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BHUSD Adopts Universal Testing But No Vaccine Mandate

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW AND BIANCA HEYWARD

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Trustees agreed to implement weekly testing of students within the district, stopping short of requiring vaccination for those eligible. The Sept. 14 meeting prompted passionate feelings from parents concerned with the health of their children.

As of press time, there have been 17 students in the district who have tested positive

for COVID-19 and seven staff. While the majority of positive cases among students have been at the high school, Hawthorne Elementary reported its first student case this week.

Approximately a month into the new school year, BHUSD Superintendent, Dr. Michael Bregy, feels good about those numbers. “The data from students and staff that

are having positive cases with COVID-19 are relatively low,” Bregy said. “That is because of the things that you’re doing at home and the hard work of our teachers to ensure that we’re following protocols with wearing masks.

(Vaccine Mandate continues on page 10)



BHUSD will begin weekly COVID-19 testing.

City Council Considers Holiday Festivities in Beverly Hills

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

At its Sept. 14 Special Study Session, the Beverly Hills City Council reviewed The Beverly Hills Experience mobile app, the rebrand of the “My Beverly Hills” shop local program and approved two purchase orders totaling \$541,276 for the 2021 Holiday Lighting Celebration, giving staff direction to move forward. The meeting took place the day before the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) announced new guidance, requiring vaccination verification or a negative test within 72 hours prior to attending outdoor mega events, quantified as event with 10,000 people or more. The order will go into effect on Oct. 7, 2021.

“We have hit that threshold in the past,” Magdalena Davis, the city’s Special Events and Filming Coordinator, said. “It’s hard

to say at any one point how many people might be on the street. But over this period of time, between staff and guests, which is what the county currently counts towards 10,000, we have had that before.”

In years past, the city-sponsored signature holiday program has attracted crowds of more than 10,000 people. Even before the new Public Health Order, the Rodeo Drive Committee (RDC) was concerned about enforcing mask requirements, particularly because the event does not have one entrance or exit.

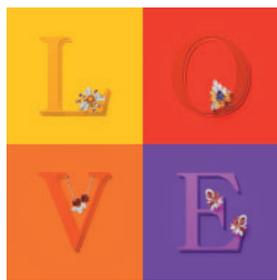
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Council Changes Planning Commission Role In Project Review

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills City Council passed an ordinance at its Sept. 14 meeting that removes the Planning Commission from part of the process in reviewing large scale developments. The change, voted on three to two, makes the City Council the “planning agency” that reviews development agreements between the city and a project for conformance with the city’s general plan.

(Commission Role continues on page 8)



NOW
"WINSTON WITH LOVE" DEBUTS IN BEVERLY HILLS

The House of Harry Winston is debuting high jewelry and timepiece collection, "Winston with Love," at the Harry Winston Salon on Rodeo Drive for the month of September into early October. "Winston with Love" depicts the extraordinary phases of love through colorful gemstones and modern takes on iconic design codes of the jewelry house. Discover the collection by private appointment by calling 310-271-8554.
<https://www.harrywinston.com/en/products/winston-with-love>



NOW – SEPT. 25
A PLACE CALLED HOME: "EL CENTRO DEL SUR LATINX THEATER FESTIVAL"

A Place Called Home presents "El Centro del Sur Latinx Theater Festival" to unite six celebrated Los Angeles Latinx theater companies. The theater companies participating include Latino Theater Company; East Los Angeles College; Company of Angels; Teatro Luna; Casa O101 Theater/Chicanas, Cholas, Y Chisme; and A Place Called Home Theater Program/ACT @ APCH. Each production will include Spanish subtitles. They will be streamed free in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month.
<https://apch.org/elcentrodelsur/>

SEPT. 17
KIDSPACE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: NEW PROGRAMS

Kidspace Children's Museum is offering new programs starting Sept. 17 with "Mighty Build Guild," a lively construction crew of builders, stackers and designers of all ages. Children and families can design cardboard critters, create geometric towers and explore and play in a whimsical cardboard arroyo. Children can learn about snakes in the Nature Exchange during the Sssensational Sssnakes exhibition, highlighting hands-on props and interactive experiences; they can also engage with a life-sized snake puppet and meet a real snake during daily Animal Encounters. Kidspace Children's Museum also offers Imagination Workshop, Halloween and Winter Frolic events as well as the first winter camp.
<https://kidspacemuseum.org/>



SEPT. 17
UCLA CENTER FOR THE ART OF PERFORMANCE FALL PROGRAMMING

UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance (CAP UCLA) announces collaborative 2021 fall programming. In "Sun & Sea," audiences can reflect on environmental consequences. "The Tune In Festival," curated by pianist Lisa Kaplan and performance poet J. Ivy, returns in November. "Ellen Reid SOUNDWALK: UCLA Campus," presented by Student Committee for the Arts in association with CAP UCLA, was launched as well. Listeners can view the familiar from a new perspective from this GPS-enabled work.
<https://cap.ucla.edu/>

SEPT. 17 – 18
BLUE13 DANCE COMPANY: "SHAADI"
 7:30 p.m.

Blue13 Dance Company offers "Shaadi" (Hindi for "wedding"), which is an outdoor, immersive, contemporary Bollywood dance celebration at Heritage Square Museum. The audience becomes part of the wedding party as the dancers perform and share their happiness. Guests can choose their own adventure-style experience, with drinks, music and a DJ. Blue13 tells unforgettable stories with theatrical and highly energetic style, which draws from ballet, jazz, modern, tap, hip-hop, Kathak, Bhangra and Bollywood. Heritage Square museum is in the Montecito Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles and has beautiful private grounds and Victorian mansions.
<https://www.blue13dance.com/>

SEPT. 17 – 30
GRAMMY MUSEUM: IN-PERSON PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The Grammy Museum announces in-person public programs, continuing from Sept. 17 to Sept. 30. All guests must submit a photo ID and a vaccination card or negative PCR test within 48 hours of the show; masks are required for all guests. On Sept. 17, three-time Grammy-winner Ryan Tedder will discuss "Human," the new OneRepublic album, and perform with the band. The music videos of Fleet Foxes with Director Sean Pecknold in conversation with Robin Pecknold and Jeremiah Chiu will take place on Sept. 21. Other programs include Ava Max on Sept. 23, The Marías on Sept. 29 and Shannon McNally on Sept. 30.
<https://grammymuseum.org/visit/public-programs/>

SEPT. 22
BRANDEIS MEN'S GROUP
 10 a.m.

Once a month, the Brandeis Men's Group has a famous lox and cream cheese on a bagel breakfast, which features a guest speaker of note. On Zoom on Sept. 22 at 10 a.m., the guest speaker will be Ross Gerber, who will speak about innovations in technology and their effects. He is the Co-Founder, President and CEO of Gerber Kawasaki Wealth and Investment Management; he is also a contributing writer for [Forebes.com](https://www.foresight.com) and a regular commentator on Reuters, Bloomberg, Fox Business, CNN, Yahoo Finance and CNBC. The Brandeis Men's Group supports Brandeis University. To receive a Zoom link, email ebtdad1@gmail.com.

SEPT. 22 – 23, SEPT. 26
MUSE/IQUE: "THE HOUSE THAT NAT BUILT"
 6:30 p.m. doors open, 7:30 music

MUSE/IQUE presents "The House That Nat Built," which examines the music of Nat King Cole with "Hamilton" alumnus Julia Harriman and Joshua Henry as well as Lula Washington Dance Theatre. The Founder and Artistic Director of MUSE/IQUE is Rachael Worby. "The House That Nat Built" explores the legacy of the iconic artist Nat King Cole. On Sept. 22 - 23, the performance will take place at The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens, and on Sept. 26 it will take place at The Skirball Cultural Center. MUSE/IQUE membership begins at \$200, and members receive complimentary admission to all events. General admission for non-members starts at \$75 and includes a trial membership as well as admission to the next three events.
<http://www.muse-ique.com/>

SEPT. 23
VISIONARY WOMEN: GLENNON DOYLE IN CONVERSATION WITH MARIA MENOUNOS
 5 p.m.

Visionary Women hosts a virtual salon with Glennon Doyle and Maria Menounos. Doyle is the author of #1 New York Times bestsellers "Untamed" and "Love Warrior." In Doyle's forthcoming "Get Untamed: The Journal," set to come out on Nov. 16, she guides readers to discover their voices of longing and to build truer lives and relationships. She is also the founder and president of the all-women-led nonprofit organization Together Rising, which has raised over \$30 million for women, families and children in crisis. Menounos is the host of the "Better Together" podcast, where she offers empowering solutions to challenges in life. She also has New York Times bestselling self-help books as well as human interest stories on Nightly News and The Today Show. Please register for the event by Sept. 22.
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0rc-2sqzliHNALIZsr165CLZu-54mKelHP?mc_cid=80d4e153d9&mc_eid=4cdc40bb34



SEPT. 23 – 26
THE OTHER ART FAIR LOS ANGELES

Presented by Saatchi Art in partnership with Bombay Sapphire, The Other Art Fair Los Angeles returns to Barker Hangar in Santa Monica. Guests can take part in interactive feature programming, discover thousands of original artworks and enjoy unique art installations, complimentary custom cocktails from Bombay Sapphire and food truck vendors. For an exclusive offer, guests can use the code LAWEEKLY to book complimentary tickets (offer valid until Sept. 20 at 11:59 p.m. or until sold out).
https://www.theotherartfair.com/la/tickets/?utm_campaign=2504&utm_source=newsletter_laweekly&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=laweekly_09092021

SEPT. 24
THE WALLIS DELIVERS: AL FRESCO NIGHT
 6 p.m.

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts presents a gala under the stars honoring the City of Beverly Hills, represented by the City Council, and benefitting The Wallis' artistic, education and outreach programs. The event will take place on the Promenade Terrace. The star-studded soiree includes a gourmet dinner catered by Wally's. The evening's entertainment is hosted by Wallis Board Member Debbie Allen, and will feature acclaimed DJ Paris Hilton. Additionally, guests will enjoy performances by Grammy-nominated R&B singer/songwriter/keyboardist Sheléa, a protégé of Quincy Jones; famed soprano Camille Zamora, celebrated for her "glowing sound" (The New York Times) and co-founder of Sing for Hope, accompanied by pianist Lucy Tucker Yates; and jazz pianist/Steinway artist Connie Han. For more information, call 310-746-4000.
<https://www.thewallis.org/AlFresco>

SEPT. 25
THE GREEK THEATRE: GLOBAL CITIZEN LIVE
 7:30 p.m.

The Greek Theatre presents Global Citizen Live to call on global citizens, historic artists and leaders from around the world to defend the planet and defeat poverty. Airing on Sept. 25, the 24-hour event includes performers Stevie Wonder, Adam Lambert, Chloe x Halle, Demi Lavato, H.E.R., OneRepublic, Ozuna, The Lumineers and 5 Seconds of Summer. Tickets are on sale and range in price from \$55-\$350.
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BHUSD Board Opens Investigation into Walker-Shuman

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Trustees has agreed to initiate an investigation into the residency status of its vice president, Tristen Walker-Shuman. Questions about Walker-Shuman surfaced publicly when an anonymous complaint was filed last month with the Los Angeles District Attorney's office and other entities. The complaint contained detailed allegations and accompanying exhibits that purport to show that Walker-Shuman has moved from Beverly Hills to Pennsylvania. Walker-Shuman has maintained that she remains a legal resident of Beverly Hills.

At the end of its Sept. 14 meeting, BHUSD Board President Rachel Marcus announced that a closed session agreement had been reached to "initiate an investigation with a private counsel to look into the matter of Mrs. Walker-Shuman's residency."

"The serious allegations against Mrs. Walker Shuman, if true, would indeed affect the legitimacy of the school board, and any decisions that were made, or would be made, with a member of this board ineligible to hold office as could and would be

challenged," Marcus said.

At the meeting, Walker-Shuman responded forcefully to the claims. "Nietzsche said, 'They muddy the water to make it seem deep.' This is not deep. This is shallow. We all know who is behind this ugly effort. It is a purely political stunt perpetrated by social terrorists designed to harass me by weaponizing my personal life."

"I am a resident of Beverly Hills, as I have been for nearly my entire life to date. I remain committed to BHUSD and focusing on the students, their education, and most importantly, our ongoing response to the pandemic."

The 21-page complaint that brought the controversy to the fore was shared with the Courier and other news outlets. It also lists as recipients the Los Angeles District Attorney, the California Secretary of State and the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

(Walker-Shuman continues on page 11)

Cedars-Sinai Urgent Care Moving to New Location

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



The location for Cedars-Sinai relocated urgent care Photo courtesy of Cedars-Sinai.

On Sept. 18, the Cedars-Sinai Beverly Hills Urgent Care Clinic will move to a new, updated facility. The new location is in the same space as other Cedars-Sinai services, including primary care.

"We're excited to be moving to our

new urgent care location, which includes a more spacious, modern waiting area and updated exam rooms," Cedars-Sinai Urgent Care Division Chief Dr. Stacey Tarradath told the Courier.

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Council Discusses Programs to Reenergize Beverly Hills

BY CARL ROBINETTE

Several programs aimed at bringing vitality to Beverly Hills were reviewed by City Council during its Sept. 14 Study Session. Among the proposed programs were an initiative to promote local businesses called First Thursdays. Council also reviewed a proposed bicycle lane on Roxbury Drive and a proposed music festival celebrating the work of composer Sergei Rachmaninoff called "Rachfest."

First Thursdays

First Thursdays has been proposed as a pilot project that would showcase food trucks, restaurants and shops from 7-9 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month in Beverly Hills. Local businesses would be invited to participate by offering outdoor activities, special menu items, giveaways and discounts in hopes of creating excitement about local nightlife among residents and visitors.

First Thursdays would not close down streets or be organized as a formal event and it would depend on business participation. The Next Beverly Hills Committee and the

Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce which created the concept, assured the Council that the business community has shown enthusiasm for the program.

"This is an opportunity for our businesses to be introduced potentially to people who don't know them," said Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D., who offered strong support of the program. "We're not closing the streets. We're not going through any of those sorts of costs."

The Next Beverly Hills Committee hopes to use the city's trolley to promote the program and improve mobility during First Thursdays. They have asked City Council for a sponsorship of about \$2,000 monthly to operate the trolley.

City Council unanimously offered enthusiastic support of the program. First Thursdays is expected to begin in October and will run for nine months. After the initial nine months it will be reviewed for the possibility of expansion.

(Reenergize Beverly Hills continues on page 19)

Change Proposed for Beverly Hills Trees in Face of Climate Change

BY CARL ROBINETTE



The tower at Beverly Hills City Hall rises out of the tree canopy in the distance. Photo by Carl Robinette

Climate change has been identified as a "critical threat" to trees across Beverly Hills, according to a proposed draft of an Urban Forest Management Plan. The draft was presented to the Public Works and Planning

Commissions this week and lays out long-term goals for sustainably expanding and maintaining the urban forest in Beverly Hills. **(Climate Change continues on page 17)**



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Interactive Mental Health Program Comes to BHHS



Singer/songwriter Jess Hoover. Photo by Jonathan Heit

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, spaceMVMNT SOUL debuted an interactive mental health curriculum for Beverly Hills High School (BHHS) students on Sept. 14. Over 200 students experienced the program, produced by the NormanAid Wellness Center. The program included singer and songwriter Jess Hoover, who shared her own mental health journey with students while also inspiring them to create their own masterpiece. "We are all so grateful and honored to have the opportunity to offer the spaceMVMNT SOUL program to Beverly Hills High School students and to kick off our Suicide Prevention month by showing students how connecting with creativity, arts and looking within can help improve mental health," said BHHS Wellness Counselor Alison Norman.

Celebrating the Abraham Accords



Enes Kanter and students at basketball clinic

A special basketball clinic with Jewish and Muslim children was held on Sept. 10. The clinic took place at the Harkam Hillel Hebrew Academy school basketball court and marked the first anniversary of the signing of the Abraham Accords. Providing instruction was

Boston Celtics basketball icon Enes Kanter. (Abraham Accords continues on page 19)



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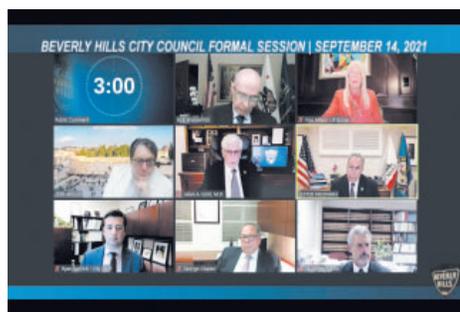
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Planning Commission/City Council: The City Council voted 3-2 to remove reviewing authority of development agreements from the Planning Commission.

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The change follows the occasionally contentious approval process of the historic One Beverly Hills luxury hotel and condominium development in the spring.

As the city's land use agency, the Commission makes recommendations to the City Council about whether or not to grant requested entitlements for developments. This involves determining whether the project conforms to the city's general plan. In addition to reviewing all the jargon-rich documents that go into a new project—environmental impact reports, general plan amendments, overlay specific plans—prior to the change, the Commission would also examine development agreements.

A development agreement functions as a contract between the city and the developer that the city will not change pertinent

regulations during the term of the agreement and will grant certain entitlements that would otherwise conflict with the city's codes (excessive height, for instance). In return, the city can exact certain public benefits from the developer.

Previously, the development agreement was negotiated prior to appearing before the Planning Commission by an ad hoc committee consisting of two City Council members appointed by the mayor and relevant staff and consultants. After months of bargaining, the agreement would go before the Planning Commission.

"What we've experienced over the years with review of development agreements is that, at times, having the Planning Commission review development agreements can create an awkward process," Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich said. "The most relevant reasons for some of these issues are that development agreements typically take the form of a fiscal policy document because they include public benefits, and the Planning Commission is typically not involved in any fiscal policy setting."

In an interview with the Courier, Planning Commissioner Peter Ostroff said a more reasoned solution to the awkwardness was simple: "The cure for that is to give us a little information and some time."

Ostroff worried that the removal of the Planning Commission from the process would give future development agreement approvals the impression of a rubber stamp.

He pointed out that the commission only had three days to review the development agreement for One Beverly Hills.

"Who the hell is going to have the time or energy to look at something like that?" he asked.

At the City Council meeting, Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D. argued that, given the Council's role in negotiating the development agreement, it made sense to assign the Council to review it.

"We cannot put the Council in a position where we've spent maybe months negotiating a deal and then have it up for an opinion from the Planning Commission, which does not have the authority to either negotiate or ratify the deal," he said. "I think that it makes much more sense for the Council to take responsibility for the development agreement—for the land use, and at the same time, for the general plan consistency. It's our decision that rests with us."

Along with Gold, Councilmember Lester Friedman also expressed frustration with what he viewed as opining by the Planning Commission on the quality of agreements, saying "the planning commission shouldn't critique whether or not the deal is fiscally good or bad, but that is exactly what the Planning Commission has done in the past."

Ostroff acknowledged that the Commission's role does not include judging the merits of development agreements, only their conformance with the general plan. And while he believed he had not opined on the One Beverly Hills agreement, he said

if he had, "so what?"

"They're free to [disagree with the Planning Commission]," he said, "that's what's so silly about this."

In public comments, one resident said that the current process—negotiating the agreement prior to public hearings on the project's merits—constituted "de facto approval before the Planning Commission holds its public hearings."

Gohlich said negotiations do not begin after public hearings, but sometime during the process. "The reason for that is in order to provide some level of known quantities for both the City Council and to the developer going through the process, so that if there's a complete mismatch of what expectations are for deal points, we know that earlier on and don't get all the way to the very end to find out that there's no chance of a deal happening," he explained.

Planning Commissioner Myra Demeter submitted a written comment to the City Council, stating, "The Planning Commission serves as an independent authority providing oversight, ensuring there is a layer of review for consistency with the general plan. Independent oversight is essential if Beverly Hills is to function in a transparent and open way." ●



Myra Nourmand

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The BHUSD Board of Trustees at their Sept. 14 meeting

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We have not had any epidemiologically linked clay cases with our students, which is really important, and that shows you that the masks are working.”

In early August, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a public health order requiring all school staff to either show proof of full vaccination or be tested at least once per week. While the policy for school staff went into effect on Aug. 12, 2021, schools have until Oct. 15 to be in full compliance. According to Bregy, 442 staff members have already submitted proof of vaccination to the District.

Shortly after the state announced vaccine mandates for teachers, the Culver City Unified School District became the first public school to extend vaccine directives

to students. Despite growing concerns over potential litigation, the L.A. Unified School District Board of Education unanimously approved a plan on Sept. 9 that requires students ages 12 and up to provide proof of full vaccination by Jan. 10. Those who fail to do so must either transfer to an independent study program or seek an alternative education outside LAUSD.

Judith Manouchehri, a parent in the BHUSD, told the board that she was vaccinated and encouraged her children to wear masks in class. “Yet I believe each family has the right to make decisions on their children’s health, given the fluid nature of information in our pandemic environment,” she said, voicing the concerns of many parents.

Many parents also raised issues with the school’s quarantine policy and lack of

remote access to classrooms. One caller noted, “Just last week, my own daughter was quarantined with absolutely nothing to do. “Our district spent a significant amount of money and resources to come up with a robust online learning program last year. What happened to it?”

Alana Castanon, a science teacher at Beverly Vista Middle School and president of the union representing BHUSD teachers, called in to advocate for robust testing of students in the district. “Finding who has the virus early means steps can be taken to prevent COVID-19 from spreading and causing an outbreak so schools can stay open,” she said. “Regular testing also means parents and guardians get notified if their child tests positive, allowing them to plan for treatment and take steps to protect the rest of their family from COVID-19.”

Alma Ordaz, a BHUSD alumna who has worked in healthcare since 1987, read a letter into the record signed by more than a dozen physicians and pediatricians supporting vaccinations for children 12 and up. “We know what works: social distancing, masks and vaccination,” she said. “The COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to ensure that our schools remain open and that our children remain in school.”

While the board unanimously supported weekly testing for all students, it split three to two on the question of requiring vaccination. Vice President Tristen Walker-Shuman thought it likely that the state would issue a requirement shortly and felt it was prudent to get a head start with those 16 and up.

Board member Dr. Amanda Stern expressed that current mitigation strategies were sufficient to keep students safe.

“I really respect people’s rights to decide not to vaccinate or not to vaccinate their children. The caveat, of course, to all of those arguments is the fact that you’re sending your kid to a public school,” Board Member Noah Margo said. “It’s not about you anymore. That’s the problem. It’s about everybody.”

Board President Rachelle Marcus said she had grappled with the question, speaking with two doctors who had urged her to issue a mandate. Nonetheless, “I’m not comfortable with telling somebody” to vaccinate their child, she said. “I don’t want anybody to tell me that I have to do that.”

While Pfizer’s vaccine, called Comirnaty, has received full approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in people over 16, it has emergency use authorization for use in children 12 to 16. Dr. Shira Shafir, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health associate professor of epidemiology and community health sciences, told the Courier that parents should be reassured by the extensive data available on the Pfizer vaccine’s safety in children 12 and up.

“Pfizer conducted rigorous safety trials for their vaccines in 12- to 15-year-olds, and they are currently testing the vaccine in younger populations,” she said. “More than 4.4 million children over the age of 12 in the United States are fully vaccinated against COVID and another 4 million have received their first dose of the COVID vaccine, so

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Anne Akiko Meyers, violin with Fabio Bidini, piano: *On This Shining Night: An Evening of Premieres*

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there is more data about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine than any previous vaccine in history.”

Children are much less likely to die from contracting COVID-19 than adults. In California, only 24 COVID-19 deaths have been reported in those between 5 and 17. Still, Shafir notes that children can get infected, infect others and get quite sick.

Multiple studies have documented the phenomenon known as long COVID in children, persistent COVID-19 symptoms months after contracting the virus. A recent survey by the Israeli Health Ministry of 13,864 children aged 3 to 18 found that more than 1 in 10 reported symptoms of long COVID. The symptoms included shortness of breath, fatigue, and cognitive decline. The findings lend support to an English study released earlier in September that found that up to one in seven children studied developed long COVID.

Parents in the hearing raised concerns

about reports of myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart muscle, in adolescent boys in response to the vaccine. A large study also out of Israel published on Sept. 16 looked at the health records of nearly 2 million people 16 or older and found that the virus was much more likely to cause myocarditis than the vaccine. Researchers and public health agencies continue to monitor and study any possible connection between the vaccine and myocarditis.

Shafir said that the COVID-19 vaccine should “absolutely” join the regimen of vaccines already required to attend public school in California. “The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective,” she said. “It prevents those who are vaccinated from getting seriously ill if they get infected and can help ensure that students can return safely to face-to-face instruction,” she said. ●

matter, however. During the lengthy public commenting period at the Sept. 14 meeting, parents called on Walker-Shuman to resign or respond to the allegations.

“It is the height of hypocrisy and frankly privilege for Ms. Walker Shuman to insist she can retain her seat when a minor child who is caught not residing in Beverly Hills is removed from the school,” one commenter said.

In another indication of eroding relations, Marcus read into the record an email sent to her by Walker-Shuman that she characterized as “inappropriate and abusive.”

“You are wrong. About me, about my residency [,] and when it is proven publicly [,] the only thing your presidency will be remembered for is your jealous petty attacks on me,” the email, sent from

Walker-Shuman’s official BHUSD email address and reviewed by the Courier, said. “You are an embarrassment, Rachelle. Your need for attention and adulation has lead [sic.] you to make seriously flawed decisions.”

Marcus, who said she has been connected to the district “in one way or another for 58 years,” responded to the email at the close of the Sept. 14 meeting. “During my tenure as a board member, every single decision I made was done so in the best interest of our students, and almost every decision had a unanimous vote,” she said.

The board will further consider the investigation at a future closed session, where they will select independent counsel to look into the matter. ●

(Walker-Shuman continued from page 4)

The complaint’s central allegation is that Walker-Shuman moved from California to Pennsylvania around August 2021. Exhibits include documents that appear to indicate ownership of two properties in Pennsylvania by Walker-Shuman and her husband, David Shuman. Additional documents include a copy of a court order granting permission to Shuman to relocate his biological child from California to Pennsylvania.

The District Attorney’s Public Integrity

Division, which receives complaints regarding public agencies, conducted a preliminary review of the matter to determine whether there was probable cause to believe that a crime had occurred. The District Attorney’s office told the Courier that the Public Integrity Division closed the matter on Friday and that no further action would be taken.

The fact that the D.A. found that no actual “crime” has been committed does not signal an end to the investigation of this

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard**, will hold a public hearing to consider:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT INCLUSIONARY HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The proposed Ordinance would amend various sections of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) to require that inclusionary housing at various levels of affordability be provided as part of any residential development. The ordinance specifically requires the following:

- For residential projects with 5-9 units, one (1) low-income unit must be provided or an in lieu fee may be paid (calculated based on the square footage of the development);
- For rental residential projects with ten (10) or more units, at least 10% of the units must be rented to very low-income, low-income, or moderate-income households, though such units may also be provided on a different site located in the city;
- For condominium residential projects with ten (10) or more units, at least 10% of the units must be rented to very low-income, low-income, or moderate-income households, though such units may also be provided on a different site located in the city; and
- For all single-family subdivisions, at least 10% of the units must be sold to very low-income, low-income, or moderate-income households, though such units may also be provided on a different site located in the city.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The draft ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project appears to be exempt from CEQA regulations, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which is applicable to projects for which it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential to have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, the draft ordinance appears to qualify for a Class 5 Categorical Exemption (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15305 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which is applicable to projects with minor alterations to land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20% and do not result in changes to land use or density. Since the draft ordinance will make changes to inclusionary housing requirements for certain types of development projects and do not make changes to land use or density allowed, these exemptions are applicable. Accordingly, the City Council will consider a recommendation to find the draft ordinance exempt from further environmental review under CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and 15305.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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It is recommended that public written comments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12:00 p.m. on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the City Council. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. Written comments will be allowed with a maximum of 350 words, which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes of speaking time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, it will not be a part of the record. Public comment via video conference will be 3 minutes per each individual comment, subject to City Council discretion.

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If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Chloe Chen, Associate Planner** in the Planning Division at (310) 285-1194, or by email at cchen@beverlyhills.org. Please also contact us to add your email to the interested parties list for this ordinance, so that important updates and notifications may be sent to you.

HUMA AHMED
City Clerk



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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC NOTICING OF CERTAIN PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The proposed Ordinance would amend various sections of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) to amend the public notification procedures applicable to discretionary entitlement projects located in the single-family residential, multi-family residential and commercial-residential transition zones, and reviewed by the Planning Commission. More specifically, the ordinance would add/amend the following notification requirements:

- Adjacent Neighbor Mailed Notice – a mailed notice required for projects in the single-family residential areas sent to a 100-foot radius through a courier service, within 45 days of the application filing;
- Notice of Pending Planning Commission Application – a mailed notice required for projects in the single-family residential, multi-family residential, and commercial-residential transition zones, sent to the appropriate radius, within 45 days of the application filing;
 - o Central Area radius – change the required radius to 500 feet plus block face
 - o Hillside Area radius – change the required radius to 1,000 feet plus all of the properties in Hillside Zone 1 (all properties west of N. Beverly Drive) or Hillside Zone 2 (all properties east of N. Beverly Drive)
 - o Trousdale Estates Area – maintain required radius of 1,000 feet
- Notice of Pending Planning Commission Application – a posted notice required for projects in the multi-family residential and commercial-residential transition zones, posted within 45 days of the application filing;
- Neighborhood Meeting - Remove the requirement to hold a neighborhood meeting, and instead allow this to be conducted on a voluntary basis.

Additionally, the draft ordinance includes non-substantive changes to the public notification requirement sections of the BHMC in order to clarify the applicability of certain requirements. The draft ordinance also changes the required mailing radius to 500-foot plus block face for the Notice of Public Hearing for a project located in the Central Area, in order to ensure consistency with the change to the required mailing radius for the Notice of Pending Planning Commission Application. At its September 9, 2021 meeting, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the draft ordinance to the City Council for approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The draft ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project appears to be exempt from CEQA regulations, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which is applicable to projects for which it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential to have a significant effect on the environment. Since the draft ordinance will make changes to requirements for public notification procedures for selected types of planning applications, this exemption is applicable. Accordingly, the City Council will consider a recommendation to find the draft ordinance categorically exempt from further environmental review under CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT EIR)

HEARING DATE: Thursday, October 28, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
LOCATION: Meeting will be held via teleconference (additional detail provided below):
<https://beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/bevpublic>
(passcode: 90210)

PROJECT: Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan Project
LOCATION: 456 and 468 North Rodeo Drive; 449, 451 and 453 North Beverly Drive; and 461 through 465 North Beverly Drive

The City of Beverly Hills is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan Project (herein referred to as "Project"). The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review and accept comments on the Draft EIR on **Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.** The purpose of this hearing is to review the content and adequacy of the Draft EIR. The merits of the Project will not be discussed at this hearing; therefore, the Planning Commission will make no decisions regarding approval or denial of the Project. At a future date, a separate, noticed public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to review the merits of the Project and develop a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Project.



The purpose of this hearing is to review the content and adequacy of the Draft EIR. The merits of the Project will not be discussed at this hearing; therefore, the Planning Commission will make no decisions regarding approval or denial of the Project. At a future date, a separate, noticed public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to review the merits of the Project and develop a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Project.

Project Location: The Project Site is located in the City of Beverly Hills and generally is located at the southeast corner of North Rodeo Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard. The Project site is bounded on the north by South Santa Monica Boulevard, on the east by North Beverly Drive and on the west by North Rodeo Drive. The Project site is approximately 1.28 acres (55,608 square feet [SF]) in size and includes Assessor Parcel Numbers 4343-016-001, -002, -019, and -023, as well as a portion of the existing north-south alley located between North Rodeo Drive and North Beverly Drive. The Project Site is regionally accessible from Interstate 405 and locally accessible from North Santa Monica Boulevard. The Project Site is currently developed with two retail commercial structures on North Rodeo Drive (The former "Brooks Brothers" and the "Celine" retail locations) and developed with a retail building and an institutional building (the former "Paley Center") on North Beverly Boulevard.

Project Description: The Cheval Blanc Beverly Hills Specific Plan Project is a proposal for a single multiple-use building, containing up to 220,950 SF in floor area and up to 115 hotel guest rooms. The development standards set forth in the proposed Specific Plan identify a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 4.2 to 1 overall and a maximum above ground FAR of 3.91 to 1. The proposed building includes a luxury hotel with restaurants and ancillary services, a private club, and street level retail uses with North Rodeo Drive frontage. The submitted conceptual plans for the Project identify the following features:

- The new building is proposed to vary in height across the Project Site. The portion of the building fronting North Rodeo Drive is proposed to be 4-stories, 51-feet in height. The structure would step up and back in height to a maximum of 9-stories, 115-feet in height on North Beverly Drive.
- The submitted conceptual plans identify an 187,058 SF hotel containing 109 hotel guest rooms and restaurant uses, including a ground floor restaurant open to the public.
- The proposed club would be physically contained within the hotel portion of the building. The club would provide facilities for social and recreational purposes for up to 500 individual members. Club amenities include meeting rooms, a 36-seat screening room, and access to bar and dining, wellness, and spa facilities.
- Appurtenant uses in connection with the hotel and club include: a wellness center, including fitness and exercise equipment and services; a spa, including day spa, cosmetic spa, and beauty and barber services; and outdoor pools, decks, balconies, and dining facilities.
- The new building is proposed to include a motor court with access from South Santa Monica Boulevard. The motor court will be valet operated and used for vehicle drop-off and pick-up for hotel, club, spa, retail, and restaurant users of the building.
- The submitted conceptual plans identify 24,976 SF of ground floor accessible retail space.

- The conceptual plan includes a new, approximately 20' by 35' pedestrian plaza on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Rodeo Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard contiguous to the sidewalk and includes a private artwork display.
- The Project includes proposed relocation of the existing alley that runs north-south across the Project Site to the southern portion of the Project Site, accessible from North Beverly Drive.
- 178 vehicle parking spaces are proposed to be located on three subterranean levels.

Construction is anticipated to commence in 2022 and take approximately 38 months to complete.

Environmental Review: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Beverly Hills has prepared a Draft EIR to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with development of the Project. Specifically, the Draft EIR analyzes the following potentially significant environmental effects of the Project:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources (Bats)
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils (Paleontological)
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Land Use/Planning
- Noise
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems (Energy)

The Draft EIR also evaluates several alternatives to the Project. Based on the impact analyses in the Draft EIR, the Project's potential impacts to air quality, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, land use/planning, and utilities/service systems would be less than significant. With the implementation of the mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR, the Project's impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, noise, transportation, and tribal cultural resources would also be less than significant. The analyses completed in the Initial Study for the Project determined other issue areas would not have the potential to cause or otherwise result in significant environmental effects. The site is not on any list of hazardous water or disposal sites as enumerated in Government Code Section 65962.5.

Teleconference Meeting Participation: Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Beverly Hills Planning Commission and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can participate by listening to the meeting at (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093) and/or offer comment through email at commentPC@beverlyhills.org. Public comment can be offered during the meeting by calling (310) 285-1020 or by video via at <https://beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/bevpublic> (passcode: 90210).

Required 45-Day Public Review Period: The Draft EIR is being circulated for a 45-day public review period, from Friday, September 17, 2021 to Monday, November 1, 2021. Written comments must be submitted during the comment period, and should be addressed to:

Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner
City of Beverly Hills Community Development Department
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210
Phone: (310) 285-1135
Email: malkire@beverlyhills.org

Oral and written comments regarding the Draft EIR will also be taken at the October 28, 2021 Planning Commission hearing.

The Draft EIR is available on the City's website at:
www.beverlyhills.org/environmental

Copies of the Draft EIR are located at:

City of Beverly Hills City Hall	Beverly Hills Public Library
Planning Division and Office of the City Clerk	444 North Rexford Drive
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The case file on this Project, which includes the plans and applications, is on file at the Planning Division, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210. If there are any questions regarding this notice, or if you would like to review the file or receive copies of available documents, please contact **Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner at (310) 285-1135 or via email at malkire@beverlyhills.org.**

Masa Alkire, AICP
 Principal Planner



Members of the public may listen to this meeting telephonically at (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093). Written public comment can be offered electronically prior to and during the meeting by emailing commentPC@beverlyhills.org. Oral public comment can be offered during the meeting by calling 310-285-1020. Live meeting coverage will be available via BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable and webcast live at www.beverlyhills.org/watchlive. If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable modification or accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please contact (310) 285-1135 prior to the meeting for assistance.



(Holiday Festivities continued from page 1)

The Holiday Lighting Celebration kickoff is scheduled to take place on Nov. 18, from 5-8 p.m., encompassing all three blocks of Rodeo Drive, from Santa Monica Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard, with non-stop entertainment across three stages. The Rodeo Drive/Special Events/Holiday Program Committee’s proposal for the 2021 festivities include fireworks; three stages with coordinated and choreographed performances in 15-minute increments; live models available for photo opportunities; stilt performers; food trucks with kosher and vegan options; a beer and wine garden; holiday helpers on bicycles handing out candy and ornaments; break-dancers; music and Santa Claus in a red sports car.

“The Rodeo Drive Committee will follow

state, county and city health protocols as the safety of the community and visitors remains our top priority,” Kathy Gohari, President of the Rodeo Drive Committee, told the Courier. “Updated requirements and guidelines will be posted with event information on the city and Rodeo Drive websites. Attendees are encouraged to check back into the event pages for the latest information.”

Should the Nov. 18 event be canceled, purchase orders approved with J. Ben Bourgeois Productions Inc., the company producing the event, would only be partially refunded. Councilmember John Mirisch pushed city staff to plan for a robust virtual celebration, given the ever-changing state of the Covid-19 pandemic. “Maybe we should be offering people it virtually anyway,” Mirisch said. “But if it’s not safe to have it, would that not be the way to go rather than to lose the funding?”

The Council directed staff to explore contingency plans, including options for live streaming the event with enhanced virtual components, masking, and options to ensure the show goes on.

The Council also reviewed designs for the rebrand of the “My Beverly Hills” shop local program, which launched in 2014 and aims to encourage public engagement between local businesses and incentivize residents and visitors to increase the number of dollars locals spend within the city. As part of the Chamber of Commerce’s Work Plan contract with the City, the shop local program will be rebranded from the existing “My Beverly Hills” to “Now Beverly Hills.” Having garnered support from council liaisons Mayor Robert Wunderlich and Vice Mayor Lili Bosse on Aug. 31, the new design features the word “Now” inside the city’s iconic shield, with Beverly Hills appearing underneath the shield, in orange, pink, and turquoise color variants. The new logo will be used for new street pole banner designs, social media assets, website branding and more.

During the Study Session, other councilmembers were less than enthusiastic about the direction of the rebrand design concept. “It left me confused and very unexcited,” Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D., said.

“The word ‘now,’ for us, incorporated many things together, such as the time for Beverly Hills is now, and it’s now for a variety of reasons,” Wunderlich said. “Our thought, whether you felt it or not, was that the time for Beverly Hills is now gets incorporated into the word ‘now,’” he added.

Ultimately, the City Council directed staff to move forward with the phrase “Now Beverly Hills” but incorporate a visual element, beyond static images, and incorporate other taglines with broad appeal.

The Council also considered The Beverly Hills Experience mobile app, which launched on Aug. 10. Members of the Beverly Hills Historical Society presented the new platform to the Council. The app features walking tours of Beverly Hills; videos with facts about the city, photographs, and stories; landmarks and the best locations for “selfie” photographs; stories about some of the city’s most famous residents; an interactive Lily Pond panorama, which allows visitors and residents to view the city as it was in 1915; biographies of 24 famous Beverly Hills neighbors; an augmented reality experience feature, and more. Those who download the free app also receive free access to Robbie Anderson’s book, “Beverly Hills: The First 100 Years.”

The City Council was unanimous in its praise for the app, seeing it as an opportunity for historians as well visitors and residents.

“However the city can support this, we should,” Mirisch said.

“We’ve already started the ball rolling in the promotional efforts,” added the city’s Chief Communication Officer, Keith Sterling.

BHTV is in the process of preparing a video promotion on the app that the city hopes to share. Sterling added that his team is “supporting this app 100 percent and promoting it in all the ways that we know how to promote things, because we see it as a true asset for us.” ●

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HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2021

2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT PUBLIC MEETING

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AT 2:30 PM &
 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 PM
October 12, 2021

The City of Beverly Hills invites all interested community members to attend virtual City Council meetings during which the final Housing Element document will be considered for adoption. The City Council will begin the discussion of the Housing Element document at the 2:30 PM Study Session. Official action on the item, such as adoption, will take place at the 7:00 PM City Council Regular meeting. The Housing Element of the General Plan will outline the future housing goals of the City and identify policies and programs that will be implemented to meet the housing needs of the community.

Please join us! For meeting log-in details, to view the Housing Element Document, and for more information,
BEVERLYHILLS.ORG/HOUSINGELEMENTUPDATE

Community Voices

The Courier received the emails below in response to the story entitled "School Board President Calls For Investigation Into Vice President" that ran on Sept. 10, 2021.

Dear Courier,

Recently there was an article that alleges that BHUSD Board of Education Vice President Ms. Walker-Shuman no longer lives in Beverly Hills. The evidence reflected in the article was quite compelling, including moving truck photographs and Ms. Walker-Shuman giving up the lease of her home. Also that her daughter, from her former marriage, does not attend Beverly Hills High School but a school in Pittsburgh instead.

Instead of Ms. Walker-Shuman or the entire School Board getting in front of this issue and assuring its constituents that she will be suspended of her duties pending an immediate and transparent investigation about whether she lives in Beverly Hills, Ms. Walker-Shuman chose instead to respond in the Beverly Press. Tellingly, she did not assure her constituents that she does in fact live here. Instead, she stated: she "fully meets the defined standard for residency of the State of California and the City of Beverly Hills."

This does not seem to be a transparent attempt by Ms. Walker Shuman but instead avoids the crux of the issue. Does she or does she not live in Beverly Hills, and if she does not live in Beverly Hills, why is she still being permitted to serve on the Board and make decisions for those who do live in Beverly Hills?

We thank the BHUSD Board of Education President Marcus and Board Member Ms. Wells for calling for an immediate investigation. Their actions are a step in the right direction and will provide the constituents necessary assurances. However, we are shocked and saddened by the deafening silence of its other two Board members, Mr. Margo and Ms. Stern, on this issue. Ms. Stern has not called for an investigation and neither has Mr. Margo. We are also troubled by Mr. Margo's comments in the Beverly Hills Courier seeking a "clarification of the law as it pertains to the residency requirements for elected officials." In other words, Ms. Walker-Shuman does not actually live here, but let's find a way to let her retain her seat.

The constituents, which this Board serves, want to know whether:

1. Any Board member had any information from any source prior to the Beverly Hills Weekly article being published that Ms. Walker-Shuman moved to Pennsylvania and when did they know it?

2. Any Board member had any conversation with Ms. Walker-Shuman about any issue related to her not living in Beverly Hills and what where those conversations?

3. Any Board member discussed with the Superintendent the fact that Ms. Walker may not be living in Beverly Hills?

4. Ms. Walker-Shuman sent any Board member any communication either before or after the Beverly Hills Weekly article that

were harassing, threatening or unbecoming of a school Board member.

It is the height of hypocrisy to require families an exhausting list of criteria to prove residency. And beyond this list, the administration uses investigators to enter into people's homes for an additional visual inspection. If a student who attends a school in our district is caught not living here, they are immediately dismissed and can suffer potential monetary damages. The same should be done for any BHUSD Board Trustee that does not reside in Beverly Hills. Ms. Walker-Shuman should be held to an even higher standard of accountability and honesty because she is acting as a representative of the people of this city. She is not above the law, and she and her supporters cannot continue to reimagine and redefine the law to meet her needs. This double standard will not be tolerated by the Beverly Hills residents and students in our school district. We therefore call for a full investigation into these allegations and an immediate suspension of Ms. Walker-Shuman's duties pending the findings of this investigation.

As a reminder to our School Board, the BHUSD Governance Handbook of 4.28.202 states the following:

School Board Trustees are the representatives of the people, elected to ensure the district schools educate students in consideration of the interests of the local community. The role of the School Board is to govern the school district.

The Governing Board believes that its primary responsibility is to act in the best interests of every student in the district. The Board also has major commitments to parents/guardians, all members of the community, employees, the State of California, laws pertaining to public education, and established policies of the district. To maximize Board effectiveness and public confidence in district governance, Board members are expected to govern responsibly and hold themselves to the highest standards of ethical conduct.

We, the members of the community, respectfully demand that Ms. Walker-Shuman be relieved of her duties as a Board member until it is established through a thorough investigation whether Ms. Walker-Shuman does in fact live in Beverly Hills. This Board of Education must act immediately to avoid even the appearance of impropriety so that its constituents are assured that corruption will not be tolerated.

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ON BEHALF OF CONCERNED CONSTITUENTS
OF BEVERLY HILLS

To The Editor,

The headline on page 1 of the of the Sept. 10, 2021 edition of the paper, "School Board President Calls For Investigation Into Vice President" shows that even in our town a

hateful minority knows no bottom in the depths of their pursuit to ruin the lives of anyone who dares disagree with them.

Tristen Walker-Shuman has been an exceptional leader on the school board: caring about the fiscal health of our schools, the physical health and well-being of our children, teachers, and staff, and uses facts, logic, and science to support her positions.

Now, because of personal changes in her life, while still clearly a resident of her hometown, an anonymous complaint has sent the school board president to apparently exceed the bounds of her duties. Disgusting, disgraceful, and a disastrous use of public funds in the pursuit of a vendetta. The laughable position of the right to ever claim "fiscal responsibility" is thrown out the window with these tilts at windmills, see their impending failure of a \$276 million taxpayer-funded fever dream attempt at a recall of Governor Newsom.

The school board should go back to the business of planning the education and protection of our children. The fanatical parents who choose horse dewormer over masks and a vaccine, should be put in check from their retribution pursuits.

ETHAN BEARMAN

To the Courier,
Attached is an email I directed to BHUSD Board Member, Noah Margo:

Dear Mr. Margo - I found very troubling your comments in the Beverly Hills Courier concerning Tristen Walker-Shuman's residency. You seem more concerned about having the back of your friend, Ms. Walker-Shuman, than meeting your fiduciary duty as a board member to the school district and the community members who elected you.

Did the BHUSD students kicked out of the district due to residency issues this past decade get to make a case for clarification of the law as it pertains to residency? How about the ones currently being pursued by the investigative firm recently retained by the school board to smoke out students not residing here?

Your comments may have just opened up the district to massive legal liability to all the students kicked out or in the process of being kicked out over residency issues. It's really simple. For non-board members, residency means you live in Beverly Hills. Apparently, for board members this simple concept needs to be clarified.

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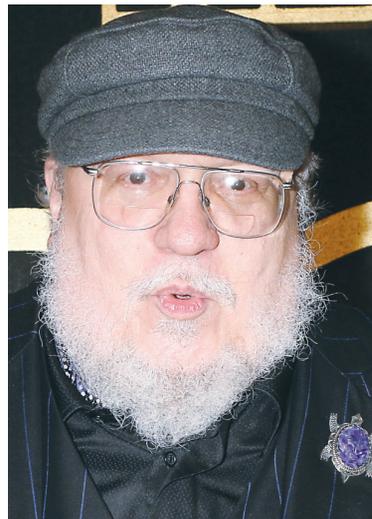
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Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 17). You'll make this new era beautiful. Once you start the work, you'll get plenty of help, so take initiative, and execute your impulses with gusto. Assemble a posse; make good on the strength in numbers. By losing some individualism, you gain access to more than you thought possible. Lessons will be worth the price. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 10, 3 and 29.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be given plenty of leeway to do what you want with a project. However, it will benefit you to ask for input from many and work in conjunction with a team, getting overall approval before you begin the work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will be as lucky as you are daring. Find out what happens when you take an uninteresting aspect of your day and push it a little further, and a little further, until the action moves into a territory of absurdity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's good that this fond wish of yours doesn't

come true right away. The anticipation is part of what makes an outcome wonderful. And besides, the journey is where all the learning happens.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes, your nurturing ways allow others to relax enough to grow into the next move. But nurturing isn't always warm and soft. Today, your care may have a tougher side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). First comes a realization; then comes your plan. To make a plan before you recognize the true nature of things would be to plan in vain. You cannot force your knowledge, but you can observe well, holding a space for all to come together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The cosmic gift of the day will come wrapped in humor. Whether you laugh silently to yourself or raucously with friends, you'll be healed by the body shake a joke can make.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Oddly enough, knowing too much about a problem could inhibit you from seeing the solution. Children and newbies may have a more helpful take on it than those mired in the issues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't change the past, but you can change the backstory. Challenge

yourself to see things a little differently than you did yesterday. Find the spin that makes you more excited about who you are right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Although there may be no tangible prize for the endeavor you now spend so much of your life on, there are rewards to be had here, tangible or abstract, overt or implied.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're adaptable, with a wide social vocabulary to draw from. If you have to change your communication style to get the message across, you will.

Understanding your listener is key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In certain tribes where bravery is more prestigious than anything that can be bought, scars are status symbols. You have emotional scars no one knows about. Would you consider wearing one with pride?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If there is pressure to do things right, either get the most qualified person for the job or find a way to eliminate that pressure. The spirit of innovation cannot thrive where people are afraid to fail.



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The tree canopy on Rexford Drive in North Beverly Hills reaches completely across the street offering full shade coverage. Photo by Carl Robinette

(Climate Change continued from page 5)

The presentation included reports on the city's current tree inventory. It suggests many of the popular species like palm trees, which offer little shade or carbon offset value, and other species that are not drought resistant, may not be sustainable based on current climate predictions. These species would be removed and replaced over 20 years if the plan is approved.

"The saddest part of this report is, it's not just the palms, it's the cypress, it's the jacarandas," said Public Works Commissioner Josh Greer at a Sep. 9 meeting. "We've got some of the most iconic trees in the city really in jeopardy just from climate change and things like that. I get that we have an iconic view in Beverly Hills around the palms but realistically in the next 20 years they might not be a suitable plant."

The report also notes that many Beverly Hills streets have a single species lining both

sides of the street. This type of planting is known as "monoculture," and the report suggests that it is a less sustainable method of planting trees because disease and pests can spread more quickly through a single species. The city saw this scenario play out in the late 1990s and in the early part of the 2000s, which is why roads like Canon Drive now have staggered palm species, according to city staff.

Strong resistance to the proposed plan came from Public Works Commission Chair Chuck Alpert who said he is rarely supportive of plans with long-term guidelines like the current draft. He said he would prefer a one-to-three-year plan that is reviewed every one-to-three years rather than a 20-year plan.

Alpert also said the current draft implies too much radical change to the current landscape and could jeopardize the cultural aesthetic of the city, saying that tourists come to Beverly Hills to see palm trees and he believes the monocultured streets increase property values.

"I think we have to look more at maintaining the monoculture, even if it means changing out trees," Alpert said during the commission meeting, "and maintaining the palm trees by adding more vegetation and doing innovative things with our pavements and our sidewalks rather than just saying let's change out the palms."

While the draft plan does recommend the gradual removal and replacement of tree species not adapted to drought and heat like magnolias and sycamores, Beverly

Hills City Arborist Ken Pfalzgraf assured the commission that the plan prioritizes planting new trees over removing existing trees.

"That's what the goal is here," Pfalzgraf said. "Let's improve the canopy. Let's improve the temperature in the city and the wildlife habitat. That's the bottom line."

Urban forestry industry standards suggest a city like Beverly Hills, which is in a mostly arid environment that would naturally be dominated by brush should have 20% tree cover. Beverly Hills currently has about 26% coverage, according to the study presented in the forest management proposal. Environmental design firm Dudek, which drafted the plan, recommends increasing the city's canopy to 33% coverage.

Much of that suggested increase in trees is focused on improving canopy cover south of Santa Monica Boulevard where tree coverage is only about 10%, according to Dudek.

"One of the challenges is figuring out how to take the space that we have that's largely developed and incorporate trees into those areas," Dudek spokesperson Ryan Allen said.

About 85% percent of the space where new trees might be planted is already taken up by existing trees or covered by an "impervious surface" like concrete, according to the report in the draft plan.

Despite this challenge, Public Works Commissioner Sharon Nazarian, who announced her candidacy for City Council in August, offered enthusiastic support of the suggested goal of increasing canopy in the city's southern neighborhoods.

"I've got to say I am excited about the plan and adding additional trees, especially to our southeast side," Nazarian said at the Commission meeting. "I think that's going to be really exciting to have that additional canopy."

A major opportunity for increasing the canopy is on private property, which the report says already accounts for 71% of the city's trees. To seize this opportunity, the plan makes recommendations for helping residents understand how to plant sustainable trees and suggests the city offer 100 free trees to residents.

"I can guarantee people will probably show up for a free tree," said planning commissioner Wendy Nystrom at the meeting. "I do understand with increased heat and drought we do need to have change because certain trees will just simply die. They just cannot survive in the climate we're heading into."

The draft plan also suggests the gradual removal of trees that present greater fire risk like eucalyptus trees which burn faster and hotter than other species.

While the draft of the urban forest plan was supported by the Planning Commission, Public Works has carried over its review until the October meeting to give commissioners more time to consider the complex and lengthy document. The City Council's decision whether to move forward on the plan or not will depend greatly on Public Works' recommendation.

The Design Review Commission will also review the draft plan in October. ●



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WHAT A CHARACTER!
BY ALEX ROSEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Alex Rosen is a software engineer, formerly of New Jersey, North Carolina and Boston but now living in London. His job is to help computer users avoid email-related security mistakes, like clicking on a bad link or accidentally sending an email to the wrong person. This is Alex's third puzzle for The Times. He describes it as "luck at several different levels" that he got the symmetrical black squares and asymmetrical circles to work out right. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 They come with bouquets
 - 6 Away
 - 11 "___ put our heads together ..."
 - 15 Singer/drummer Collins
 - 19 Cell component
 - 20 Pal, in Peru
 - 21 Put one's nose where it doesn't belong
 - 22 Tilt-a-Whirl, e.g.
 - 23 One arm held up with bent elbow and wrist, in a children's song
 - 24 Move obliquely
 - 25 Phenomenon such as the tendency to see human forms in inanimate objects
 - 27 Any of the groupings of circled letters in this puzzle
 - 30 Gin product
 - 31 Incredible bargains
 - 32 "Sorry, Charlie!"
 - 33 Fits together
 - 34 Savory Chinese snacks
 - 37 Jump over
 - 41 Smoking and swearing, e.g.
 - 44 They await your return, in brief
 - 45 Have a good cry
 - 46 Syracuse Mets and Worcester Red Sox, for two
 - 50 "Music's most maligned genre," per the critic Tom Connick
 - 51 Word with level or lion
 - 52 "Everything happened so fast!"
 - 54 Farm female
 - 55 "___ Gone Wrong" (2021 film)
 - 57 Brunch beverage
 - 59 One of the brothers on "Malcolm in the Middle"
 - 60 Room in Clue
 - 61 Cause of undue anxiety
 - 63 It may be smoked
 - 64 Hogwash
 - 65 Munch, in modern slang
 - 66 "___ 17" (W.W. II film)
 - 67 One of two in a jack-o'-lantern?
 - 70 Where charity begins, in a phrase
 - 73 Table part
 - 74 Title for Tussaud: Abbr.
 - 76 "Midsommar" director Aster
 - 77 Digs up
 - 78 Carpenter's wedge
 - 80 Does gentle stretching post-exercise, with "down"
 - 82 Amp knob
 - 84 Die like the Wicked Witch of the West
 - 85 Give zero stars
 - 86 Ne'er-do-wells
 - 88 E.R. inserts
 - 89 By birth
 - 90 Plant said to repel bugs
 - 93 ___ Ryerson, insurance salesman in "Groundhog Day"
 - 94 French pronoun
 - 95 Quarter ___ (when the big hand is at three)
 - 97 No-longer-current source for current events
 - 99 Hot, mulled punch traditionally drunk around Christmas
 - 101 Bacteria destroyer
 - 104 French port on the English Channel
 - 106 Like the Minotaur legend
 - 110 University of Oregon site
 - 112 How to see the image formed by this puzzle's circled letters
 - 115 What's formed by the circled letters in this puzzle
 - 117 "We're live!" studio sign
 - 118 Ancient land in Asia Minor
 - 119 Domino, e.g.
 - 120 Martinez with a statue outside the Seattle Mariners' stadium
 - 121 Makes less powerful, in video-game slang
 - 122 Domino, e.g.
 - 123 "To ..." things
 - 124 Dino's tail?
 - 125 Muse of love poetry
 - 126 Arises (from)
 - 7 Fail to mention
 - 8 Information, old-style
 - 9 Rounded quarters
 - 10 Without stopping
 - 11 How Alaska ranks first among the states
 - 12 It's often left on the table
 - 13 What "vey" of "Oy, vey!" translates to
 - 14 ___ Games, company behind Fortnite
 - 15 Rey, to Luke Skywalker
 - 16 Sword handles
 - 17 "Einstein," sarcastically
 - 18 Puts pressure (on)
 - 21 What can make men swear from men's wear?
 - 26 "___ pass Go ..."
 - 28 Leading medal winner at the Tokyo Olympics
 - 29 Forman who directed "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
 - 35 Farm refrain
 - 36 Weight of a paper clip, roughly
 - 38 Ancient: Prefix
 - 39 Soul-seller of legend
 - 40 Half-baked?
 - 41 Duck and goose, at times
 - 42 "See ya"
 - 43 Group dance popularized in the U.S. by Desi Arnaz
 - 45 77-Down is on the most collected one in U.S. history
 - 47 Epiphany
 - 48 Voice actor Blanc
 - 49 Show with over 1,000 handwritten cue cards each week, for short
 - 72 Fragrant compound
 - 74 Saturn has more than 80 of them
 - 75 Golf-course machine
 - 77 He performed 636 consecutive sold-out shows in Vegas from 1969 to '76
 - 78 Burn-prevention meas.
 - 79 The future Henry V, to Falstaff
 - 80 Fight tooth and nail
 - 81 One who consumes a ritual meal to absolve the souls of the dead
 - 83 Bits on book jackets
 - 87 Roc-A-___ Records
 - 91 Part of U.C.L.A.
 - 92 Fashion designer Geoffrey
 - 94 It may run from an emotional situation
 - 95 [Mwah!]
 - 96 Departed by plane
 - 98 Green vehicle
 - 99 Frank
 - 100 Duke's org.
 - 101 Pasta topper
 - 102 Like the dog days of summer
 - 103 Acrobatic
 - 105 Make restitution
 - 107 Faint color
 - 108 "Take me ___"
 - 109 Approaches
 - 111 Where the lacrimal glands can be found
 - 112 Pasta topper
 - 113 Pump some weights
 - 114 Not exactly
 - 116 Vaccine-approving agcy.

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

(Abraham Accords continued from page 6)

The Abraham Accords established peace and normalization between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan. The signing of these agreements marked the first public normalization of relations between an Arab country and Israel since that of Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994.

The Consul General of Israel for the Pacific Southwest region Dr. Hillel Newman was in attendance.

With the rise of anti-hate sentiments and acts of violence increasing over this past year, this clinic comes at an important time to show inclusion and diversity triumph

over intolerance and bigotry. The success of the Abraham Accords has demonstrated what people of different cultures can achieve when working together.

“With the Jewish New Year upon us and the one-year anniversary of The Abraham Accords, we celebrate this momentous occasion by bringing students of different faiths, cultures and backgrounds together. Deep appreciation to Enes Kanter for volunteering to instruct and to Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy for hosting this message of peace and coexistence,” Newman. ●



Beverly Hills City Council is exploring ways to re-energize the city post-pandemic. Photo by Carl Robinette

(Reenergize Beverly Hills continued from page 5)

“I think it’s fantastic. It’s exactly what we want,” said Vice Mayor Lili Bosse. “I’m hoping that we will grow from just first Thursdays to every Thursday.”

Roxbury Drive Bike Lane

A proposed bike lane on Roxbury Drive is closer to being realized. If approved it would be a pilot program to help determine how future bike lanes identified in the city’s Complete Streets plan would be rolled out. The proposal received conditional support from City Council with stipulations from several council members.

“I think if we’re really going to test this, then we should be rigorous in our approach and we should understand the kind of questions we’re trying to answer and then we should go answer them,” said Gold. “I just think we should design the metrics and the questions early on and then make sure that we design a real mechanism to collect the data.”

The other council members echoed Gold’s stipulation that success of the bike lane should be rigorously measured.

While the proposal aims to limit impact on vehicle lanes and parking, it does include a plan to shrink parking spaces on Roxbury to make room for the bike lane. During public comment, some residents raised safety concerns that shrinking parking creates a hazard.

City staff assured the Council that proposed changes are within state safety guidelines.

“I think if we are going to pick a place to have a pilot project that is as safe as can be, I think this is the correct one,” said Councilmember Lester Friedman.

A temporary demonstration of the proposed lane was held in July where the community was able to take a test ride at the location. At that event, 25 out of 30 cyclists surveyed by the city said they thought the

bike lane felt safe and would be a good fit for Roxbury.

“This is about positioning Beverly Hills for the future,” said Mayor Bob Wunderlich. “This is something that’s widely desired by families that would like their kids to be able to bicycle and to feel safe bicycling.”

“Rachfest”

Organizers of a proposed music festival and competition celebrating the work of Sergei Rachmaninoff are looking for a sponsorship of \$50,000 from the city and a two-day slot at the Wallis Center for Performing Arts to host the event in March of 2022.

“Rachfest” (The Rachmaninoff International Piano Competition & Festival) was first hosted in Pasadena in 2002 and has not been hosted since 2008 when organizers faced financial woes due to the economic crisis which started that year.

While the idea of the festival was met with some enthusiasm from City Council, several council members said the event was too early in the planning process for the city to commit any funding.

“I think there are a whole lot of steps here before I would be prepared to commit to anything,” said Gold. “I wouldn’t close the door, but I think that you can’t make a commitment in a vacuum, there are just too many missing pieces.”

Wunderlich and Bosse both agreed with Gold. Wunderlich said he would need to see more sponsors committed than the event currently has.

“This is the kind of festival that fits us,” said Wunderlich. “We do want to have arts and culture festivals, and in particular when there is a Beverly Hills Connection, that makes it even more fitting for us.”

Rachmaninoff was a Russian-born pianist, composer and conductor and is considered by many to be one of history’s greatest classical musicians. He eventually became a U.S. citizen and lived in Beverly Hills where he died in 1943.

Event organizers were encouraged by City Council to work with the Beverly Hills Arts and Culture Commission and The Wallis to strengthen their bid for sponsorship. They were invited to come back to City Council when they are further along in the planning process.

Throughout the Tuesday session, Wunderlich commented multiple times on the excitement he felt about many of the proposals and their potential to bring renewed energy to the community after the COVID-19 pandemic. ●



The updated modern interior of the new urgent care clinic Photo courtesy of Cedars-Sinai.

(Cedars-Sinai continued from page 4)

The new facility, located on the second floor of 8767 Wilshire Blvd., offers all urgent care services for adult and pediatric patients. The clinic welcomes all patients, regardless of whether they have been seen by a Cedars-Sinai doctor before and accepts both walk-ins and appointments. The clinic also accepts most forms of insurance and offers payment plans to both insured and uninsured patients, according to Mary Clare Lingel, vice president of Strategic Integration at Cedars-Sinai Medical Network.

Tarradath added that the new clinic optimizes workflows to improve the patient experience. “Our patients will definitely notice the difference,” she said.

Urgent care facilities offer services for medical situations that don’t quite rise to the level of life threatening, but still require attention sooner than the next time your physician can squeeze you in, according to Tarradath.

“Urgent care is your best option when you need same-day care for an illness or injury that isn’t life-threatening,” Tarradath said. “Common reasons for urgent care visits include health concerns such as cuts

or lacerations with contained bleeding; ear infections; fever or chills; nausea, diarrhea and vomiting or urinary tract infections.”

“If you’re experiencing a true medical emergency, such as bleeding that won’t stop; chest pains or stroke; seizures without pre-existing condition; serious burns or sudden loss or change of vision—then you should go to the emergency department immediately,” said Tarradath.

In short, if you don’t have time to wonder if you should go to urgent care or the emergency room, you should likely opt for the latter.

Cedars-Sinai is continuing to expand its offerings beyond the new clinic. Its newest location, located in Los Feliz on Hillhurst Avenue, will open March 2022. That facility will offer primary care, urgent care, and OB/GYN services.

“Cedars-Sinai continues to focus on bringing excellent outpatient care and services to our patients where they live and work across the Los Angeles region, with growing specialty and primary care offices in Beverly Hills, Culver City, West L.A., Santa Monica, Playa Vista, Marina del Rey and Tarzana,” Lingel told the Courier. ●

COMMUNITY VOICES**(Community Voices continued from page 15)**

How about one standard for everyone, even political insiders? If you don’t live here, you are not a resident, therefore you cannot be a board member or enroll your kids in the schools. Your flippant comments about where Ms. Walker-Shuman takes off her shoes and is of no concern to anyone is also very concerning. This type of thoughtless statement by a board member could very well be raised by parents in a residency challenge or suit seeking damages over unequal treatment they received as non-insiders (the little people).

There is no concerted effort to attack Ms. Walker-Shuman. Legitimate questions exist about whether she is entitled to serve as a school board member at this time and have her kids in the schools here. Mrs. Marcus and Ms. Wells recognize this, while Ms. Stern’s position remains unknown. Let me point out that your comments are tone deaf and out of touch in light of other community events. Since my last email, Ben Crump filed a major civil rights lawsuit against the

Beverly Hills Police Department. It will no doubt be a national or international case in terms of media coverage. The spotlight will be on Beverly Hills more so than it usually is. Ms. Walker-Shuman’s residency matters. Interestingly, she won’t comment on where her kids currently attend school. Do non-residents who are pursued over their children attending BHUSD schools get to claim with a straight face their residency is a private matter and that’s the end of any questions? Was a side deal cut for this to happen? Let’s focus on that too and not be so quick to defend her without an assessment of the facts and evidence. You don’t represent Ms. Walker-Shuman. Rather, you represent the community. I see Ms. Walker-Shuman is not onboard with Mrs. Marcus correct decision to seek the advice of BHUSD counsel. You should be all for it. Are you?

BOB JONES

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TSG Order No.: 191230284-CA-VOI
A.P.N.: 4331-018-132
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2021187651

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

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Project: Beverly Hills High School South Campus Modernization Shoring & Retaining Wall #2
Owner: Beverly Hills Unified School District
Lease / Lease Back Contractor: ProWest Constructors, CSLB #: 706619

PROPOSAL RELEASE #2

PROPOSAL DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2021
PROPOSAL TIME: 2:00 PM

PROPOSAL PACKAGES

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| 09 | SWPPP / Erosion Control Implementation Corbels |
| 10 | SWPPP / Erosion Control Monitoring |
| 11 | Survey & Layout |
| 12 | Site Lighting |
| 13 | Site Demolition & Earthwork |
| 14 | Shoring & Retaining Wall Construction |
| 15 | Retaining Wall Drains |

Submit sealed proposals to: ProWest Constructors, 22710 Palomar Street, Wildomar, CA 92595. For Proposals in the amount of \$150,000 and over, a Proposal Bond in the amount of 10% of the Lump Sum Base Price shall accompany the Proposal. For Lump Sum Base Price amounts of less than \$150,000, Proposal Bond shall not be required.

Proposal Documents available September 14, 2021, at IB Reprographics (951) 682-1850, www.ibrepro.com and www.BidMail.com.

One non-mandatory Job Walk has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 8:00 AM. ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Participants shall meet at the ProWest jobsite trailer at Beverly Hills High School, 241 S. Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

This project consists of the construction of Retaining Wall #2 with a temporary shotcrete wall, soil nails, and a permanent shotcrete wall over the temporary wall. There is a short section of wall with drilled concrete piles, wood lagging, and shotcrete. All walls include reinforcing. Also included in this proposal release is site demolition, mass excavation, grading, and earthwork to accommodate benches for soil nail drilling, Site Lighting along Heath Road, Survey, SWPPP Implementation and Monitoring, and Site Utilities for the storm drain at the base of the wall.

Prequalification of MEP Subcontractors. Each prospective Electrical, Mechanical, or Plumbing ("MEP") subcontractor holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46 specialty licenses (as defined in Public Contract Code section 20111.6) planning to participate in bidding on certain public projects to be undertaken by the District, must be prequalified prior to submitting bids for such public projects. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 bidders on all public projects using funds received pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities ACT of 1998 or any funds received from any future state school bond that involve a projected public project expenditure of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more must be pre-qualified.

The purpose of the proposal is to enable ProWest Constructors to select the most qualified firm that provides the best value to ProWest Constructors and the District and with whom ProWest Constructors will subcontract. Based on the received proposals, ProWest Constructors will create a list of the highest-ranking respondents, based on a best value selection criteria and will identify the selected firm(s) to enter negotiations for specific scopes of work to be subcontracted. Formal award of any subcontracts will not occur unless and until the District has reviewed and approved the scope and price of the subcontracted work.

ProWest Constructors reserves the right to request additional information at any time, which in its sole opinion, is necessary to assure that a proposer's competence, business organization, and financial resources are adequate to perform the requested work. ProWest Constructors also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality or nonsubstantive irregularity in any proposal.

Contact Lease / Lease Back Contractor, ProWest Constructors – (951) 678-1038 for further information. .

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Trustee Sale
No. 20-05-912
Loan No. 209465
Title Order No.
1567206CAD
APN 4341-028-016

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/21/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On 10/12/2021 at 11:00AM, Lender's Foreclosure Services as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/25/2017 as instrument number 20170968192 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Abraham Stuart Rubin and Annette Rubin, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust.

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 715 North Alpine Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

** In addition to said Deed of Trust, two more Deeds of Trust were recorded concurrently to secure the same obligations described above, including a Deed of Trust dated August 21, 2017 executed by A. Stuart Rubin and Annette Rubin, husband and wife as community property with right of survivorship, as trustor, to secure obligations in favor of Preferred Bank, as Beneficiary Recorded on

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08/25/2017 as instrument number 2017-0041123 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Barbara County, California, describing land therein: as more fully described on said Deed of Trust; and

A Deed of Trust dated August 21, 2017 executed by 1604 Sunset Plaza, LLC, a California limited liability company, as trustor, to secure obligations in favor of Preferred Bank, as Beneficiary Recorded on 08/25/2017 as instrument number 20170968189 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, describing land therein: as more fully described on said Deed of Trust.

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$21,256,406.61 (Estimated).

Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid.

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.

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If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Lender, or the Trustee.

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fault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 20-05-912 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 consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

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 written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

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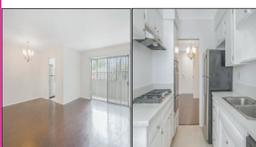
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