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Sunshine Task Force Tables Revocation Ordinance

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

A last-minute outpouring of public comments at the Jan. 24 Sunshine Task Force meeting has tabled a controversial ordinance that would have allowed ordinary residents to pause developments for inaccurate or incomplete information on permit applications. While advocates of the ordinance characterized it as a boon for accountability that would place residents on equal footing with well-resourced developers, critics warned that its broad language left it vulnerable to bad actors and would have a chilling effect on development at a crucial moment for the city.

The ordinance would set up a system by which a resident could challenge any permit for the "inclusion of inaccurate, substantially incomplete or erroneous information in an application," according to a draft of the ordinance.

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In a highly-attended meeting, the Sunshine Task Force postponed sending the draft Revocation Ordinance to the City Council. Photo by Samuel Braslow

Inside the Beverly Hills Police Department's Pilot Drone Program

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) has been conducting a pilot program testing the use of drones to assist with policing the Business Triangle. The initiative is among a handful of actions promoted by new Police Chief Mark Stainbrook, and according to the department, it has been a success.

"It's just another set of eyes and ears out there and gives us the ability to get over calls very quickly," Stainbrook told the Courier.

Stainbrook announced the program at a community forum in December, with the first test run taking place on Dec. 10 "in support of patrol operations." While Stainbrook laid out a vision of "seven days a week, 24-hour coverage," the pilot program currently makes the drone available Saturdays through Tuesdays, 40 hours a week. The BHPD examined crime trends around the Business Triangle in choosing those days, said BHPD Public Information Officer Lt. Giovanni Trejo.

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BHUSD Holds COVID-19 Study Session

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

On Jan. 25, the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education held a special COVID-19 Study Session after a host of parents voiced frustration last week regarding mask mandates at school and other safety measures.

(BHUSD continues on page 9)

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Courier Calendar

NOW

THE BROAD STAGE: NAT GEO LIVE: "HOW TO CLONE A MAMMOTH" 7:30 P.M.

National Geographic emerging explorer Beth Shapiro is studying the possibility of reviving extinct species like the passenger pigeons and mammoths. As an evolutionary biologist and ancient DNA researcher, she's traveled through the Arctic to extract remains of extinct species. This area of study has the potential for reviving extinct species and contribute to preserving presently living ones. In this talk, Shapiro will explore these possibilities and consider the technical and ethical challenges of this pursuit, as well as the potential benefits. Tickets range from \$50-\$85. COVID-19 vaccine proof and masks inside are both mandatory.

https://thebroadstage.org/ performances/2021-22/arts-lectures/ <u>mammoth</u>

NOW - JAN. 30

EL CAPITAN THEATRE: DISNEY'S "ALADDIN" (1992)

10 A.M., 1 P.M., 4 P.M., 7 P.M. Via Disney+, the El Capitan Theatre presents showings of the 1992 animated film "Aladdin." "Aladdin" is a rags-toriches story about a young street urchin who must stop Jafar to save Princess Jasmine's kingdom, all with the help of the charismatic Genie (Robin Williams). Besides daily showtimes, there are also pajama party screenings on Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. At these showings, guests receive a breakfast at their reserved seats while wearing family-friendly pajamas. Tickets are \$25 each for all ages. Standard showings are \$12 for all ages, with a family pack available for \$48 that includes four reserved seat tickets and four 64-ounce popcorn tubs. https://elcapitantheatre.com

NOW - MAY 8

HAMMER MUSEUM: "HAMMER PROJECTS: HO TZU NYEN" Ho Tzu Nyen is a Singapore-born

artist presenting his work "The 49th Hexagram" as part of the "Hammer Projects" series. "The 49th Hexagram" is two-channel video and sound installation that examines the cultural memory and political history of the Korean peninsula. The animation work was commissioned from a studio in North Korea, presenting a differing perspective from South Korean interpretations in media to draw a connection between the neighboring Koreas. An experimental soundtrack is also featured from Korean artists and musicians Bek Hyunjin, Park Minhee, and Ryu Hankil. Entrance to the Hammer is free, with COVID-19 vaccine proof and mask wear required for entry. https://hammer.ucla. edu/exhibitions/2022/ hammer-projects-ho-tzu-nyen

IAN. 29

ODYSSEY THEATRE ENSEMBLE: SHADE THÉRET: "THROWAWAY LINE" 8 P.M.

As part of the Odyssey Theatre's "Dance at the Odyssey" series, the theatre presents a single show of the newest work of Shade Théret, "Throwaway Line." Théret is a Berlin-based dancer and choreographer, and this show is an introspective dance solo performance. The show is approximately 25 minutes. Théret will also participate in a Q&A, about 10 minutes after the performance. Tickets are \$15 with valid student ID and \$20 for general admission. Proof of vaccination for COVID-19 and mask wear are required. https://odysseytheatre.com/whats-on/ throwaway-line/

IAN. 29

LACO: MONTGOMERY, MOZART + R. **STRAUSS** 8 P.M.

The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra showcases the work of contemporary composer Jessie Montgomery as well as Mozart and R. Strauss. The orchestra will be led by Music Director Jaime Martin and marks his first performance at Pasadena's Ambassador Auditorium. This will also be the final performance for principal Bassoon Kenneth Munday, who anchored the bassoon section for 46 years. Tickets start at \$29, and discounted tickets for seniors and students are available by phone. COVID-19 vaccine, booster, and masks inside are required. https://www.laco.org/events/ montgomery-mozart-strauss/

IAN. 30

LEV EISHA HADASSAH: "EXPERIENCE LEONARD COHEN" VIRTUAL TOUR 11 A.M.-12 P.M.

The Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco presents a virtual tour, guiding participants through an intimate view of Leonard Cohen's life. The tour guide will share the biography of Cohen (1934-2016), the influential musician from Montréal, Canada, as well as how his work impacted the four artists (George Fok, Judy Chicago, Candice Breitz, and Marshall Trammel) on view. The exhibition primarily contains installation and archival images of Cohen and his work. It will examine how although Cohen was an observant Jew, he also deeply explored Buddhism and other world views. Registration for the event is \$25, including a donation to Hadassah. http://wzoa.convio.net/site/

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JAN. 31

"GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM": AN EVENING WITH WAJAHAT ALI AND OTHERS 6 P.M.

Writers Bloc presents Wajahat Ali, who addresses the challenge American people of color and immigrants face in this satirical but relevant discussion. The talk is virtual and free. https://writersblocpresents.com/main/

<u>wajahat-ali/</u>

IAN. 31

THEATRE 40: MONDAY NIGHT SEMINARS: "METEOR SHOWER" 7 P.M.

Theatre 40 resumes its popular Monday Night Seminars on Zoom. Theatre 40 actors perform a live reading of a different play each evening, followed by a Q&A period. This session, the theme for the play is "Strange Plays for Strange Days." The play for the evening of Jan. 31 is "Meteor Shower" by Steve Martin, featuring a gathering for a meteor shower in which the guests are more than they seem. All of these seminars are free events. However, Theatre 40 is a nonprofit, so donations are appreciated on their website. The following link can be used to access the event at 7 p.m. https://theatre40.org

FEB. 2

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA: "DETERMINED": VIRTUAL SCREENING AND O&A

11 A.M.

Holocaust Museum LA presents a panel discussion about the award-winning documentary "Determined: The Story of Holocaust Survivor Avraham Perlmutter." The film retells Avraham Perlmutter's experience living through childhood in Vienna, Austria and then the Netherlands while hiding and escaping capture by German forces. This event will feature a virtual Q&A with director Keren Perlmutter, Avraham's daughter, and other guests. Free registration for the event is available online, with a suggested \$10 donation to the museum. After registering, attendants will receive a link to screen the film several days prior to the discussion panel on Feb. 2. https://www.holocaustmuseumla. org/event-details/ determined-virtual-screening-and-q-a

FEB. 3 THE SORAYA: VADYM KHOLODENKO 8 P.M.

Van Cliburn gold medal piano virtuoso Vadym Kholodenko is returning to the stage on Feb. 3 at The Soraya. This is his first time back on stage since an acclaimed 2016 performance. For this performance in his trademark style, Kholodenko will play pieces from the likes of Tchaikovsky, Mozart, and Liszt. Tickets range from \$41-\$86 and are available on The Soraya's website.

https://thesoraya.org



Vadym Kholodenko, piano virtuoso, will be peforming at The Soraya on Feb. 3. Photo by Ellen Appel

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News

Bojeaux and Blum Announce Council Bids

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW





Darian Bojeaux and Deborah Blum announced City Council campaigns on similar preservationist platforms. Photos courtesy of Darian Bojeaux and Deborah Blum

Two more residents have tossed their hats into the 2022 City Council race, Darian Bojeaux and Deborah Blum. The two candidates announced a platform of preserving the "village" quality of the city and opposing large-scale developments.

"I am running for City Council because the Council majority is not properly representing the majority of residents. Rather, they are trying to make major changes to the city that they want, regardless of what the residents want," Bojeaux, a vocal opponent of the city's Mixed-Use Ordinance, told the Courier in a statement. (Council Bids continues on page 11)



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Recreation and Parks Hears from BHPD Chief Stainbrook

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Recreation and Parks Commission held its first meeting of the year on Jan. 25, in which commissioners heard updates from new Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Police Chief Mark Stainbrook on a recent armed robbery that took place just outside of Roxbury Park. Recreation and Parks staff announced a timeline of one to two weeks for the return of some COVID-delayed programs, including the farmer's market petting zoo. Finally, the commission reviewed the progress on numerous improvement projects, including the playgrounds at Coldwater Canyon Park and Roxbury Park.

The commission had the opportunity to belatedly meet Chief Stainbrook, whose whirlwind start on the job delayed many of the introductory meetings typical of a new police chief.

Vice Chair Myra Lurie brought up the recent armed robbery of a watch near Roxbury Park and asked Stainbrook why no alert had gone out through the communications service Nixle. "I was just wondering if there's been any modification in our policy or what we normally do in order to inform people of situations that we want them to be aware of," she said.

Stainbrook explained that he was "doing a lot reevaluating" of how, when, and in what format to best communicate with the community.

"People digest information in different ways. Some people like Twitter, some people like Instagram, some people like the Nixle, or Everbridge, notifications," he said.

He added that, in the specific case of the Roxbury robbery, "it didn't really present a threat or ongoing issue." After the two suspects took the victim's watch and cellphone at gunpoint, they fled the city in a white Chevy sedan.

"Certainly, when we're dealing with an active situation, no matter what it is, we're going to inform the public of what we would like them to do. Is it evacuate, is it stay locked in their houses, is it call us if they see somebody suspicious in their backyard?" he said.

Stainbrook cautioned that the information that spreads quickly across social media channels in the wake of incidents may be wrong or incomplete.

(Recreation and Parks continues on page 8)

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Human Relations Commission Hears Homelessness Report

BY CARL ROBINETTE



Homeless encampment on San Vicente Boulevard Photo by Carl Robinette

Panhandling and camping on public property in the heart of Beverly Hills decreased in 2021, according to a report presented to the Human Relations Commission on Jan. 20. The statistics from the Beverly Hills Ambassador team indicate that camping incidents were down by almost 56%, and panhandling was down 28.5% in 2021. The decrease seems to point toward progress, though December saw more than twice as many aggressive panhandling incidents compared to November, and camping incidents tripled from August to December after a summer low. "There has been a gradual increase in campers in city structures," Operations Manager for the Ambassador team Johnathan Hunter said during the Jan. 20 meeting. "On a nightly basis, my team is making contact with these individuals, providing them outreach and then connecting those that are interested in the city outreach services."

Hunter said the increase in aggressive panhandling in recent weeks has been concentrated near Canon Drive.

(Homelessness continues on page 8)

CAGF Grant Deadline Approaches

Organizations that provide vital health and welfare services to the local and regional community have until Feb. 1 to apply for the City of Beverly Hills Community Assistance Grant Funding in the current fiscal year.

Applications for grants are reviewed by the city's Human Services Division, the Charitable Solicitations Commission and the Human Relations Commission. The application then goes to Beverly Hills City Council where final funding allocations are voted into action.

Proposals must be submitted to humanservices@beverlyhills.org or by mail no later than Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. to the Beverly Hills Human Services Division. Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization or partner with one. Forms are available at <u>www.beverlyhills.org/</u> <u>cagf</u>. For more information, contact Beverly Hills Human Services at 310-288-2220.

FRIEZE Sculpture BH Canceled

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

Supply chain disruptions have claimed a new victim: Frieze Sculpture Beverly Hills, the sculpture installations planned to accompany the February art fair in Beverly Gardens Park.

"Due to delays in shipping and labor shortages as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have determined that we do not have sufficient artworks to realize a full-scale public-sculpture installation," a spokesperson for Frieze said in a statement.

Frieze Week, which will run from Feb. 17-20, will bring over 100 art galleries from 17 countries to Beverly Hills. The main site of the fair will be at 9900 Wilshire Blvd. directly across from the Beverly Hilton. Frieze Sculpture Beverly Hills, a temporary sculpture garden in Beverly Gardens Park intended to last until May, would have marked the west coast premier of the popular Frieze sculpture series that has appeared in London and New York.

As recently as Jan. 4, the City Council had temporarily changed the city code to allow for the attraction.

"We are grateful to the City of Beverly Hills, as well as the participating galleries and artists, for all their support. We continue to look forward to this year's Frieze Week in Beverly Hills," the spokesperson said. •



Devin B. Johnson Walkscapes #3 (Iron Oxide), 2021 Oil and found object on linen 70h x 80w inches

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Community

Mel Bochner Exhibit a Traffic-Stopper in Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD



Mel Bochner's public sculpture titled "Street Sign" on South Santa Monica Boulevard Photo courtesy of Marc Selwyn

For 10 days this month, a seemingly typical electronic traffic sign perplexed and confused westbound passersby on South Santa Monica Boulevard and Charleville Boulevard. Instead of messages advising motorists and pedestrians of construction or traffic, the Variable Message Sign was populated with provocative words by renowned American conceptual artist and painter, Mel Bochner. Hoping to provide an unexpected disruption, Bochner's public sculpture titled "Street Sign" cycled through five short satirical phrases: "talk is cheap," "blah blah blah," "it could be worse," "hahaha," and "nothing ever changes."

The sculpture was on display in tandem with the Bochner exhibit, "DO I HAVE TO DRAW YOU A PICTURE?" at the adjacent Marc Selwyn Fine Art gallery. The show includes Bochner's recent oil on velvet paintings that incorporate the phrases illuminated on the sign outside.

"Every reaction that you can imagine, we had," gallery owner Marc Selwyn told the Courier about the public sculpture. "We've had people try to take it down because they thought it was sabotage. There was somebody who was trying to unplug it, we had people taking selfies, people laughing, and people perplexed. A lot of people don't understand it, and that's the way the artist wanted it."

Bochner is famous for his paintings that incorporate phrases, particularly "blah blah blah," which he began experimenting with in 2008.

The ongoing exhibit features 10 works of oil on velvet with viscous, multicolored letters that spell out phrases on a porous velvet background. According to Selwyn, many of the pieces have already been sold. "Once people see 'blah blah blah' those familiar know right away it's Mel Bochner and come in," Selwyn said. Depending on the size and medium, Bochner's pieces have sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Bochner's pieces vary in color scheme, phrases, and word placement, continuing his exploration of language in painting, and painting as a language. The paintings include an array of language, from "all or nothing" to "bozo" and "a rat's ass." "I don't consider them concrete poetry," Bochner said in a Jan. 16 Zoom call hosted by the gallery. "I consider them drawings. I consider them portraits."

Selwyn noted that "most people know our gallery as kind of a zen temple where we have a lot of minimal conceptual art and very quiet, kind of zen shows." He added, "This is a real cacophony of language and color, and it's kind of atypical of what you normally see at the gallery...you walk in and it's just a burst of color."

Born in 1940, Bochner received his Bachelor's in Fine Art from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1962 and received an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts in 2005. His work appears in the collections of prominent galleries around the world including the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Tate Modern in London, the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris, and more.

Bochner's recent solo museum exhibitions include The Jewish Museum in New York in 2014, Haus der Kunst in Munich, and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. In 2018, Bochner was included in the 57th edition of Carnegie International, the oldest North American exhibition of contemporary art from around the globe, at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh.

"DO I HAVE TO DRAW YOU A PICTURE?" is at the Marc Selwyn Fine Art gallery through Feb. 26.



The Mel Bochner exhibit at Marc Selwyn Fine Art Photo by Bianca Heyward



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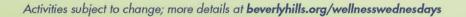
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Rotary Blanket Drive Brings Warmth to Community

BY CARL ROBINETTE



Rotary Club members filled a car with donated blankets during last year's drive at the Beverly Hills Fire Department. Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Beverly Hills

The Rotary Club of Beverly Hills will hold a blanket drive Feb. 7 from 3 to 4 p.m. outside the Beverly Hills Fire Department. The blankets they collect will be donated to organizations that give aid to underserved residents, including groups like Youth Emerging Stronger, PATH, All Saints Beverly Hills and Church of the Good Shepherd Outreach.

"A lot of issues are polarizing our community right now, and this is just a great way to come together and do something positive for those in need," Former Rotary President and Beverly Hills City Council candidate Sharona Nazarian told the Courier. "People can just drive by and drop off blankets, hand sanitizers, wipes and toiletries for those that have been displaced from their homes."

This is the second year Rotary has hosted the event and last year they collected about 200 Blankets. Last year's drive received such a positive response from the community, Rotary decided to grow the event and add toiletries to the list of items to collect this year, Nazarian added.

The event is made possible through a community partnership between the Rotary Club, Sinai Temple, Church of the Good Shepherd, The Buckley School and Beverly Hills Unified School District.

Nazarian is co-heading the drive with Rotary President-elect J.R. Dzubak. Separate donation sites will be at Beverly Hills High School and Sinai Temple.

"It's really cold outside and my heart goes out to people who are struggling right now," said Nazarian. "This is just a really easy way to give back to the community." For more information, email Sharona

Nazarian at info@bhrotary.org.

High-Capacity COVID-19 Test Center Opens in Beverly Hills

BY CARL ROBINETTE



A new testing site has opened in Beverly Hills. Photo by Carl Robinette

A drive-thru testing site for COVID-19 has opened in a parking lot on N. Santa Monica Boulevard, across from the Beverly Hilton. The site is privately run and offers free 24-hour tests and paid rapid tests.

Crews started working the night of Jan. 22 and held a soft opening at the site the next evening with priority testing for first responders. The company behind the site, 911 Covid Testing, administered about 12 tests during the opening event. By the following Tuesday, the staff at the site were giving more than 200 tests daily, according to 911 COVID Testing's Chief Operating Officer Steve Farzam. He said the site can deliver more than 2,000 tests per day.

"We're basically seeing double the increase day after day," Farzam told the

Courier. "We'll be there as long as we need to, just to make sure there's not a five-hour wait at the emergency room for folks that are getting tested and taking up resources that are really for people who have acute needs."

The site opened amid a nation-wide test shortage as suppliers struggled to keep up with demand from holiday travelers and back-to-schoolers this winter.

"We don't turn anyone away, and we have paid options too for folks who are wanting to travel or have specific requirements they need for a test result that typically free ones don't give you," Farzam said.

The site is easiest to reach by heading eastbound on Santa Monica Boulevard and entering through a fence on the south side of the road. It is clearly marked with signage. Inside, there are four lanes that stretch a quarter of a mile where cars can line up.

The Santa Monica Boulevard site is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. 911 Covid Testing has similar sites in Santa Monica, in the Sepulveda Pass near the Getty Center, and one near LAX. Tests offered include a free 24-hour PCR test, a \$95 rapid antigen test and a 30-minute PCR test for \$249.

The company plans to open a general testing lab with mobile services once the COVID-19 crisis subsides, Farzam said. •

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"What I find usually happens is information goes quickly out on Citizen or it goes out on these chat groups, maybe on WhatsApp or some other format, and it's not exactly correct. But even we don't have all the exact information yet–it's being funneled from the officers in the field, through the watch commander, to the command staff," Stainbrook explained. All this adds to the "time delay," but is essential for ensuring accurate information, he said.

Stainbrook later added that social media tends to amplify certain kinds of negative news and information, distorting the reality of crime and public safety.

"What I want to do is to figure out how we get the best and most timely information out to the community and [in] what format," Stainbrook said, though he did not offer specifics. "Because we know that if we don't, then somebody else will and it might not be the correct information."

The commission also heard updates on the impact of COVID-19 on Recreation and Parks programming. With coronavirus infections skyrocketing in the beginning of January, the city had to revert its preschool program to a virtual mode for the Jan. 10 start of the winter session. Assistant Director of Community Services Patty Acuna announced that preschools would reopen for in-person services on Feb. 1 with "a new testing protocol for both our teachers and our students."

Similarly, programming for seniors was

pushed back until February. Acuna said that the city would start bringing back senior programming on a limited basis.

The Beverly Hills Public Library still does not allow for indoor access but will begin to reopen in the next week or two, Acuna said. The city's adult basketball winter league was canceled due to the omicron variant, but Acuna reassured would-be ballers that the department would offer an extended spring-summer season.

Children can also look forward to the return of the farmer's market petting zoo– another casualty of the viral surge – in the next week or two, Acuna said.

Finally, Recreation and Parks staff presented the commission with updates on park improvement projects for fiscal year 2021-2022. In the first week of November, the city resealed the rubberized playground surface, called Poured-in-Place, at Coldwater Canyon Park for \$13,000. Then, with classes at the La Cienega Park Community Center on hold due to COVID-19, the city replaced the dance room floor at the cost of roughly \$19,000.

The city engaged in a more drastic facelift for the Roxbury Park playground, the surface of which required a total replacement. The project was completed in December with a final price tag of \$237,000, although the city has the chance to recoup the entire cost through a grant.

The city also resurfaced the tennis courts at Roxbury Park. Due to weather delays, the project was not completed until Jan. 21 at a cost of \$26,000. • (Homelessness continued from page 5)

"All in all, looking at the year in the whole, the team has done a great job of dealing with all the changes that the triangle has gone through, and continuing to increase their work performance," said Hunter. The Ambassadors have increased their outreach and hospitality efforts to connect homeless people with services and housing, he added.

Created in 2015, the Ambassadors are contracted through Block by Block, a specialty security firm that provides this type of service to business districts throughout the U.S. The Ambassadors focus their efforts on the Business Triangle and Beverly Gardens Park.

Fewer than 20 Beverly Hills residents are homeless, according to the most recent count by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in 2019, but neighboring districts in the City of Los Angeles are home to thousands of unhoused people.

While the total population of homeless residents in Beverly Hills is low, Los Angeles encampments, like those frequently seen on Burton Way and San Vicente Boulevard, lie just outside the Beverly Hills city limit.

"Look at Burton Way," said Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook at a Jan. 25 Recreation and Parks meeting. "If you look at the dividing line between LA and us, you see a very different side of Burton Way on their side, and then you look at our side... What [Beverly Hills] has is common sense policies, common sense resolutions that limit the issues."

Police officers are in frequent contact with homeless residents, but Stainbrook told the commission the homelessness crisis has largely been taken out of police hands.

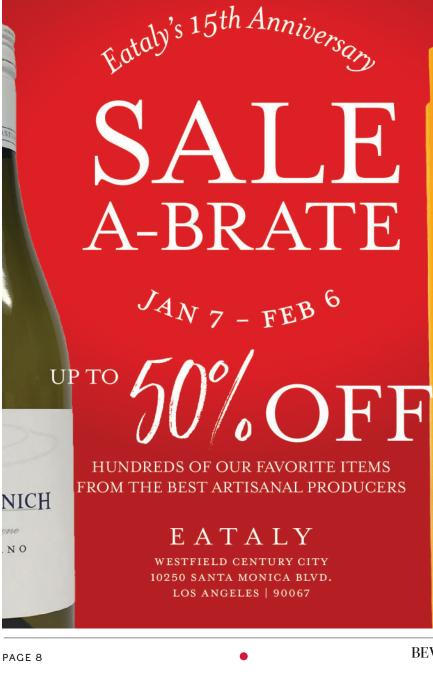
"Over the last ten years, homeless advocates have done a really good job with court cases and with laws to try to decriminalize homelessness, which I think is fine," said Stainbrook.

A controversial anti-camping law went into effect in the City of Los Angeles in September. With that ordinance, a section of Holt Avenue at Burton Way has been proposed as a no-camping zone, and Burton Way medians were recently cleaned up under a separate LA ordinance regulating medians.

Enforcement of LA's no-camping ordinance has been slow going as it requires an LA City Council vote for each location before camping can be prohibited at a site. The ordinance is also narrowly focused on prohibiting camping near what it calls sensitive sites. These include libraries and schools, and spaces in the public right-of-way like sidewalks. Freeway underpass encampments that block the sidewalk and force pedestrians to walk in a traffic lane are likely to be top enforcement targets.

While numbers on Beverly Hills' homeless population appear to be improving, a definitive count of the population is overdue after being canceled for the last two years amid COVID-19 concerns. The 2022 LAHSA homeless count, scheduled for this week, was postponed until February in light of the omicron-fueled spike in hospitalizations this winter. Beverly Hills is now slated to have its count on the night of Feb. 23 along with the rest of West Los Angeles County. Results are expected to be made public in the months following the count.





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The Board evaluated COVID-19 policy options and explored the possibility of pushing back on an outdoor masking protocol mandated by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health). During the meeting, the Board agreed to review the district's weekly PCR testing, which is not required by Public Health. Board President Mary Wells noted that a follow up Study Session engaging medical experts and teachers would be scheduled for a future date to continue the conversation.

"The dangers posed by those preventative measures greatly outweigh the dangers to our children of infection from COVID," said Board member Gabriel Halimi. "That's the bottom line."

Currently, Public Health requires universal masking with some appropriate type of face covering for both indoor and outdoor settings on the school campus. Exceptions would include when actively eating or drinking and in outdoor settings where physical and non-physical distancing can be reliably maintained. According to the district, Public Health officials deemed it unfeasible for BHUSD students to maintain social distance outdoors at school.

"I don't know anybody that has pushed that to a point where they have to make a decision about you staying open or not," BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy said regarding remaining in compliance with Public Health orders. "We have just followed the expectations because they said we have to demonstrate that we are following the health order, and that if we don't, we are not going to be able to stay open. Can you push that? Under the direction of the board, we would do that."

Wells indicated that first, the Board would meet in closed session to assess the situation from a legal standpoint and conduct a cost benefit analysis for the students and staff.

However, the district does have room to adjust their testing policy without violating Public Health. "There is a board policy that has surveillance testing for the entire district once a week," said Rebecca Starkins, the district's Director of Public Relations. "That's not required by LACDPH. It's highly recommended."

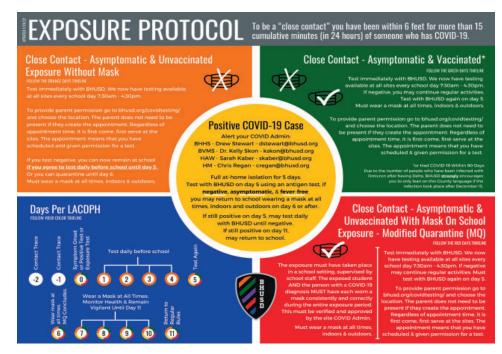
Currently, BHUSD tests all unvaccinated students once a week, fully vaccinated staff once a week, not fully vaccinated staff twice a week, and a random selection of vaccinated students. According to Starkins, 38 positive cases were found via surveillance testing the week of Jan. 17 and 63 through rapid antigen testing. Rapid antigen testing is available at every school site and the district office every school day between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The district began the new semester amid record breaking case numbers driven by the omicron variant with over 200 students and 40 staff who tested positive for COVID-19 after a district-wide testing day. However, BHUSD administrators are optimistic that transmission within the district is going down. According to Starkins, there was a 70% reduction in positive COVID-19 cases across all school sites between the first and second week of the new semester. In addition, 20% of BHUSD students informed the district that they've had COVID-19 since Dec. 15.

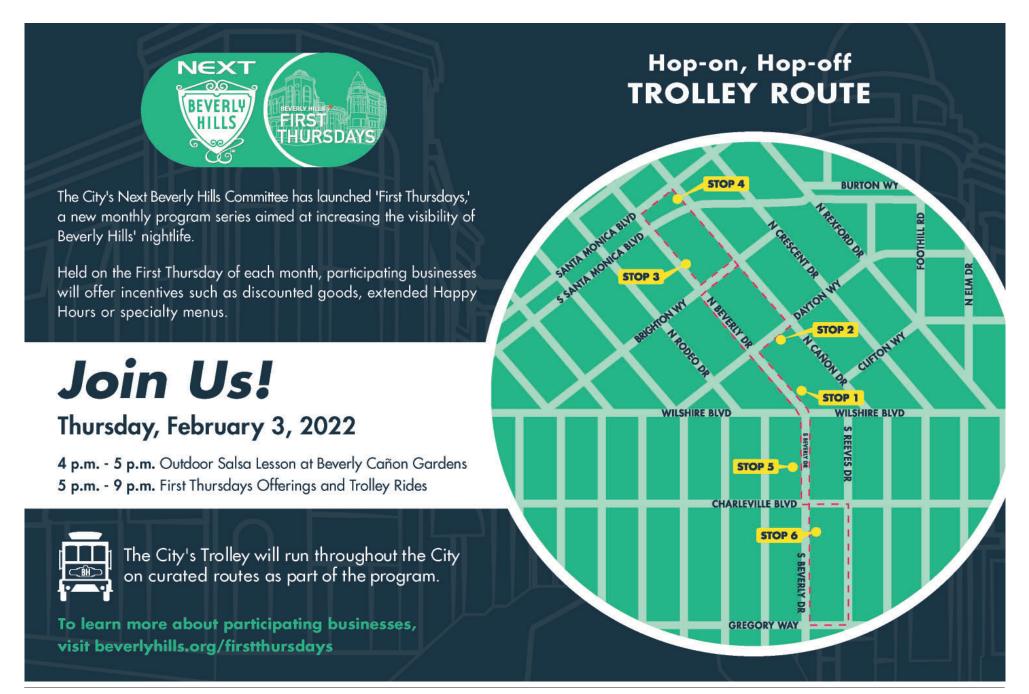
Nonetheless, the district remains cautious. "Just the week before last at Hawthorne, we had two classrooms that were actually closing under the direction of the county because of three epidemiologically linked cases," Bregy said.

"I think the testing, we can address that immediately and reevaluate where we are on the testing," Wells said.

"And then with regard to wanting to look at how do we take bolder steps against the county, I think that that's another conversation for us," Wells added. "I think it's going to change. So, we can have another study session, or we can have a closed session if we need to talk about any issues that we need to consider from a legal standpoint first. My suggestion would be that we start with what legal barriers we're hitting first, as a starting place, just to see what that looks like." •



BHUSD COVID-19 exposure protocols revised on Jan. 24. Screenshot courtesy BHUSD



(Drone Program continued from page 1) While Stainbrook characterized the pro-

gram's early results as a success, he added that it still needed work. "We're still working through technical issues," he said.

The drones are operated by a two-person team that launches the craft from a parking lot roof to minimize the signal interference from buildings. The drones can fly within a range of three to five miles for 25 minutes before they must return to base for a new battery. The drones are outfitted with cameras capable of taking still images and recording video.

The city has contracted with the drone operator Flying Lion, one of the few companies to work exclusively with law enforcement, Stainbrook said.

Stainbrook and Trejo pointed to two cases in which the drone program has already played an integral role in law enforcement.

On Jan. 23, BHPD responded to a call of petty theft at the Rite Aid on Canon Drive. The suspect had fled the scene, and the operators launched the drone.

"The suspect was literally one block over west," Trejo said, "and he was found on top of a parking structure on Crescent. Had it not been for the drone, the ground units would have never seen this suspect hiding up in the parking structure."

The following day, immediately after launching the drone on top of the Santa Monica Boulevard parking structures for a routine patrol, operators "saw a male in a nearby alley who suddenly stepped onto private property very near the garage door" of a house, Trejo said.

The operators zoomed in on the male and observed him "hiding from public view to smoke what appeared to be a meth pipe." The operators directed officers to the location where they arrested the individual.

Trejo said that the two examples demonstrated proactive and reactive uses of the drone. "We have reasons to continue to justify the use of the drone program in the manner in which we've used it so far. That is, crime prevention and apprehension of suspects who are wanted for a crime that has occurred."

Privacy groups have warned for over a decade that drones could further erode privacy in an age of near-constant surveillance.

"The prospect of cheap, small, portable flying video surveillance machines threatens to eradicate existing practical limits on aerial monitoring and allow for pervasive surveillance, police fishing expeditions, and abusive use of these tools in a way that could eventually eliminate the privacy Americans have traditionally enjoyed in their movements and activities," American Civil Liberties Union said in a 2011 report that anticipated the increasing role of drone technology in law enforcement.

According to the Atlas of Surveillance, a joint project of Electronic Frontier Foundation and the University of Nevada, at least 1,181 police departments in the United States are using drones.

Trejo defended the privacy precautions taken by the city. The pilot program

currently focuses on the Business Triangle, minimizing potential interactions with private property. He added that the drones "don't fly specifically over a house or over a residence for the purpose of just monitoring what is in the residence, either in the backyard or on top of the roof."

"We fly over an area for protection of life, protection of property, and we only fly over a specific location when we have a justification to do so," said Trejo.

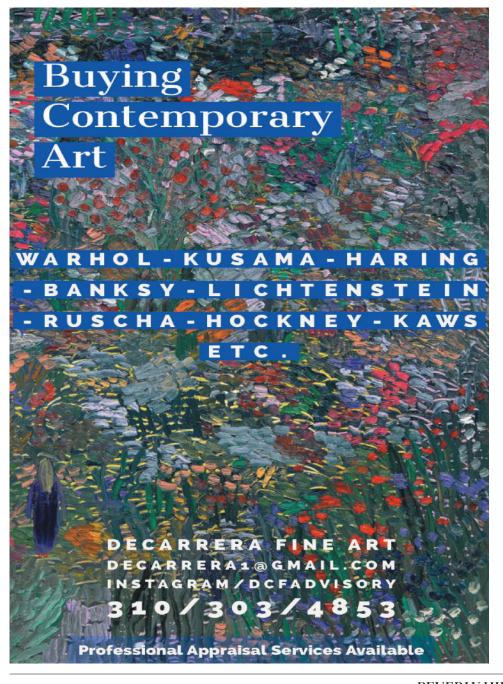
Inclement weather paired with COVID-19 staffing shortages prevented the department from launching drones for large parts of the last month, prompting BHPD to extend the pilot another month to collect more data before evaluating the program. Even after more data comes in, though, Stainbrook says he is in no rush to scramble the drones.

He acknowledged that the department has to figure out the best use of the drones in the context of the other tools at BHPD's disposal. "The challenge is how do we blend it into all the other technology we have with the [CCTV] cameras and the license plate readers? How do we use all that in a coordinated way?"

The department currently has enough funding to run the pilot program through the end of the fiscal year. Once BHPD has a concrete proposal for an extended drone program, it will present its request to the City Council for additional resources. •



Drone operators observed a man using illicit substances, leading to his arrest. Photo courtesy of BHPD



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Not all inaccuracies would necessarily lead to the revocation of permits under the ordinance – only inaccuracies or omissions that "materially deviate" from the approved plans. In other words, if the omission of certain information or the inclusion of inaccurate information had an impact on the approval of a permit, then the city could take the permit away once alerted to the issue by a reporting resident.

"I'm really perplexed as to why there's even a need for this," said former Mayor Stephen Webb, who also previously served on the Planning Commission. "I'm also perplexed at the ambiguity of some of the language that's here and it's troubling to me."

Mark Egerman, a legislative advocate on behalf of multiple developers in Beverly Hills and himself a former mayor, expressed concern that the ordinance would dampen potential development in the city. "My concern is that this ordinance's main effect will be to so substantially increase costs for developers that the city will not have future development, or future development that complies with code will not be undertaken," Egerman said.

Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich laid out the existing enforcement mechanisms for projects that deviate from the plans submitted to the city. He gave the example of a hypothetical 100-foot wall. For minor deviations – say, an extra 10 feet – the city could issue "a correction to bring the wall back into conformance with what they got approved for," Gohlich said. For more "severe" deviations, like if the developer instead constructed three separate walls adding up to 100 feet, "that would normally result in a stop work order on the project where they would not be allowed to do further work on that project, they would be subject to additional permit fees as a penalty, and they would also be required to eliminate the unpermitted portions of the project and bring it into conformance with what they were approved for."

Similar procedures are in place for by-right projects.

"In many cases, we have items that are identified by building inspectors while they are out in the field doing their inspections, because there are many inspections that are required at various milestones throughout a project. And in some instances, we have items that are reported to us by neighbors," Gohlich said. "We take those reports seriously, we investigate all of them, and in cases where we find there to be a violation, we have the same procedure in place where there will either be a correction or a stop work order issued, depending on the nature of deviation from the approved plans."

But supporters of the ordinance said that the existing rules were insufficient, pointing to two projects that they said intentionally misled the city. In one case, an applicant misrepresented that a floor qualified as a basement when it did not, said Debbie Weiss. In another, the applicant misrepresented their plans on earthwork, she said. Councilmember John Mirisch, a City Council liaison on the task force, said that these issues would not have happened if existing mechanisms were sufficient.

He added that "good actors" should have no issues with penalties for "bad actors."

But Egerman said that the ordinance would have unintended negative consequences for good actors as well. "I believe strongly that it is not a question that good developers have nothing to worry about. It creates substantial additional risks and costs and will limit the type of development that the City Council has stated it wants, which is increased housing," Egerman said. "It is a simple reality Beverly Hills has the

(Council Bids continued from page 4) Bojeaux, an attorney, pointed to the passage of the Mixed-Use Ordinance and the approval of the One Beverly Hills luxury hotel and condominium development, "which had been poorly and improperly pre-negotiated in advance without input from residents," she argued. If elected, she promises to oppose the nine-story height of the Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills hotel in the Business Triangle and the Lots 12 and 13 project along Santa Monica Boulevard.

Blum, a longtime resident with a background in film and television production, described herself to the Courier as a "reluctant candidate." Citing many of the same concerns as Bojeaux, she worried that reputation of being a very difficult entity to do business with."

Mayor Robert Wunderlich, who also serves as a City Council liaison on the task force, proposed doing further work on the ordinance in a subcommittee before bringing the ordinance before the Council. He expressed hope that "the people on this call today and others perhaps could participate so that we can be in a better position after discussing these issues."

A subcommittee meeting had not been scheduled as of press time, according to staff. The timeline of the ordinance reaching the City Council will be dependent on the subcommittee's own timeline. •

projects like the Cheval Blanc would turn the city into "another Westwood."

"Like the Wilshire Corridor," she said, "where we've got all these high rises cropping up in the middle of the city and around us. That ruined Westwood. It could ruin Beverly Hills."

"As a documentary writer-director, I've traveled all over the United States and Europe and South America and looked at a lot of cities, so I feel that I have a sophisticated view of how people treat their history," she said. "I see that the cities that are the gems that still retain a magic for tourists... are the ones who preserve the integrity of the original architecture." •



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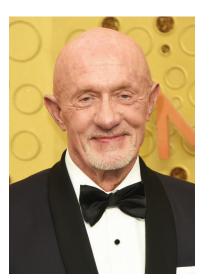
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You

are not just one person. You are

many people at once. You identify

with several groups and even see

yourself in these groups' oppos-

ing groups. There's freedom in

"If you can't be a good example,

you'll just have to be a horrible

warning," said novelist Catherine

Aird. Today's ambition will

be served by such warnings.

Research to get a better under-

standing of what could go wrong.

veil of time conceals many facts.

This will be an entry point for

your imagination. Be careful not

to fill in someone's backstory in

such a way that it glorifies and

elevates them. Pedestals have a

Someone who's easy to be

around will instantly relax you.

All worry, resistance and thought

will dissolve as you become

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

way of eventually toppling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

accepting your complexity.



MICHAEL C. HALL February 1



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absorbed into a natural shared rhythm. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll do for others what you wish

do for others what you wish someone had done for you. You'll be generous when you don't have to be and tend to those who have nothing to give you back. If you ever need evidence of your goodness, that last bit will do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The words you long to hear represent a truth you wish was so. Perhaps it already is so. In that case, it will be just as true whether you hear the words or not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get encouraging signs that your investment is paying off. Chances are this isn't a financial investment; rather, it deals in something much more precious, like your energy and time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's something you've enjoyed numerous times, never losing your enthusiasm, only to show it to another person and see, for the first time, its flaws. There's no teacher like sharing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Commitment is not merely an agreement, it's a mindset. Costbenefit analysis, speculation and negotiation have no place in the attitude of commitment, which is based in one idea: The thing will be done, whatever it takes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While you'd love to come off smart, appropriate and attractive, any attempt to do this indicates your disbelief that you actually are these things. No need to sweat, stumble, cry or try. You're fine as-is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are benefits to analyzing a past relationship as objectively



you made the choices that led you here will remind you of who you are and why you're deserving of your own respect and compassion. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Just like all the imaginary things in the world, the monsters under the bed are only as real as you make them. Use the principle to your advantage today by mentally constructing the friends and environments you wish for.

> This week's featured canine is Detroit, a 2-year-old, 12-pound pug. Although he appears shy in this photo, Detroit has a lot of love to give. If you would like this compact companion added to your family, please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE 01/28/22 ISSUE

PLAYING THE HITS BY DERRICK NIEDERMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Derrick Niederman, of Charleston, S.C., teaches mathematics at the College of Charleston. This is his 12th crossword for The Times, not counting variety puzzles, beginning in 1983 — all Sundays. On March 7 last year, the paper published an amazing novelty challenge by Derrick, "Two-for-One Crossword," that had two completely different solutions. After you finish this puzzle, it's worth looking up, if you haven't done so yet. — W.S.

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- 16 Reaction to puppy
- pics 19 Water buffalo, for one 20 French ____ (trick-
- taking game) 21 Land of blarney
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- 25 Who infamously boasted "They can't collect legal taxes
- from illegal money" 27 Luxurious
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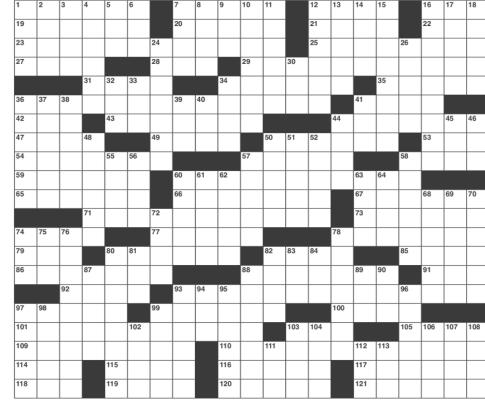
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OBITUARIES

Arline Lloyd 1934-2022



Arline Lloyd, adored mother, grandmother, aunt, great aunt, mother in law and friend died on January 17th in Beverly Hills, where she had lived since 1974. She was 87 and the widow of David Lloyd, her husband of 51 years. She was also pre-deceased by her brother Jack and her

parents. The cause was pulmonary fibrosis. She is survived by her children Julie (Graydon Forrer), Christopher (Arleen Sorkin), Stephen (Carrie Friedman), Amy, and Douglas, as well as her grandchildren Eli, Owen, Delainy, and Adeline. She also leaves behind one niece, three nephews, eight great nieces and nephews, and one great great nephew. A graduate of Albertus Magnus College, she was a lifelong learner, reader, and art lover. Arline volunteered thousands of hours at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art as a docent, leading tours for children and adults over many decades. She had also volunteered her time to other worthy causes, including Operation School Bell and the Beverly Hills Public Library. A passionate traveler with her husband, she took great joy after he died in introducing her grandsons to Italy, which was her second favorite country (the U.S. being her first). Words cannot convey the family's profound sorrow at the loss of this bright, funny, wise, beautiful, generous and loving woman. Her courage and strength were an inspiration to everyone. The family also expresses enormous gratitude to the caregivers who devoted themselves to Arline, especially Elba Pereira. Finally, the family wishes to recognize the extraordinary compassion of Dr. Paul Noble, who saw to Arline's care and comfort from 2013 until her very last breath. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Arline's name to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Research Fund at Cedars-Sinai, directed by Dr. Paul Noble, 310-423-1888. Arline was a faithful parishioner at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Beverly Hills for 48 years. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Carol Weisman Briskin Wilson Garratt January 23, 2022

Beverly Hills - Carol Weisman Briskin Wilson Garratt passed away peacefully, cared for and surrounded by her loving husband, Peter, and her children, Jeffrey (Sharon), Deborah, and Julie (Matt) in the comfort of her own home in San Diego, California on January 23, 2022.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Carol moved to Southern California and lived for many years in both Beverly Hills and San Diego.



Carol will always be remembered for hersparkling smile and beauty, both inside and out. Carol was loved by everyone who knew her and will be greatly missed. Carol is survived by her three children, seven grand children and six great-grandchildren.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-O-2855

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AN OF BEVERLY HILLS EXTENDING **INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-2833** AMENDING SECTION 10-2-303 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ADJUSTING LOT LINES THAT ARE BETWEEN JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills is concerned about lot line adjustments which create or increase the size of parcels crossing the boundary of the City. Of particular concern is the fact that the City's regulations permitted the adjustment of lot lines to create or expand parcels located both within the City and another City. The City does not have authority over the development of land within the jurisdiction of another City. Accordingly, when a parcel is located both within the City and another city, a portion of the parcel is subject to the City's regulations and development standards, and a portion of the parcel is subject to the regulations and development standards of that other city. Because the City's General Plan and zoning and building ordinances would not apply to the portion of the lot which is located in another city's jurisdiction, a lot line adjustment creating or expanding a lot that crosses the City boundary will not conform to the City's General Plan or the City's zoning and building ordinances. This negatively impacts the public health, safety, and welfare because buildings that do not comply with City codes can be built with City access, utilities, and other services and buildings can be built under another city's zoning regulations without appropriate setbacks. Consequently, the City Council wishes to consider enacting appropriate reg-ulations regarding if and under what circumstances adjusting a lot line to create or expand a parcel that crosses the City boundary may be appropriate. City staff continues to study the issues related to permanent regulations.

Because the public process of adopting permanent regulations may be lengthy, and to prevent the adjustment of lot lines which will create or expand parcels that cross the boundary of the City in the interven-ing period, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 21-O-2833, an interim ordinance that took effect immediately on January 26, 2021 (the "Interim Ordinance"). The Interim Ordinance amends Section 10-2-303 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 10 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to prohibit a lot line adjustment which would either create or expand a lot that crosses the City boundary. The Interim Ordinance was extended for a period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days on March 11, 2021 in accordance with Government Code Section 65858.

Section 2. Authority.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, the City Council may adopt, as an urgency measure, an interim ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare to prohibit uses that may be in conflict with a zoning proposal that the legislative body, planning commission, or the planning department is considering or studying

or intends to study within a reasonable time. After public notice, the City Council may extend the interim ordinance first by a period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days, and then by an additional one (1) year pursuant to Government Code Section 65858. Notice of the public hearing at which the City Council considered adopting this extension ordinance was duly published on December 24, 2021, in the *Beverly Hills Courier*, and on December 30, 2021, in the *Beverly* Hills Weekly and in the Beverly Press.

Urgency Findings. Section 3.

The City Council finds and determines that failing to implement immediate changes to the City's lot line adjustment regulations would result in an immediate threat to the public health, safety, and general welfare. As described in Section 1, the City's regulations permit lot line adjustments which create or expand parcels crossing City boundaries, resulting in parcels subject to both the City's zoning and building regulations and another city's zoning and building regulations. Because the City's General Plan and zoning and building ordinances would not apply to the portion of the lot which is located in another city's jurisdiction, such lot line adjustments will not conform to the City's General Plan or the City's zoning and building ordinances. Accordingly, without appropriate regulations, the continued adjustment of lot lines to create or expand parcels under split jurisdiction will negatively impact the public health, safety, and general welfare. Thus, to preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare, the City Council declares it is necessary that this Ordinance take immediate effect to prevent these harms.

Section 4. CEQA Findings.

The City Council hereby finds that the adoption and implementation of the Interim Ordinance or extension thereof is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because the average slope of the City is less than 20 percent and the extension of the Interim Ordinance represents a minor alteration in land use limitations and does not result in any changes in land use or density. In addition, the City Council finds that the adoption and implementation of the Interim Ordinance or extension thereof will not have a significant environmental impact and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. This exemption is applicable because the extension of the Interim Ordinance would not result in physical changes to the subject properties and no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment exists.

Section 5. <u>Severability.</u> If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. **Approval and Extension** of Ordinance.

This Ordinance, adopted as an urgency measure for the immediate protection of the public safety, health, and general welfare, containing a declaration of the facts constituting the urgency, and passed by a minimum four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council, shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall amend and extend the effect of the Interim Ordinance for a period of one (1) year, as provided in Government Code Section 65858.

Section 7. Publication.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and her certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2022 EFFECTIVE: January 18, 2022

ROBERT WUNDERLICH Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills

ATTEST: HUMA AHMED (SEAL) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: GEORGE CHAVEZ **City Manager**

RYAN GOHLICH, AICP Director of Community Development

VOTE Councilmembers Friedman, AYES: Gold, Mirisch, Vice Mayor Bosse, and Mayor Wunderlich NOES: None CARRIED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021278268 The following is/are doing business as: HALSTED PICTURES 217 S. Carmelina Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90049; Halsted, Inc. 315 S. Beverly Dr. #210, Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: <u>A CORPORATION</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) list-ed July 2004: Dan Halsted, President: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 27, 2021; Published: January 07, 14, 21, 28, 2022 LACC N/C BEVERLY HILLS COURIER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021278265 The following is/are doing business as: BENNETT'S ICE CREAM 6333 W. 3rd St. #548, Los Angeles, CA 90036; B. Scott Bennett Incorporated 6333 W. 3rd St. #548, Los Angeles, CA 90036; The business is conducted by: <u>A CORPORATION</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed March 1980: Bradley Scott Bennett, CEO: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 27, 2021; Published: January 07, 14, 21, 28, 2022 LACC N/C BEVERLY HILLS COURIER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021278262 The following is/are doing business as: 1) TRASHY LINGERIE 2) IN THE ZONE FISHING 402 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048; 402 Shoes, Inc. 402 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048; The business is conducted by: <u>A</u> <u>CORPORATION</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed February 1976: Mitchell Shrier, President: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 27, 2021; Published: January 07, 14, 21, 28, 2022 LACC N/C **BEVERLY HILLS COURIER**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021281079 The following is/are doing business as: ABBOTT JERRY MUSIC 469-1/2 S. Bedford Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; Philip Charles Rosenblum 469-1/2 S. Bedford Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: <u>AN INDIVIDUAL</u>, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the seme(s) listed Contember 2001. Philip under the name(s) listed September 2021: Philip Charles Rosenblum, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Ångeles: December 30, 2021; Published: January 14, 21, 28, February 04 2022 LACC N/C BEVERLY HILLS COURIER

Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 22-O-2856

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF **BEVERLY HILLS EXTENDING INTERIM** ORDINANCE NO. 21-o-2853 TO PROVIDE OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR SENATE BILL 9 PROJECTS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative Findings.

During the 2021 legislative session, the California Legislature passed, and the Governor signed Senate Bill 9 (SB 9), which requires local agencies to ministerially approve urban lot splits and development to two residential units per single family residential lots provided the projects meet certain criteria. SB 9 became effec-tive on January 1, 2022. SB 9 projects will have the potential to significantly impact the character of the City's well established single family neighborhoods. SB 9 projects have the potential to impact the health, safety, and welfare of residents in the City, and particularly on the character of single family residential neighborhoods, the garden quality of the City, vehicular and pedestrian safety, on-street parking demand and impacts, and housing afford-ability. As such, the City of Beverly Hills City Council wishes to consider enacting permanent ordinances to establish objective zoning and subdivision standards for SB 9 projects.

Because the public process of adopting these ordinances may be lengthy, and to-protect the public health, safety, and welfare and prevent detrimental impacts on single family residential neighborhoods within the City, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 21-O-2853, an interim ordinance that took effect on December 7, 2021, (the "Interim Ordinance"). The Interim Ordinance establishes' standards and procedures for projects developed according to the regulations included in SB 9. These standards include lot size limits for urban lot splits, height, size, and design standards for new units constructed pursuant to SB 9 regulations, setback standards, parking requirements, and occupancy and use requirements for new units and Accessory Dwelling Units on lots split in accordance with SB 9. City staff continues to study the issues related to permanent regulations.

Section 2. <u>Authority.</u>

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, the City Council may adopt, as an urgency measure, an interim ordinance that prohibits any uses that may be in conflict with a contemplated zoning proposal that the City Council is considering, studying, or intends to study within a reasonable period of time. After public notice, the City Council may extend the interim ordinance by a period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days, pursuant to Government Code Section 65858. Notice of the public hearing at which the City Council considered adopting this extension ordinance was duly published on December 24, 2021, in the Beverly Hills Courier, and on December 30, 2021, in the Beverly Hills Weekly and in the Beverly Press.

on 3. <u>Urgency Findings.</u> The City Council finds that there is Section 3.

an immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare and that urban lot splits and additional unit development pursuant to SB 9 that does not conform with the certain objective standards established by the City constitutes a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, as described in Section 1, above. The City Council finds and determines that there is the poten-tial for an immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare in the event of a proliferation of SB 9 projects without local regulatory standards. To preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare, the City Council declares it necessary that this Ordinance take immediate effect to prevent these harms.

Section 4. <u>CEQA Findings.</u> The City Council hereby finds that this ordinance shall not be considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act. Additionally, the City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance will have a significant adverse effect on the environment, given the fact that no specific development is contemplated at this time, and the ordinance is only establishing regulations for future development if proposed pursuant to SB 9. Further, development that would be contemplated under this ordinance must be treated ministerially, and any such projects would be statutorily exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b) (3) and 15268 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, as separate and independent bases for exemption.

Severability. Section 5.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or por-tion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in fully force and effect.

Approval and Extension Section 6. of Ordinance.

This Ordinance, adopted as an urgency measure for the immediate protection of the public safety, health, and general welfare, containing a declaration of the facts constituting the urgency, and passed by a minimum four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council, shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall amend and extend the effect of the Interim Ordinance for a period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days. After notice pursuant to Section 65090 of the California Government Code and public hearing, the City Council may extend the effectiveness of the Interim Ordinance for an additional one year period, as provided in Government Code Section 65858.

Section 7. Publication.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and her certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

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RYAN GOHLICH, AICP

CARRIED

VOTE

AYES: Councilmembers Friedman, Gold, Mirisch, Vice Mayor Bosse, and Mayor Wunderlich NOES: None

Director of Community Development

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN Order No: 1427842CAD TS No: S19-11051 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN, DATED 09/25/2019. UNLESS ACTION YOU TAKE TO PROTECT TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. SHOULD NOTICE is hereby given that Witkin & Neal, Inc., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien (hereinafter referred to as `"Lien"), recorded on 09/30/2019 as instrument number 20191026555, in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, and further pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded on 1/7/2020 as instrument number 20200017280 in said county and further pursuant to California Civil Code Section 5675 et seq. and those certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded on 3/18/1980 as instru-ment number 80-272387, WILL SELL on 02/17/2022, 10:00AM, Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 at public auction to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United States payable at the time of sale. all right, title and interest all right, title and interest in the property situated in said county as more fully described in the above-ref-erenced Lien. The purport-ed owner(s) of said proper-ty is (are): J.K. SELZNICK, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN. The property address and The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property is purported to be: 1424 CRESCENT NORTH HEIGHTS, UNIT 29, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046, APN 5554-005-034. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is: \$17,965.64. The opening bid at the foreclosure sale may be more or less than this estimate. In addition to cash, trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn on a state or federal credit union or a check drawn on a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do busi-

ness in this state. If tender other than cash is accepted, the trustee may withhold issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. In its sole discretion, the seller (foreclosing party) reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale after the opening credit bid is announced but before the sale is com-pleted. The opening bid is placed on behalf of the seller. Said sale shall be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Lien, advances thereunder, with interest as provided in the Declaration or by law plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trust ee. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. If you have previously received a discharge in bankruptcy, you may have been released from personal liability for this debt in which case this notice is intended to exercise the secured party's rights against the real property only. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether this sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website: www.nationwideposting. com using the file number

11051. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com using the file number assigned to this case S19-11051 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consid-er contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the sale shall be subject to the following as provided in California Civil Code Section 5715: "A non judicial foreclosure sale by an association to collect upon a debt for delinquent assessments shall be subject to a right of redemption. The redemption period within which the separate interest may be redeemed from a foreclosure sale under this paragraph ends 90 days after the sale." Dated: 12/24/2021 Witkin & Neal, Inc. as said Trustee 5805 SEPULVEDA BLVD., SUITE 670 SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91411 (818) 845-8808 By: SUSAN PAQUETTE, TRUSTEE SALES OFFICER THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR PURPOSE THE OF COLLECTING A DEBT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0398339 To: **BEVERLY HILLS COURIER** 01/21/2022, 01/28/2022, 02/04/2022

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