rodeo Elementary School

BY JESSICA OGILVIE

Two representatives from One Beverly Hills, the \$10 billion luxury residential, hotel and retail development project underway at the gateway to the city on Santa Monica and Wilshire Boulevards, fielded questions from the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board about the impact of construction on nearby El Rodeo Elementary School at the board's Oct. 21 meeting.

Many parents and members of the community have expressed concern about how demolition, excavation and building will affect the school and surrounding areas.

Following a presentation from the One Beverly Hills representatives, questions from members of the board and Superintendent Dr. Alex Cherniss focused on dirt and dust exposure from construction, as well as the impacts of noise and privacy.

See BHUSD, page 5

## Thousands Protest at Roxbury Park As Part of Nationwide 'No Kings' Rallies

BY SAM MULICK

The Beverly Hills community answered the call for nationwide protests against the Trump administration when more than 3,000 people gathered in Roxbury Park on Oct. 18 as part of nationwide "No Kings" rallies.

The crowd stretched the length of the park from Roxbury Drive to Spalding Drive along Olympic Boulevard. Attendees from across the greater Los Angeles area came out to demonstrate against President Donald Trump for acting, as they believe, as an authoritarian monarch. Protesters held signs that read "The power of the people is greater than the people in power," "I love democracy" and "No king but Billie Jean King."



Photo courtesy Andrea Grossman Rabbi Laura Geller (far left) and members of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills attended the "No Kings" rally.

Chants of "Show me what democracy looks like. This is what democracy looks like" and "Hey, hey. Ho, ho, Donald Trump has got to go" rang out from the crowd. Drummers See NO KINGS, page 13

## Straight Talk with Sharona Focuses On Building Projects

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Straight Talk with Sharona on Oct. 16 dealt with one of the city's most contentious topics: Builder's Remedy. Mayor Sharona Nazarian was joined by the Director of Community Development, Michael Forbes, for a public discussion about building projects, the city's permitting process, and the challenges of balancing local control under state regulations. The conversation then evolved to the impact of housing shortages, Builder's Remedy, and density around transit stops, which have all prompted concerns and questions from See STRAIGHT TALK, page 13

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## Courier Calendar

NOW - ONGOING THE BROAD: "EXPANSIVE PRESENTATION OF ANDY WARHOL" TUES.-WED., FRI. 11 A.M.-5 P.M. THURS. 11 A.M.-8 P.M. SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

An in-depth installation of Andy Warhol features 26 works (11 on view for the first time at The Broad) by the artist, including "Mao" (1973), "40 Gold Marilyns" (1980), and "Liz [Early Colored Liz]" (1963). Liz [Early Colored Liz] is a celebrated work featuring a silkscreened image of Elizabeth Taylor, who represented both celebrity and beauty as well as tragedy for the artist. An outcome of sustained and ongoing engagement with artists and artwork, The Broad collection is distinctive in its exceptional dedication to the full arc of artists' careers. The Broad has highlighted this depth through expansive presentations in the third-floor galleries, featuring Jean-Michel Basquiat, Roy Lichtenstein, and Andy Warhol, along with works by many others. Admission to standard exhibitions at The Broad is free, but online reservations are recommended. The Broad is located at 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles. thebroad.org

NOW - NOV. 2 GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE: "LITTLEBOY/LITTLEMAN" WED.-THURS. 7:30 P.M. FRI.-SAT. 8 P.M. SAT. 3 P.M. SUN. 2 P.M., 7 P.M.

Geffen Playhouse hosts the world premiere of "littleboy/littleman." When Nicaraguan brothers Fíto and Bastian clash over their visions of the American Dream, their choices send them on a collision course with fate-risking not just their futures, but their bond. Fíto, a poet, is impulsive and ambitious, willing to take risks to get what he wants. Bastian, a telemarketer, is steady and principled, holding onto caution as a guide. Blending poetry, live music, and ritual, this electrifying tale of brotherhood and belonging pulses with rhythm and emotion, pulling us into a world where family is everything, but dreams come at a cost. Tickets range from \$36-\$109. The Geffen Playhouse is located at 10886 Le Conte Ave., Los Angeles. geffenplayhouse.org

NOW - JAN. 4, 2026 LACMA: "ZHENG CHONGBIN: GOLDEN STATE" MON.-TUES., THURS. 11 A.M.-6 P.M. FRI. 11 A.M.-8 P.M. SAT.-SUN. 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

Over the past four decades, Shanghaiborn, Marin County-based artist Zheng Chongbin (b. 1961) has cultivated a unique practice that engages with the driving concepts and aesthetics of the Light and Space movement and East Asia's tradition of ink painting. Educated in both traditional Chinese figurative painting and installation and performance art, Zheng synthesizes these seemingly disparate practices into unprecedented signature painting and video techniques. "Zheng Chongbin: Golden State" is a focused presentation that features two video installation pieces coupled with painted and printed works. Through abstract forms and distorted views of California's natural landscape, Zheng explores water, light, and movement in his signature works. Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$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

#### NOV. 1 THE WALLIS: "FAMILY FEST: DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS" 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Step into a world of color, music, and tradition for the first Family Fest of the season. This free event will honor Día de los Muertos as a time to remember loved ones, share stories, and celebrate life. Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon filled with vibrant altars, festive music, dance, and hands-on crafts for all ages inspired by this rich cultural tradition. The day of remembrance and gratitude will feature performances and engaging activities from Self Help Graphics & Art, Pacifico Dance Company, Lil Libros, Color Me Face Painting, and City of Beverly Hills Community Services Department. It is free to attend this event. The Wallis is located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills. thewallis.org



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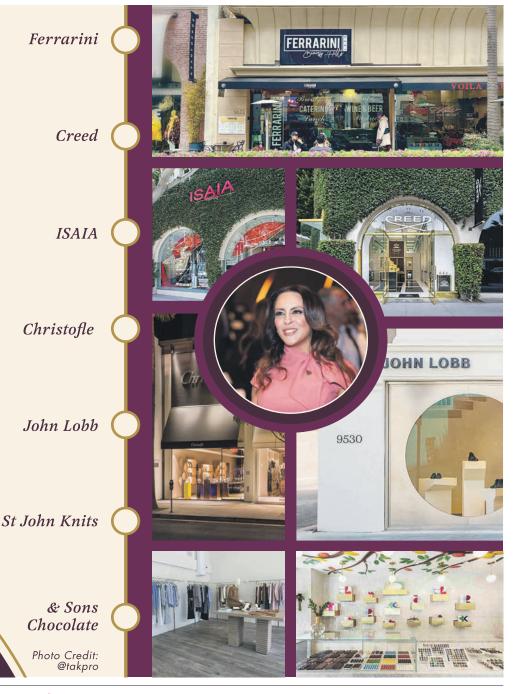
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# Winners Announced for the Fall 2025 Beverly Hills Art Show



Photo courtesy city of Beverly Hills

Mayor Nazarian and members of the City Council posed with winners of the Beverly Hills Fall Art Show.

The fall Beverly Hills Art Show, held on Oct. 18-19, attracted thousands of visitors to Beverly Hills and Beverly Gardens Park where a record 250 artists exhibited their work along four blocks of Santa Monica Boulevard from Rodeo Drive to Rexford Drive.

Attendees enjoyed artwork in ceramics, drawing and printmaking, glass, jewelry, photography, mixed media, painting,

photography and digital art, sculpture, and watercolor. Other featured events included a Creative Hub with people of all ages engaging hands-on artmaking, a beer and wine garden and live artist demonstrations. Chalk art masters Stacy Nalapraya and Gloria Ing both created engaging murals.

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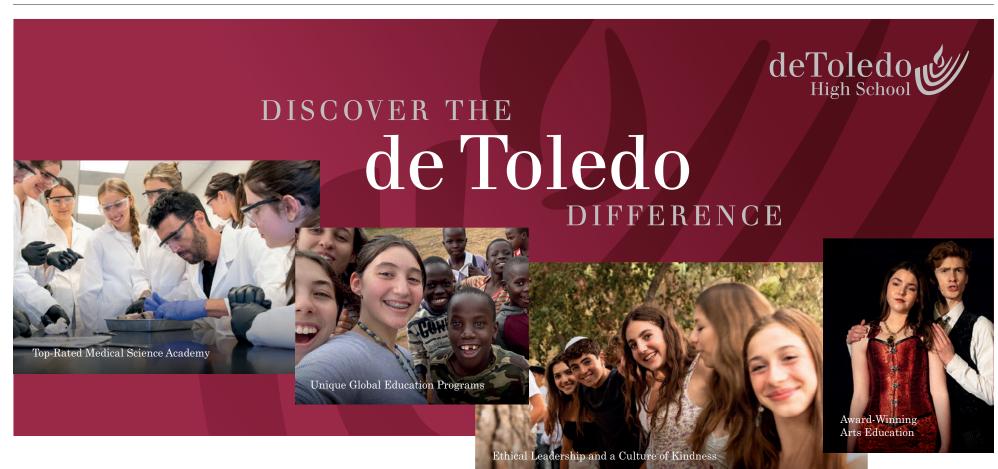
## Iranian Jewish Women's Organization Honors Mayor



Mayor Sharona Nazarian, center, was honored on Oct. 9.

Beverly Hills Mayor Sharona Nazarian and Jeannine Rahimian Sehati, MD, MBA, were honored by the Iranian Jewish Women's Organization at a sold-out event at the Beverly Wilshire, a Four Seasons Hotel on Oct. 9. Both were presented with the Shamski Hekmat Award, named for the late founder of the organization, which was established in Iran in 1947.

"When I raised my hand and took the oath of office as Mayor of Beverly Hills, I did so knowing that I was standing on the shoulders of women like you—women who have quietly and tirelessly worked to create a better tomorrow for our children and our people," Nazarian said in accepting the award. •



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#### ART SHOW, from page 4

Huynh, and Oscar Magallanes, who are creating artworks for the future Beverly Drive and Century City Stations, demonstrated the processes behind their artwork designs for the future stations through hands-on collage and portrait-making activities.

The winners of the 2025 Beverly Hills Art Show are Best of Show, Emily Wallerstein; Best Display of Art, Shawn Waco; Best New Artist, Will Raojanina; Gil Borgos Originality Award, Aly Kourouma; and Mayor's Purchase Award, Danilo Cuxil. First place winners in each category are: Ceramics, Jerry & Tanner Sawitz; Drawing and

Printmaking, Jeff Seemayer & Colinne Rubin; Glass, Marc Gordon; Jewelry, Birgit Kupke Peyla;

Mixed Media, Two Dimensional, Christian Benoit; Mixed Media, Three Dimensional, Hugo Heredia Barrera; Painting, Ashley Ravidas;

Sculpture, K.L. Wollons; Watercolor, Taman Vanscoy.

The Beverly Hills Art Show is produced by the city of Beverly Hills Community Services Department and is held every May and October. The spring 2026 Beverly Hills Art Show will be held on May 16 and 17, 2026. •

#### BHUSD, from page 1

Addressing one of the primary concerns of parents-that potentially harmful dust and dirt was being generated and making its way to the school-Lauren Eckhart Smith, the senior vice president of development with One Beverly Hills developer Cain International, said that the demolition phase of construction is complete.

"Our demolition activities, which I think have generated most of the concern ... is complete," she said. "There were two buildings ... that were part of the Beverly Hilton that have been demolished as part of the development to make way for the botanical gardens."

Samson Debela, the senior project manager with Turner Construction, the company Photography and Digital Art, Mark Levin;

overseeing building work, said that to mitigate and monitor the impact of dust and dirt, the developer has set up a monitor at El Rodeo that takes data about air quality at five-minute intervals. If dust and dirt surpass a designated threshold, a representative is notified through a phone app, and a phone call is placed to the principal of the school and the city.

Data is collected in real time.

To date, the air quality has not triggered the alarm. In the case of the alarm going off, Debela said, work would stop, and in addition to the school being notified, an investigation would be undertaken.

No hazardous materials are present in the buildings being demolished, Debela added, and if they had been, they would have been removed prior to demolition.

Board Vice President Judy Manouchehri requested that the developer contribute to "very tall trees" being placed at the exterior of the school, and to monthly air filter replacements.

Smith called the trees "a great suggestion" and committed to exploring the idea. Debela added that a 16'8" sound wall will be erected within the next couple of weeks to mitigate noise.

Board Member Dr. Amanda Stern noted the city's recent commitment of over \$500 million in bonds to help finance the development.

"We really do expect that safety and comfort of the staff, the teachers, the kids absolutely is ensured," she said. "That is a great amount of money that has been given ... many residents and those who are parents and teachers and staff are well aware of the \$550 million Mello-Roos indebtedness, and I hope and trust you guys will continue to take care of our kids and the staff who are inadvertently right there."

Cherniss said that he still has apprehension about the project.

"For the next three years, I'm concerned not just about the kids we have, but potentially about families turning away from enrolling in our schools because there is this big project here ... I'm not convinced this is a positive for El Rodeo or our school district yet, and I hope it is," he said.

In other business, residents expressed during the public comment period concerns about how cuts to federal special education funding may impact the district, and again asked the board to adopt a resolution combating racism against Black and Hispanic individuals.

Kimberly Lifschitz, whose child is a student with special needs, asked the board to take action to keep services intact.

"I am once again reaching out to this board to beg it to do its job ... these programs are actually, genuinely life changing for students and families, even if they don't come with Nikebranded spirit packs," she said.

District parent Teairra Harris requested during public comment that the board adopt a resolution proposed by members of the community to combat anti-Black and anti-Hispanic prejudice.

Harris, whose daughter recently entered BHUSD as a freshman, said her daughter witnessed several boys laughing and joking about the murder of George Floyd, who was killed by a Minneapolis police officer in 2020, in a classroom last week on or around what would have been Floyd's birthday.

"She was uncomfortable, it created tension, she was very tense, and she was also angry and confused about how someone could find murder, let alone police brutality, comical," said Harris, adding, "To have [a resolution] like this passed would be a godsend." •





## Community

## Rotary Club Hosts Halloween Party



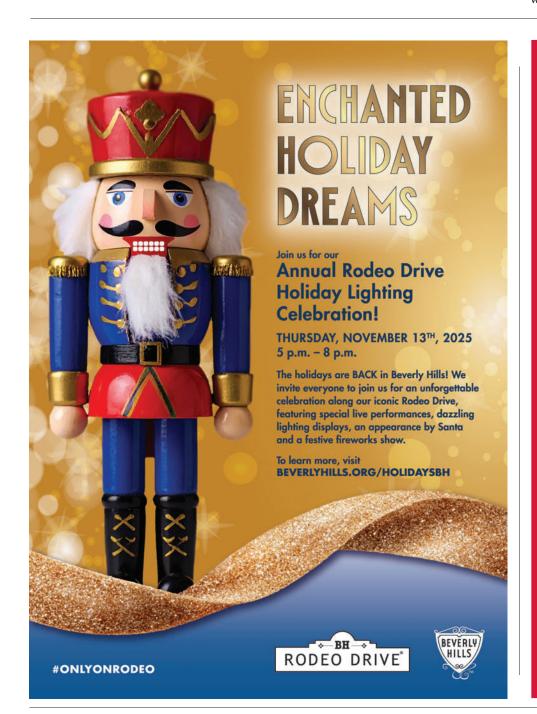
Girls Club on Oct. 18 at the home of Rotarian Karla Lari. Spooky fun was had by all!

Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Beverly Hills Rotary Club of Beverly Hills hosted its annual Halloween party for kids from the Boys and

## Active Adult Club Holds Halloween Dance



On Oct. 20, 200 members of the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club attended a Halloween Dance at Roxbury Park. City Councilmember Mary Wells (left) was on hand to award the winners of the Costume Contest and take a few spins on the dance floor.



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## **Arts and Entertainment**

## 'It Was Just an Accident'-Or Was It?



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Mohamad Ali Elyasmehr, Majid Panahi and Hadis Pakbaten

BY NEELY SWANSON

"It Was Just an Accident," the Iranian film directed and written by Jafar Panahi ("The White Balloon"), was the winner of this year's Palme d'Or at Cannes and, somewhat inexplicably, is France's submission for Best International Film at the 2026 Academy Awards. Still, we should be grateful that other countries are willing to support and promote Iranian artistic projects directed by directors banned by the regime. Last year, it was Germany that submitted "Seed of the Sacred Fig" as its Academy submission.

A genre-defying movie, "It Was Just an Accident" hops between slapstick comedy and chilling thriller, oftentimes blending the two. These sudden shifts between the absurd and the dramatic are both the film's strength and weakness.

Arrested several times over the last 25 years and imprisoned by Iranian authorities, often without specific charges but almost always related to his filmmaking, his most recent prison stay was in 2022; released in 2023 after he began a hunger strike. While incarcerated, his feelings of isolation and hopelessness mirrored that of his fellow prisoners. Jafar was blindfolded and interrogated for eight hours a day, its own brand of torture, and then released as suddenly as he was arrested. Forbidden by the government to make films, this ban was lifted after he was released from prison. The catch, because of course there is one, is that he could only film in Iran with official permission, permission that will never come.

"It Was Just an Accident" was shot in secret, much like his other features. Using guerrilla tactics, with a run-and-gun style that both helped and hindered the continuity of the scenario, he sped in and out of locations that easily disguised what he was doing. He infused his most recent experience in prison into the histories of the characters in this movie.

It's late and the family is tired. Father (Ebrahim Azizi) is serious, focused and driving on a rough road at night when he hits something. Getting out, he discovers he has hit a dog. Nothing to do, he relates to his pregnant wife and young daughter, "It was just an accident." Leaving the animal, suffering on the side of the road, he charges on, but the car has suffered damage and they must find a garage. As fate would have it, it's the garage of Vahid (Vahid Mobasseri), who recognizes the man, or at least thinks he does, when he returns the next morning to pick up his car. Acting quickly, recklessly, Vahid attacks the man and bundles him into his van. Vahid is convinced that his captive is none other than Eghbal, the guard who relentlessly tortured him in prison. His prisoner denies it. Because he has some doubt, Vahid sets about collecting others who were also tortured by this man. He seeks revenge but must be certain it's Eghbal, who had a wooden leg, also known as Peg Leg, very similar to the man he has kidnapped. Soon he has amassed Shiva (Mariam Afshari), recently released and newly employed as a wedding photographer, Golrokh (Hadis Pakbaten) and Ali (Majid Panahi), the couple she is shooting for their wedding the next day, and Hamid (Mohamad Ali Elyasmehr), the off the rails ex of Shiva, who is in favor of shoot first and don't bother about the questions. Of all the members of this disparate

group, it is Hamid who has no doubts that the man in the van is Eghbal by the sight and feel of his wooden leg.

Careening all over Tehran, discussing the pros and cons of revenge against their prisoner, who may or may not be the man who ruined their lives, it is Vahid who is either the moral compass of the group or the most indecisive. Where lies the humanity of extracting revenge? It is the combination of their zigzagging ride across town and into the desert, where they consider burying him alive and discuss the ethics of torturing their tormentor. For Hamid, there is no question that it is Eghbal, and no question that he should die, family or not. And this is where slapstick humor collides with the serious nature of revenge versus forgiveness. The occupants of the van, especially the future bride in full regalia, her precious wedding dress dragged through mud and dust, are almost a rollicking band of merry pranksters. Hamid, more over-the-top than the others, is resolute in his desire to kill the man he is certain is Eghbal, and leaves the group when they are still mulling over the philosophical implications of taking another

life, regardless of his sins.

Complicating matters further is their encounter with his pregnant wife, about to give birth and in need of assistance, help that our not-so-merry band provides before they continue their life-and- death discussions. Promises are made; promises are broken. What can these innocent victims of Eghbal achieve when they abandon humanity and embrace his techniques? Who gets to choose who lives and who dies, and what do you lose in the process? Jafari ends the film in chilling ambiguity, an ending I will not reveal.

Whether the melding of genres amid philosophical questions works is an unanswered question. There are laugh-out-loud moments sprinkled with the horrors of memory and the dread of the future. Could it have been edited together more smoothly? Perhaps. Nevertheless, the questions at the root of this "man's inhumanity to man" scenario are substantive and definitely worth considering.

In Farsi with English subtitles. Now playing at the AMC Century City 15. •



Neely Swanson spent most of her professional career in the television industry, almost all of it working for David E. Kelley. In her last full-time position as Executive Vice President of Development, she reviewed writer submissions and targeted content for adaptation. As she has often said, she did book reports for a living. For several years she was a freelance writer for "Written By," the magazine of the WGA West, and was adjunct faculty at USC in the writing division of the School of

Cinematic Arts. Neely has been writing film and television reviews for the "Easy Reader" for more than 10 years. Her past reviews can be read on Rotten Tomatoes where she is a tomatometer-approved critic.

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## Beverly High Homecoming a Great Success



Photo courtesy BHUSD

Perry Gilardian and Chloe Emine were crowned 2025 Homecoming King and Queen.

Homecoming 2025 at Beverly Hills High School took place on Oct. 17, and brought together students, families, alumni, staff, and city leaders. The halftime program featured performances by the BHHS marching band, dance company, and cheer team. Perry Gilardian and Chloe Emine were announced as the 2025 Homecoming King and Queen, selected by their peers in recognition of their

 $leadership\ and\ positive\ presence\ on\ campus.$ 

"Our football team continues to show up for this school with dedication and pride," said BHHS Principal Loan Sriruksa. "Homecoming gave us the chance to recognize their commitment, especially our seniors, who lead with integrity and represent what it means to be part of BHHS Athletics." The event also served as an opportunity to acknowledge the city of Beverly Hills for its continued support of BHUSD schools. The presence of School Resource Officers at every home game, the Beverly Hills Fire Department's onsite support, and the engagement of city leaders all contributed to a meaningful event. Additionally, the BHHS mascot was projected onto the Beverly Hills City Hall as a special salute to the school that evening.

Attendees included Superintendent Dr.

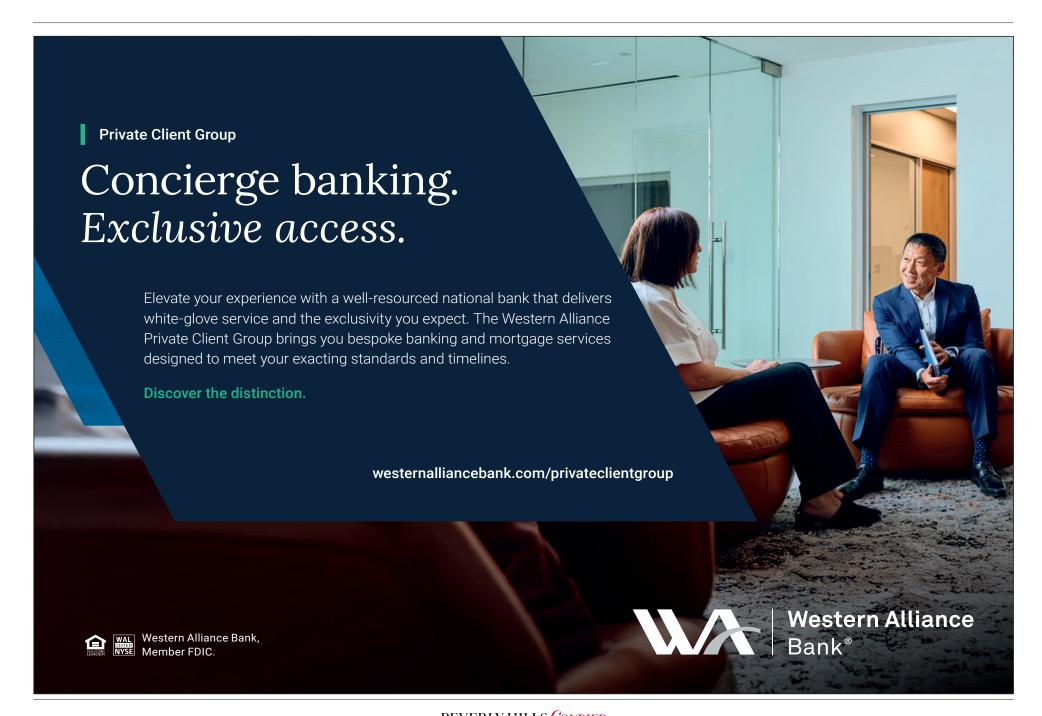
Alex Cherniss, Board of Education Members Rachelle Marcus, Judy Manouchehri and Russell Stuart, as well as City Councilmember Mary Wells, who previously served on the BHUSD Board of Education.

"This night was about our students," said Dr. Cherniss. "It was about showing them that they are supported, seen, and celebrated by an entire city that believes in them. That's the heart of our community and the promise of Educational Excellence." •

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## Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

 ${\tt ARIES\,(March\,21-April\,19).}\, Just\, because$ the door is stuck doesn't mean it's locked. Jiggle it. The first pushback you get is just the price of entry. What's uncomfortable at first is necessary and will build the character you need to take on more of the journey.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whatever you feel, it enables you to recognize it in others. That recognition builds empathy and softens the walls between people. However you feel today, it will enrich you, teach you, help you bond and clear the scene for new creation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What isn't said, the pauses, the spaces between details -- that's where imagination lives. The magic lies in the gaps. It applies to well-told stories, steeped in mystery. Also, in relationships that leave room for wonder and spontaneity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes it's tricky to teach people how to treat you. You don't have to be perfect at it. If all you do is move away from what drains you and toward what delights you, that will make a difference in your life and relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today's success secret: treat your energy like data. Track what's paid work, what's chosen generosity, what's play. Knowing which is which lets you balance fairly, instead of unconsciously giving away too much.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're drawn to the edges today -- the ideas that challenge, people who surprise, places that feel outside the ordinary. It's here you'll find the spark that invigorates you, reminding you that wonder thrives where comfort ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not wrong to want. Desire gives you a direction. It pulls you forward like a magnet. You may not know how to get what you want, but naming the wanting is the first brave act of creation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most breakthroughs start as bad ideas. Don't censor yourself too quickly. The messy drafts are the ones with great originality. The silly questions bond you to the others. The far-fetched notions inspire. These are the stepping stones to greatness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mind is hungry for novelty. Not all novelty nourishes. But you're pretty amazing at distinguishing between distraction and discovery, which you'll

have to basically all day long today. Just remember: One fills time, the other expands you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may not think of someone as a competitor, but they may think of you this way. Do they give you the chance to shine? Or do they focus in on lesser attributes or even flaws? Do they seem afraid of what will happen when the attention shifts from them to you?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's been a while since you experienced serenity and tranquility for a significant stretch. You deserve this, and yet such moments will not come unless you plan for it. Carve out this time for future-you and protect it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Leadership may put you in first in the line, but not always, and anyway it's not about leading the charge; it's about leading the way. The first to laugh, the first to forgive, the first to try... these are the moves people will take their cues from



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included public comment that at times became personal as residents suggested that commissioners were not taking their concerns seriously.

The applicant's requests were denied on five counts, according to Commissioner Gary Ross, who summarized the reasoning behind the decision while making a motion to deny.

Ross cited an alleged violation of the California Health and Safety Code 17929, which prohibits the isolation of affordable housing units to a specific floor or area on a specific floor; an alleged lack of evidence to support the applicant's claims that it would not be economically feasible to build affordable units on the top 19 floors; the applicant's alleged refusal to provide evidence to support the need for transparent as opposed to opaque guardrails; health and safety concerns raised by residents during public comment, alleging that traffic created by the new development would prevent them from accessing necessary medical care at nearby Cedars-Sinai; and allegedly insufficient evidence that the Beverly Hills Fire Department is capable of addressing fires of more than 100 feet high.

It was unclear how existing law applied to some of the allegations. For example, California Health and Safety Code 17929 prohibits mixed-income multifamily structures from isolating affordable housing units "to a specific floor or an area on a specific floor."

Affordable units in the Burton Way development would be spread throughout the

bottom five floors of the building, as currently proposed.

Dave Rand, an attorney representing the applicant, told the Courier that the commission's vote was "shocking."

"The city is absolutely playing with fire here," he said. "The commission had zero legal basis to deny this project, as was told to them repeatedly by their own staff and city attorney. I was shocked by the brazen disregard for the law."

City Attorney Laurence Wiener told the Courier that "as requested, staff will prepare a resolution of denial to be brought back at the next Planning Commission meeting," adding that the decision is subject to appeal.

The application for the Burton Way project was first submitted to the city by developer Crescent Heights in March 2024. At that time, it was proposed to be 20 stories and 223 feet tall. Earlier this year, the applicant submitted revised plans that increased the project's height to 26 stories and just over 309 feet.

The project would include 200 residential units with 22 designated for extremely low-income and moderately low-income households. Parking spaces for 316 vehicles would be available, along with over 42,000 square feet of open space and a rooftop deck.

The commission's vote to deny the permits came as a surprise to many involved in the project. In August, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ordered the city to process the application for a Builder's Remedy project on South Linden Drive after finding the

city to be in violation of the state's Housing Accountability Act and Permit Streamlining Act for having rejected the development.

That decision was expected to set a precedent for the way the city handles applications for Builder's Remedy developments.

During public comment, resident Renee Strauss, who opposed the Burton Way development, expressed her frustration with commissioners who have said they have very little discretion about whether or not to approve Builder's Remedy projects based on state law.

"Mr. Wolfe brought up on several occasions, as did ... Mr. Milkowski, that your hands are tied ... don't let us feel as a community like we are being silenced, and our words don't matter," she said.

Resident Janet Fox singled out City Planner Edgar Arroyo, suggesting that city staff is at fault for all Builder's Remedy projects in the city after not submitting a Housing Element to the state in a timely manner.

"You comment 'our hands are tied,' ... but you don't look at Ed Arroyo and the planning staff who failed, who were neglectful in not providing a timely compliance element," she said.

The commission directed staff to draft a resolution memorializing their findings, which will be brought back for finalization at their next meeting on Oct. 29.

There is now a 14-day appeal period during which anyone can appeal the commission's decision.

Rand told the Courier that his team will

wait to see what happens at the Oct. 29 meeting before taking further action, although he noted that he will prepare legal analyses to present at that meeting.

Following that meeting, he said, "If they continue to disregard the law, we will appeal." If necessary, he said, they will "one hundred percent litigate" the issue.

In other business, the commission approved a development plan review and density bonus permit for a new six-story development at 9945 Durant Drive, as well as two permits to allow rooftop restrooms and a walkway in the front yard to exceed 5 feet in width.

The project was found to be exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, which will include 29 residential units, will occupy the parcel that currently houses several multifamily residential buildings at 9937, 9941 and 9945 Durant Drive. Of the 29 units, three will be reserved for very low-income households.

Commissioner Terri Kaplan commended the developer for their "thoughtful" design.

"It's true, it's very different from what exists," said Kaplan. "It's true it is somewhat—in my opinion, modestly—larger than what's going on in the area, and as importantly, it furthers our quest to create more housing in accordance with state mandate. I think it is a positive development for our community." •



#### 11-DAYS OF VOTING

Saturday, October 25 - Tuesday, November 4, 2025:

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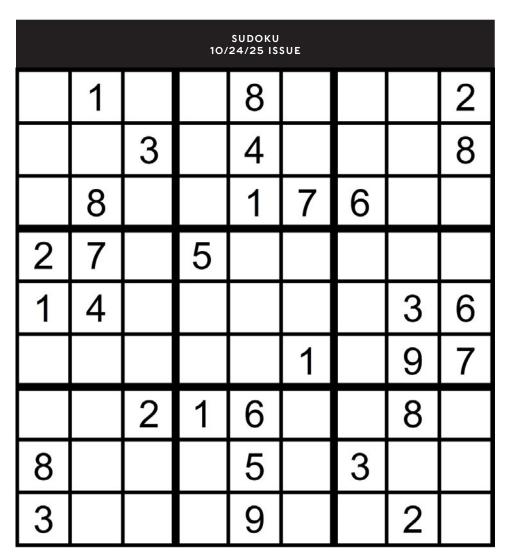


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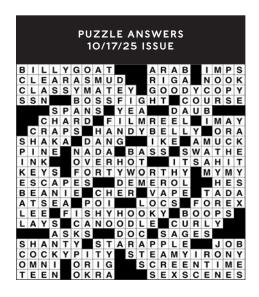




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#### THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE 10/24/25 ISSUE

## MAKE NO MISTAKE BY MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Schlossberg is an internist in Bend, Ore. This is his 16th crossword for The Times. He says he got the idea for it when he heard one of his sons say 63-Across to another. "That's how I get my crossword ideas nowadays osmosis. Sitting down and actually trying to think of an idea never seems to pay off." — W.S.

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Common sight near the entrance of a mall
- 4 Words that might precede "Out. darned Spot!"?
- 10 Gives some heat, say 14 Cry of frustration
- 18 Like
- 19 Blew out
- 21 Sound from a horn
- 22 Bull in a Chihuahua shop
- 23 Boast accompanying an evil laugh [120 sec.]
- ${f 25}$  Low-pitched jazz instruments, for short
- 27 Angler's lure
- 28 Words on a juice carton
- 30 What many monks and yogis are 34 "Project Hail Mary"
- 35 Director Rob

creatures, in brief

- 36 Lampshade-shaped
- 37 Rock band?
- 40 Tidbits
- 41 Licorice-flavored vegetables [32 oz.]
- 45 Faint
- 47 "Please. It's my
- 48 Letter opener?
- **54** Young girl in Scotland **98** Leveled
- **ANSWERS FOUND** IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER...

- 57 Rumspringas in Amish communities,
- e.g. **58** Greeting on Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 59 Word with straw or
- 60 Writer Silverstein
- coyote, you might say
- 63 Carpenter's adage illustrated four times 119 Org. that collaborates in this puzzle
- 71 Song in a book of songs
- 72 Chance
- 73 Biohazard regulator, in brief
- 74 Platoon or battalion 75 "The Facts of Life"
- girl 78 Aerodynamic quality
- 83 Scientist who spent his last years under house arrest [8 qt.]
- 87 Plug, as water
- 88 Tech giant based in Santa Clara, Calif.
- 89 Observe the expected 8 Mishmash formalities
- 92 Nays
- 96 Job requirements for top research positions, in brief
- 97 Facility
- 99 Put on
- 101 Buddhist riddles 105 Split something equally [24 in.]

- 110 Creature that can leap more than 150 times its own body
- length (!) 111 Lamborghinis, to
  - some 112 Waving the white
  - flag, so to speak 116 Citrus drinks
- 62 Like a certain cartoon 117 Rock's Nirvana, for one
  - 118 When mating typically occurs
  - with MADD 120 Quirky sort
  - 121 John, across the pond 122 "Uh, your point is
  - 123 Sweets

#### DOWN

- 1 Green or black African menace
- 2 Spider-Man, for one 3 Freak out
- 4 Good name for an apiarist?
- 5 Rocker \_\_\_\_ Rose **6** UPS competitor
- 7 Sends to Hades
- 9 Bloke
- 10 Religious title whose name comes from the Hebrew for
- 11 Chews (out)
- 12 Classic car that shared its name with a planet, informally 13 Postdebate areas
- 14 Some old game consoles

- "Bad Feminist"
- 16 Fairy tale sibling

- 26 CPR pressure points
- 29 Cycle at night? 31 Core-strengthening
- 33 It's covered in kernels 37
- 38 "Charlotte's Web' author's inits.
- restaurant furniture

- **46** Clever sort
- cleaners
- 51 Sharply dressed
- 53 The Bronx Bombers.
- **56** Camera type, for
- 61 \_ Eminence
- 65 Prefix with matter

- Gav. author of
- 17 Doofuses, north of the
- border 20 Absolutely, in slang
- 24 Never-ending
- Pilates exercises 32 Badly
- \_ gin fizz
- 39 Wood found in
- 40 Speck
- 42 Afore
- 44 Of help
- upside down!"
- 50 [It's time for bed!]
- on scoreboards 55 Pittance
- short 60 Barista's flourish
- 63 Mouthy bird? 64 Name found in "whole 78 Settings of many milk" Patrick O'Brian

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- 41 Online shorthand meaning "Victory!"
- 43 Previously known as
- 45 "Turn that frown
- 49 Big name in vacuum
- 66 One of many in the book of Job 67 Actor Firth 52 Part 68 Employ
  - **69** Hot French beverage "Resolute" item in the Oval Office 71 Hold dear, perhaps
  - in life 76 Rafts 77 Ripen
    - novels

**75** Men who marry later

- 79 Recite
- 80 Moody music genre 81 Light up?
- 82 Worker with a handler 84 Easy-listening radio
- category 85 "More or less" 86 Business name abbr.
- 90 Poor grade 91 Took off
- 92 Man who might be installing a baby gate
- 93 Gild the lily, with "it" **94** Facade
- 95 Not distracted at
- 96 Email attachment type 99 Body parts examined
- for arrhythmia 100 Big name in vacuum
- cleaners 101 Company that owns
- Words With Friends
- 102 A, in Ashkelon
- 103 "Totally cool!"
  - 104 Old Scratch
- **106** Chow 107 Pretty cool stuff
- 108 Big Apple's bravest, in brief
  - 109 Something a beach lifeguard monitors
  - 113 Cry of frustration 114 Insta chats 115 Fair-hiring inits.



Photo by Bianca Heyward

Mayor Nazarian and Director of Community Development, Michael Forbes held a community discussion on Oct. 16.

## STRAIGHT TALK, from page 1 the community.

Pursuant to state law, Beverly Hills was required by 2021 to demonstrate its ability to build 3,100 new housing units, divided into various income categories. The city worked with the California Department of Housing and Community Development from 2021 to 2024 to produce a housing element satisfactory to the state.

"During that period, state law has a provision called Builder's Remedy, which says if the city has not had its housing plan certified by that deadline, developers can submit applications for projects, and those projects do not have to comply with the general plan or the zoning," Forbes told the public. Certain developers were paying very close attention to this three-year window of time, during which the city received 16 applications. Those applications have now been reduced to 14. Of those, five have been approved by the Planning Commission so far. "We do have various lawsuits pending on some of those as well ... but we're now at the point where we have to start bringing these projects forward," Forbes added.

Nazarian noted, "I don't think that anybody is denying that we need housing. We need affordable housing. We are facing a housing shortage in California ... it's taking away local control, which is the issue."

Builder's Remedy has succeeded in removing "control" from Beverly Hills as it relates to the applications in question. The city is essentially mandated to approve the projects. The city has pursued various legal paths to stop these projects from getting approved, to no avail. Courts have ruled in favor of the developers' Builder's Remedy applications.

Many community members also had questions regarding SB 79, a California law titled the Abundant and Affordable Homes Near Transit Act. This law requires the city to increase the density of development allowed within a quarter-mile ring of the new Canon and La Cienega subway stops, regardless of zoning. "So, even single-family properties and neighborhoods within a quarter mile of these subway stations, if a developer wants to propose a multifamily project in those areas, the city would be compelled to approve it under that law," Forbes said. While the Century City subway stop is outside of the city border, the quarter-mile ring around that station extends into Beverly Hills. In addition to a streamlined permitting process, parking is not required if the development is located within a half mile of a major transit stop.

"We want to support the state; it's important," Nazarian said. "Since they want to encourage public transit and the use of it, then we want to support that as well." As far as parking permits are concerned, the City Council is exploring an ordinance that would prohibit residents of SB 79 units from participating in the city's preferential and overnight parking.

Forbes also described significant projects in the planning stages and under construction, and how they will benefit the city. Scheduled to be completed in 2028, the biggest is One Beverly Hills, which will consist of two condominium towers, a luxury hotel, and roughly five acres of public park area. Per the project's development agreement, the city will receive tax revenue and public benefit contributions, which are both estimated to be substantial. The Planning Commission also recently approved the new Louis Vuitton flagship store on Beverly and Rodeo Drives, which construction is expected to begin next year. Designed by Frank Gehry, the flagship store will be roughly 100,000 square feet and will house a museum exhibition space as well as a café. The third major project is the Saks Fifth Avenue project, which is going through the entitlement process. "The development agreement is being negotiated right now, as far as what public benefits will be provided," Forbes said.

Forbes also spoke about a new system that the city is working on to streamline permitting and expand the building permitting process online, using artificial intelligence.

The conversation also touched on short-term rentals, reminding the public that the City Council recently adopted an ordinance making them illegal in single-family and multifamily neighborhoods. Across the city, the minimum required lease period for all units is 12 months.

Lastly, after renewed concern about coyotes in the community, people were reminded not to leave food or water out on the street, including around trash cans. "We're actually putting up cameras in a couple of locations to try and identify who is feeding them, because there are some regular locations where food is getting put out," Forbes noted. Leaving food out for wildlife attracts coyotes to the neighborhood and violates the municipal code. The city has a contract with Los Angeles Animal Services, which can assess a property or neighborhood and flag potential coyote attractants.

The next Straight Talk with Sharona will be held on Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. •

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and other musicians played along to the call and response.

The protest was part of a nationwide movement that saw crowds turn out for around 2,600 rallies over the weekend, including 30 held in L.A. County. The rally was the third mass protest organized in Beverly Hills against the Trump administration since the president retook office, said Gay Abrams, one of the event's organizers.

"We had over 3,000 people who were so happy to be there," Abrams said. "They came to voice their concerns about what's happening in this country, and to stand up to what we see is an authoritarian regime and an attack on our Constitution, on our rights, an attack on our decency and our democracy, an attack on immigrants. ... Everyone in this country at some point is related to an immigrant, and I think a lot of the people who were there are just very disheartened by what we see with the ICE attacks and the threatening and people being arrested and pulled from the street by masked men without due process. It's so indecent. It's so un-American."

Beverly Hills Vice Mayor Craig Corman and Councilmember Mary Wells attended the rally. "I was happy to come out and support so many of our residents as they exercised their constitutional right to peacefully protest. I believe last Saturday's demonstrations across the country and around the globe drew critical attention to recent actions by the current administration that all of us should find deeply concerning," Corman told the Courier.

Around 20 counter protesters, including local students, were present at different points throughout the protest. However, Abrams said that the organizers and officers from the Beverly Hills Police Department deescalated any conflicts that arose.

The protests come in the wake of mass

Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids carried out by the Trump administration in L.A. County, the deployment of federal troops in major cities across the U.S., federal funding cuts, government layoffs, the rollback of vaccine requirements, health care cuts, and a plethora of other federal policies.

"If there were one thing that we objected to, that would be a luxury that we don't have," said Andrea Grossman, a longtime Beverly Hills resident and co-organizer of the rally. "There are thousands of things—whether it's the decimation of our public institutions, the decimation of our health regulators. There are a thousand different crises."

However, Grossman also said it gave her hope to see such a large presence and outpouring of support at the protest.

"It was a really diverse crowd coming together," she added. "You had people from all sorts of ethnic groups, all sorts of ages. ... People showed up to say, 'This is not the America that I want to see for my future."

Abrams said that the administration's policies echo dark chapters of history.

"The playbook is an old playbook of dictatorship, and it's frightening," she said. "For residents in Beverly Hills who share the same values as I do, I think that this rally was very important to them that they feel supported in their concerns, their fear and their anger."

The "No Kings" protest ultimately gave her the hope that the movement in Beverly Hills is growing, Abrams said, adding that the first rally she organized in April was attended by about 120 people.

"We are building momentum, and we're not going to stop," she said. "We're going to peacefully and nonviolently continue to resist this authoritarian regime, authoritarian administration, and we're going to continue to do it in Beverly Hills." •



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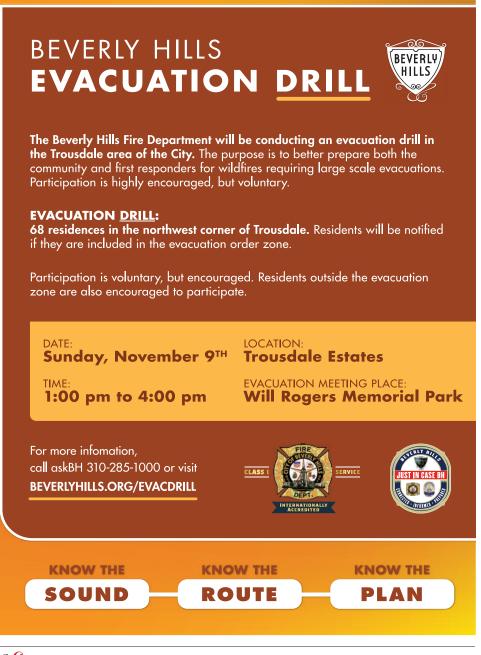
The Paley Media Council sponsored a conversation with Mark Cuban on Oct. 17 at the Beverly Wilshire, a Four Seasons Hotel. In a career that has spanned more than three decades, Cuban has been at the vanguard of tech, media, and investing. At the event, Cuban discussed his latest initiative, which is in the healthcare arena, and shared lessons from his varied business ventures.

# Holiday Lighting Celebration Set for Nov. 13



The annual Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting Celebration will take place on Nov. 13 from 5-8 p.m. This year's theme, Enchanted Holiday Dreams, is inspired by Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Ballet," and will feature Nutcracker-inspired and ballerina décor. The evening will feature live performances by local and international artists, an appearance by Santa Claus and a festive fireworks display.





## **Public Notices**

#### **OBITUARIES**

## John David Romm MD

May 27, 1930- September 4, 2025



John passed away at home after a valiant and courageous battle against significant health challenges. Born in New York to Murray and Blanche Romm, he moved shortly after his birth to Detroit, Michigan. He spent childhood summers with his relatives back East, many of whom were physicians. This would later inspire him to select medicine as a profession.

He attended Kalamazoo College and Wayne State School of Medicine,

where he was introduced to his future wife, Helen. They then moved to California for his internship at Cedars, followed by a residency in Internal Medicine. His residency was interrupted to serve at Scott Air Force Base, where he was chief of the Pulmonary TB Unit. He then returned to Cedars to complete his residency followed by a fellowship in GI at UCLA Wadsworth VA Medical Center.

He was an incredible physician, a doctor's doctor, and one who practiced with unsurpassed compassion and dedication. He was an astute diagnostician and was often referred patients who had seen other physicians without a diagnosis. He never gave up on any patient and spent hours on literature searches and called medical centers around the country for complicated patients.

He also enjoyed teaching and trained GI fellows as an Associate Professor of Medicine at UCLA. He loved being a physician and continued practicing until age 89. He was on staff at Cedars for more than 60 years. During his retirement, he continued medical journal reading and attending Grand Rounds in both Internal Medicine and GI.

Besides medicine, John loved tennis, playing regularly until age 90. He had a tennis family he played with, and he remained close to them even after he hit his last shot on the court. Traveling the world with family gave him great joy, summers waterskiing at Lake Arrowhead (up one last time at age 80), snorkeling, strolling Balboa Island and celebrating milestone birthdays. John's favorite was visiting family on the island of Crete, walking to the Old Harbor and reading on the balcony while gazing at the sea. In later years, John and Helen enjoyed happy hours and playing bridge with friends.

Above all, he was a person with incredible warmth and kindness. He loved life and people, especially his family. Always positive, regardless of life's challenges he found good in every situation and every person. He would warm the room with his smile, make us laugh with his humor, and feel better just from being around him.

For John, family was everything. He was devoted to Helen, his wife of 69 years. John's pride and joy was his children, Stephanie who pursued his love of medicine and David his passion for tennis. He adored his grandchildren, Jacqueline, Jonathan and Anthony, and had special affection for his son-in-law Michael, always sending him the latest medical articles.

The family gathered privately for services at the intimate Chapel of Saints Constantine and Helen at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral followed by interment at the Westwood Village Memorial Park.

John will be deeply missed, not only by his family but by all of those whose lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers or donations, please make a kind gesture to someone in need. It would please John.

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sale at the address set forth above. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 beneficiary within 10 days of the date of the first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to the return of the money paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchasers sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, the Beneficiary's AŘE Attorney WE ATTEMPTING COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. INFORMATION LINE: 714-730-2727 or www.servicelinkasap. com Dated: 10/9/2025 Foreclosure Services By Lilian Solano, Trustee Sale Officer A-4855403 10/17/2025, 10/24/2025, 10/31/2025

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REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS AND PREQUALIFICATION **INSTRUCTIONS FOR:** La Cienega Playground **Renovation Project** RFQ #26-350-13

Notice is hereby given that the City of Beverly Hills ("CITY") has determined that all bidders for the La Cienega Playground Renovation, ("Project") must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on the Project. 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 Thursday, November 13, 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.

A contractor with a valid California Contractor's License Class A 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.

Answers to questions contained in the questionnaire are required. The questionnaire is posted on Planet Bids portal: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal. cfm?CompanyID=39493.

The item is listed as: Request for prequalification of bidders for: La Cienega Playground Renovation 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 evalua-

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 pregualification 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.

The prequalification packages should be submitted electronically on Planet Bids. Questions regarding the questionnaire and the qualification package should be submitted on Planet Bids.

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 prequal-

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 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

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.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS** for the WILSHIRE BOULEVARD AND VICINITY STREET REHABILITATION within the City of **BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA** 

BIDS - Sealed proposals for the WILSHIRE **BOULEVARD AND VICINITY STREET REHABILITATION** at various locations within the City of Beverly Hills, California, will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), on Thursday, November 20, 2025, via Planetbids. Bid results will be sent to all bidders through Planetbids and the award of the contract will be made during a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

Refer to webpage: https://vendors.planet bids.com/portal/39493/bo/bo-detail/134302

SCOPE OF THE WORK - The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all the required labor, materials, equipment, parts, implements, supplies and permits necessary for, or appurtenant to, the construction and completion of the project indicated above in accordance with Standard Drawings and the Specifications prepared for this project. In general, the project consists of asphalt pavement, curb & gutter, curb ramps, sidewalk, bus pads, catch basins, crosswalks, traffic signal adjustments, replacement of pavement striping and markings, and general right-of-way rehabilitation and repairs within Beverly Hills. The project will primarily focus on pavement rehabilitation near LA Metro -Purple Line Extension construction area within Beverly Hills. The project will require the work to be performed at night, on weekends, or with other working hour restrictions depending on the work activities or coordination with other permitted work.

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form may be viewed and downloaded from Planetbids (https://www.planetbids.com/ portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=39493) or through the link on the City's bid listing page (https://www.beverlyhills.org/1254/City-Bids).

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE - The preliminary cost of Wilshire Blvd and Crescent Dr Intersection Improvement Project for this work has been prepared and the said estimate is \$6,200,000.

PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT - An optional pre-bid virtual meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams on November 4, 2025, at 11:00 am. To attend the meeting, send a request via email to Christine Chung at cchung@beverlyhills.org.

No allowances for cost adjustment will be made if Bidders fail to adequately examine the premises before submitting a proposal.

**BIDDER'S QUESTIONS** - All questions or requests for information can be directed to Christine Chung, Project Manager, through PlanetBids no later than 2:00 PM, November 7, 2025. Any questions submitted after the due date and time will not be responded. Inquiries received via telephone, fax, or in-person will not receive a

CITY CONTACT - Any questions or requests for information can be directed to the project manager, Christine Chung, P.E., at cchung@beverlyhills.org.

CONTRACTORS LICENSE - In compliance with Public Contract Code Section 3300, the City has determined that the Bidder must possess at least one of the following licenses: "A"

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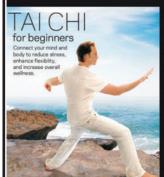
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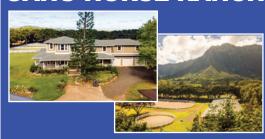
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