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#### THE WEATHER, BEVERLY HILLS

🔆 Friday	91°   72°
🔆 Saturday	96°   74°
🔆 Sunday	93°   73°
🔆 Monday	<b>92°   72°</b>
🔆 Tuesday	<b>90°   71°</b>
🔆 Wednesday	88°   70°
🔆 Thursday	86°   69°

## Phase One of City Hall Retrofit Nearly Complete

BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

Nearly a year has passed since the launch of the City Hall retrofit project and phase one is now on the brink of completion. The Courier met with City Hall staff to get an update on the ongoing improvements to the building's construction and security.

City Hall was built in 1932, and, according to City Architect Mandana Motahari, it was constructed very well compared to the standards at the time. However, after the City of Los Angeles passed a mandatory retrofit ordinance in 2015, the City of Beverly Hills decided to perform its own analysis of City Hall. That analysis revealed that the City Hall was in need of significant improvements to its seismic capabilities, based on 3D modeling. COVID forced a delay in the plans until September of 2021.

City Hall is a non-ductile concrete building meaning that the whole structure system and frame are made of concrete. The lack of steel reinforcements made the building brittle, flexible and incredibly vulnerable to an earthquake. "At the time this building was used, people didn't use a lot of reinforcing," said Motahari. "Now that we have more technology, we can analyze buildings better and learn from past experiences."

The retrofit project is divided into



Photo by Omar Reyes Benítez New metal detectors at City Hall

multiple phases, with the first one scheduled to finish in late September. Phase one consisted of applying shotcrete, a projectile-concrete application that was used to reinforce all nine floors of City Hall, including the famous dome and cupola. The process utilized the elevator shafts, which helped maintain City Hall's historical fabric.

"It took about a year, and considering the pandemic construction industry, supply-chain shortages and all that, I think we've done well," said Motahari.

See Retrofit Update, page 13

### **New Electric** Vehicle Company Set to Open in **Beverly Hills**

#### BY MATTHEW BLAKE

The Planning Commission voted 5-0 on Aug. 25 to let Faraday Future occupy the ground floor of 464 North Beverly Drive to show and sell luxury electric vehicles. Faraday, a Delaware incorporated company that is physically headquartered in Gardena, already has signed a ground floor lease with building landlord Danny Soroudi.

Letting another luxury retailer into Beverly Hills would seem a routine matter even by the Planning Commission's standards of meticulous deliberation. Moreover, as Planning Chair Myra Demeter noted during the meeting, the Faraday item dovetailed with the California Air Resource Board's landmark announcement banning gas-powered car sales in California, beginning in 2035.

But there's a hitch: Faraday's eight-year company history has not included making a single car for public consumption.

In a filing with Securities and Exchange Commission regulators earlier this month, Faraday acknowledged it may not stay in See Faraday, page 13

### **BHUSD School Board Candidates Host Kickoffs**

#### BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

Three candidates for the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board of Education, Rachelle Marcus, Judy Manouchehri and Michal Amir-Salkin, held campaign kickoffs on Aug. 28.

Also running for the two open seats are Farrah Dodes, who held her kickoff on Aug. 21, and Janessa LaVoice.

The seats currently belong to Marcus and Gabriel Halimi, both of whose terms expire in December. Halimi was appointed last year following the resignation of Tristan Walker-Shuman, but he will not be running again. Marcus is thus the only incumbent running for reelection.

Marcus held her event at a home on North Elm Drive at 10 a.m., early enough to welcome her guests with breakfast bagels.

She was introduced by Councilmember John Mirisch, who offered kind words regarding the work Marcus has done for BHUSD. "I'm someone that believes that institutional knowledge is extremely important, and there is no one who has more institutional knowledge than Mrs. Rachelle Marcus," said Mirisch. "This is someone we have to have on our school board, and we are lucky that she has agreed to run for another four years."

In addition to her role as a board member, Marcus has offered over 50 years of her life to the BHUSD and isn't ready to let up just yet. She reminded the attending audience of the work she has done, such as addressing a decline in enrollment, appointing a Coordinator of Elementary Education and selecting new bonds and construction See School Board, page 13

### Mayor Bosse **Cites Progress** on Several Projects at Live with Lili

#### BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The Aug. 25 Live with Lili event featured a special debut appearance by the Beverly Hills Police Department's (BHPD) newest member, support K9 NAMI. Escorted in by BHPD Chief Mark Stainbrook, NAMI is the city's designated mental health dog. His name is an acronym for National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI resides at the police department and is available for drop in visits from the community.

See Live with Lili, page 11



# Calendar

#### NOW

ROOFTOP CINEMA CLUB

Rooftop Cinema Club has three locations around Los Angeles, including the Arts District, Downtown Los Angeles, and El Segundo. Viewers can watch movies in the heart of the city, between glimmering city lights and sky-high buildings. The programming for each location is now available online. For Labor Day weekend, featured films include "Elvis," "Hocus Pocus," "Beetlejuice," "Halloweentown," "La La Land," "Selena," "Goodfellas," and many more.

rooftopcinemaclub.com/los-angeles

#### NOW - SEPT. 4

#### INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS, LOS ANGELES: "THE CONDITION OF BEING ADDRESSABLE"

"The Condition of Being Addressable" is presented by the Institute of Contemporary Arts, Los Angeles. Organized by guest curators Marcelle Joseph and Legacy Russell, the exhibit features 25 international and intergenerational artists. The exhibit includes diverse disciplines and perspectives in a creative discourse rooted in the legacies of Black, postcolonial, feminist, and queer theory. theicala.org

#### NOW - OCT. 9

HAMMER MUSEUM: "HAMMER PROJECTS: TITA CICOGNANI" The Hammer Museum features "Hammer Projects: Tita Cicognani" until Oct. 9. With a hot tub at the center of the installation, the exhibit demonstrates an environment of potential physical contact typically designed to promote cleanliness and sterility. Through this centerpiece, viewers can reconcile their relationship with germs and the body's perilousness. This is Cicognani's first solo exhibition in an institution.

### hammer.ucla.edu

#### SEPT. 2 - 3 SOFI STADIUM: THE WEEKND 6:30 P.M.

The Weeknd takes the stage at Sofi Stadium from Sept. 2-3 as part of his "After Hours Til Dawn" world tour. After selling out the first show, a second one was added, and this tour is the first time The Weeknd is touring his album "After Hours." The Weeknd has sold over 75 million records worldwide, and his music ranges from pop to hip-hop, R&B, and alternative music styles.

sofistadium.com

#### SEPT. 2 - 5 MALIBU CHILI COOK-OFF SEPT. 2 4-10 P.M., SEPT. 3-4 1-10 P.M., SEPT. 5 1-8 P.M.

The tradition of the Malibu Chili Cook-Off continues with amazing food, entertainment, DJ performances, rides and more. The event is presented by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, and all proceeds will benefit it. With sponsors including Barefoot Dreams and Alphapals, the cook-off will have a Barefoot Dreams Lounge for adults, including many beer and wine varieties. The Malibu Chili Cook-Off will have a large variety of food, drinks, and activities. Tickets will not be sold on site, and all tickets must be purchased through advanced online sales only. It is located at 23575 Civic Center Way, Malibu. malibuchilicookoff.org

#### SEPT. 4 - DEC. 18

#### LACMA: "OBJECTS OF DESIRE: PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE LANGUAGE OF ADVERTISING"

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art's new exhibit covers the artistic manipulation of advertising, a powerful visual language. Since the 1970s, photobased artists have reworked advertising strategies. Artists featured in the exhibit include Adbusters, Lucas Blalock, Victor Burgin, Jo Ann Callis, Sarah Charlesworth, Sara Cwynar, Victoria Fu, Sanja Iveković, Elad Lassry, Roe Ethridge, Robert Heinecken, Barbara Kruger, Carter Mull, Pat O'Neill, Kim Schoen, Sandy Skoglund, Mitchell Syrop, and Hank Willis Thomas, among others. lacma.org

#### SEPT. 7

WRITERS BLOC: HANDBOOK FOR A POST-ROE AMERICA: ROBIN MARTY IN CONVERSATION WITH JESSICA PIEKLO 6 P.M.

#### P.M.

It's time to

Abortion advocate and reproductive rights expert Robin Marty updated her book, "The Handbook for a Post-Roe America." It now includes advice for the new reality of America, information on health care access around the country, proper clinical care, abortion pills, and how to navigate the legal system. Marty is in conversation with Jessica Pieklo, an expert on reproductive rights and Executive Editor of Rewire, a publication dedicated to reproductive health and justice. Registration is free, and guests can purchase a copy of the book from Chevalier's Books with a signed bookplate in order to support local bookstores. writersblocpresents.com



Please join us at the **next** Business with Bosse event! This **new** initiative was created by Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse to put a spotlight on local businesses and **just how special they are!** 

The community is invited to meet at each showcased business and enjoy a sampling of what makes our Beverly Hills businesses so special.

For more information and to view upcoming events, visit **beverlyhills.org/businesswithbosse** 

Questions? Email us at businesswithbosse@beverlyhills.org



### Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Drop-in between 5:30p.m.-7p.m.



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# News

### Beverly Hills Selected as Finalist for "Most Business-Friendly City" in Los Angeles County

#### BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

Beverly Hills has qualified as a finalist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) "Most Business-Friendly City Award." The winner will be announced at LAEDC's 27th Annual Eddy Awards on Nov. 9.

Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Todd Johnson told the Courier that the nomination is gratifying and reflective of the effort the city has been putting in towards sustaining business in Beverly Hills.

"We're thrilled to be in the running for this award," said Johnson. "I think people will be excited and proud to be in this city and recognize the fact that it's one of the strongest brand names in the world."

The city's Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager Laura Biery told the audience at the Aug. 25 Live with Lili event about the nomination. As part of the



Photo by Omar Reyes Benítez Erewhon, one of the new businesses in Beverly Hills

selection process, cities were asked for testimonials from local businesses about the relationship they've had with city staff. See LAEDC, page 11

### Suspects in April Beverly Hills Robbery Sentenced

Four suspects arrested in connection with an armed robbery this spring have been sentenced for their crimes.

In late April of this year, Beverly Hills Police Department responded to an armed robbery on the 6900 block of Wilshire Boulevard.

Assailants had grabbed a victim around the neck, threatened the victim with an unknown object and took property before fleeing.

Three suspects were initially arrested after police officers and detectives identified and found the suspect vehicle via private and city-owned cameras. The fourth suspect was identified through a follow-up investigation.

The suspects were sentenced as follows: Keith Clark pleaded guilty to robbery and

received three years and a second strike for being on parole. Milton Course pleaded guilty to grand

theft and was sentenced to 32 months in prison. Nicholas Henry pleaded guilty to armed

Nicholas Henry pleaded guilty to armed robbery. He received one strike and was sentenced to three years probation with



Photo by AVFC

Tyree Dixon pleaded guilty to robbery and received a four-year sentence. •

time served.

www.beverlyhillscourier.com



### Mayor's Mental Wellness Series with guest Deepak Chopra, MD

International best-selling author of more than 90 books and world-renowned pioneer in integrative medicine and personal transformation

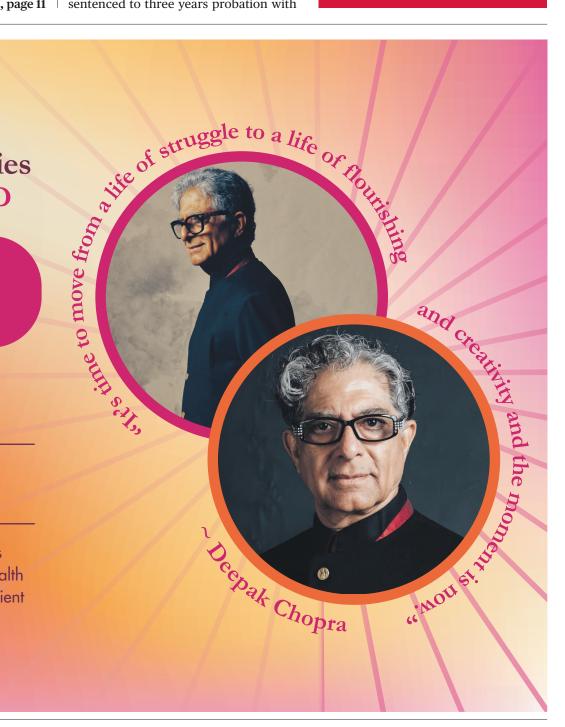
### Friday, September 23, 2022

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Outside** on the Crescent side of Beverly Hills City Hall \*Limited seating available

Come join us for our next Mayor's Mental Wellness Series where the community has an opportunity to hear from health and mental wellness experts who will inspire us to be resilient and connect with ourselves and each other.

#### MORE INFORMATION AT Beverlyhills.org/mentalwellness



### Gascón Protesters Meet at Beverly Gardens Park

#### BY OMAR REYES BENÍTEZ

Protesters gathered at Beverly Gardens Park on Aug. 28 to voice their frustration that efforts to recall Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón failed. The demonstration was organized by the Recall District Attorney George Gascón Committee, the official organization spearheading the recall campaign.

In early August, the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder announced that the recall petition failed to gather enough valid signatures. Although a total of 715,833 signatures were gathered, some 195,783 were invalidated by the Registrar. The remaining number of signatures fell 46,807 short of the required 566,857 needed to place the recall on the ballot.

"I stand here in support of crime victims whose lives have been so negatively impacted and who've been really devastated and traumatized because of Gascón's policies," said former Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney and Co-Chair of the committee, Kathy Cady.



Photo by Jonathan Bloch Protesters at Beverly Gardens Park

The protesters, who numbered nearly 50, paraded signs and garnered honks from cars along Santa Monica Boulevard.

"We just need to keep this momentum going, keep the word out and do not slow down because Gascón is not going to stop," said Gregory Foster, Campaign Manager for the recall effort. "He's going to keep enacting policies that affect every one of us." •

### Cooling Centers Open Through Labor Day in Beverly Hills

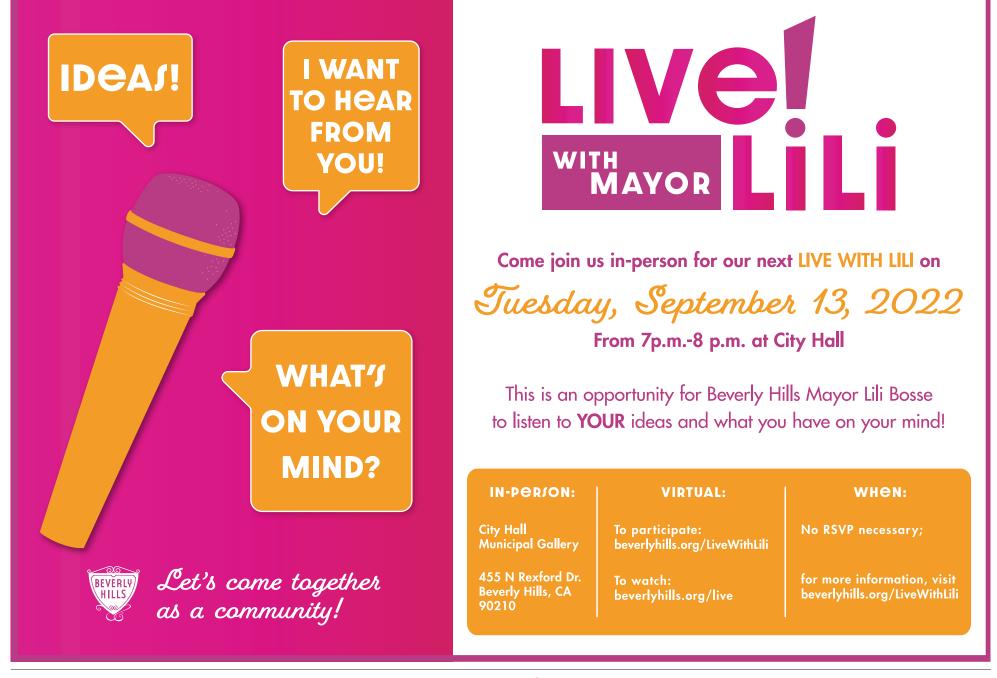
As high temperatures blanket Southern California for the next several days, Beverly Hills Cooling Centers will be open through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, to provide relief from the extreme heat. The following locations will provide a cool, air-conditioned environment:

- Roxbury Park Community Center Thursday/Friday: 8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Saturday/Sunday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- La Cienega Park Community Center Thursday/Friday: 8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Saturday/Sunday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday: CLOSED
- Beverly Hills Public Library Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Friday/Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Monday: CLOSED

The California Independent System Operator is expected to issue Flex Alerts



throughout the weekend. A Flex Alert is a call for voluntary electricity conservation due to increased demand on the state's electricity grid. Residents and visitors are urged to stay indoors when possible, use sunscreen protection and drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration. For more information, please visit <u>beverlyhills.org/sunsafe</u>.



# Community

### GRoW @ The Wallis Creative Aging Summer Arts Retreat



Photos courtesy of Ricka Kelsch

GROW @ The Wallis hosted a Creative Aging Summer Arts Retreat from Aug. 29-31. The sold-out event for ages 55 and up was billed as "three days of sessions to jumpstart your creative toolbox!" Topics included writing memoirs, poetry, fiction, theater improv and scene writing, artmaking, songwriting, dance, and meditation and wellness.

Pictured are participants in the "Telling your Story Through Movement: Dance and Dialogue" workshop.



The City of Beverly Hills invites you to help us identify transit destinations within the City and provide input on desired transit options to better support mobility for residents, employees, students and visitors to Beverly Hills.

All information, suggestions and ideas received will help the City identify opportunities for improvements to the current public transportation system, including potential new services to meet future community mobility needs.

The Traffic & Parking Commission will review the draft Transit Feasibility Report and receive public comment at the meeting of Thursday, October 6, 2022 (www.beverlyhills.org/TPC).

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 6 PM to 8 PM

(In-Person in the Municipal Gallery and Virtual/Online)

**City Hall** 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Online link will be available at: **www.beverlyhills.org/TransitStudy** \*Meeting will be recorded for on-demand viewing

Visit www.BeverlyHills.org/TransitStudy for more information. For questions, contact: AskPW@beverlyhills.org or (310) 285-2467



### **Emergency Repair**

To Major Metropolitan Water Pipeline

URGENT CALL FOR NO OUTDOOR WATERING September 6-20, 2022

Understanding the Shutdown	A large pipeline delivering Colorado River water to a central part of the Metropolitan Water District service area – including parts of your district – will be undergoing an urgent repair starting Sept. 6. The repair requires Metropolitan to take the pipeline out of service through Sept. 20.
The Impact on Communities	All affected communities are being called on to suspend outdoor watering for 15 days. Metropolitan is working closely with its member agencies, local retailers, residents, businesses and local elected offices to communicate this message and provide important resources to the public.
Who is Affected?	Beverly Hills is under the water-saving request. Check with the local water provider for specific outdoor watering restrictions.

**Beverly Hills is under the water-saving request.** Check with your local water provider for specific watering restrictions and recommendations.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT 310-285-2467 or visit www.beverlyhills.org/mwdrepair





Photo courtesy City of Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills City Hall was lit purple on Aug. 31 to support International Overdose Awareness Day which acknowledges those who lost their lives and brings awareness to end the overdose crisis.

### LA Animal Services Offers Tips for Pet Owners in High Heat

As temperatures soar in Southern California, LA Animal Services is reminding pet owners that too much heat can be extremely dangerous or even fatal for pets.

#### Hot Weather Tips for Dogs and Cats:

• NEVER leave your pet alone inside of a vehicle. If your pet cannot go inside with you at every stop, they are safer at home. A car can overheat even when a window has been slightly opened. Your car can get up to 20+ degrees warmer within minutes.

• Give your pet extra water. Always make sure your pet has plenty of fresh water to drink. If your pet enjoys ice cubes, add them to their water dish.

• Avoid hot surfaces. When walking your pet outdoors, pay extra attention to the pavement, sidewalk, or sand.

Check the temperature with your hand. If it's too hot for you to touch, it's too hot for your pet's paws. If it's 92 degrees outside, concrete or asphalt can reach up to 130 degrees. • Do not leave your pet outdoors for long periods of time. If your pet has to be left outdoors for a while, make sure there is plenty of shade and water. Apply a pet specific or hypoallergenic sunscreen on sensitive areas such as the nose, tips of the ears, and belly.

• Know the signs of overheating. If your pet begins very rapid breathing, has trouble swallowing, and looks distressed, they could be having a heatstroke. Get your pet out of the heat and apply cold, wet towels to the back of their head, between their legs, and on their belly. Once your pet has cooled down, take them to the vet immediately.

#### Hot Weather Tips for Rabbits:

• Keep rabbits indoors on days that exceed 80 degrees. Keep rabbits indoors with the air conditioning on. Place frozen bottles of water in their hutch and make sure they have plenty of water accessible.

• Put a ceramic tile or marble slab in the corner of your rabbit's enclosure to provide a cool spot for your rabbit to lay on.





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# Arts & Entertainment

### Courier Series: Part One of Three How to Navigate Streaming Services

#### BY NEELY SWANSON

Mae West once said, "Too much of a good thing is wonderful." As far as today's media landscape goes, that's open for discussion.

Indeed, the world of streaming is now a universe. With the exception of broadcast and cable, there are no schedules, just an endless list of shows all over the map. What I'd like to do is help you navigate the streaming services you already have or are thinking of getting. Let's hack through the jungle together by clearly analyzing how to find what you want.

Before you start surfing the universe, and it can be done only one streamer at a time, you need to be armed about how you are being steered (manipulated) by the streaming services. All of them use the same terminology when making recommendations, and you need to understand what that means.

#### TRENDING

Turn on the TV, open Netflix, for example, and you will be greeted by trailers of featured shows. Scroll down, and you might see a list of shows under the banner of "Trending." Trending means that other people (unclear how many) are watching those shows. It is part of the lemming philosophy assuming you will follow the crowd and watch what Joe Schmo in Idaho is watching. It's meaningless and is meant to guide you to what they want you to see. The sheer number of shows on offer makes it easy to fall for that trope.

#### POPULAR ON

How about "Popular?" That is the same thing. It is the streaming services' effort to create water cooler watching. If it's popular, there must be a reason. However, you have to take their word for it. Even when they give a list of the "top ten shows" of the week, none of the streamers will provide numbers to back that up. At least with broadcast and cable channels the Nielsen ratings, as faulty as they were, provided that evidence.

#### WE THINK YOU'LL LIKE

Using calculations based on what you have watched before, all of the streamers try to predict your taste and make suggestions for what to watch next. Netflix tries to calculate how close, percentage wise, one show is to what you've watched previously. They can be remarkably accurate in some cases, and hideously wrong in others. Under the category of hideously wrong, what on earth did I ever watch that made them think "Blacklist" or "Emily in Paris" would be appealing to me? Seriously, did they think I'd like "Emily in Paris" because I watch a lot of French language shows, some of which take place in Paris? How Hulu chose "Instant Dream Home" for me as a 96% match I will never know. Obviously, a flaw in the algorithm occurs when you sample something, hate it, and never watch again. By sampling a series, either out of curiosity



or to see how big a train wreck it might be, the series gets entered into the algorithm that tries to predict your preferences.

#### **CONTINUE WATCHING**

As you scroll down, you may find a category labeled "Continue Watching." On the one hand this can be very helpful, especially if you can't remember the name of a series, you started and want to continue (that sort of thing happens more and more when age and unlimited choice collide). The downside is that the various streamers include anything that you started even if you realized you were no longer interested in it, not allowing you to remove that show from the list, contributing to just that much more white noise. Netflix and Hulu allow you to remove shows from this category, Amazon does not.

#### CONTENT BARS

In the lead up to preparing you to effectively surf each channel for shows you want to see, you need to acquaint yourself with the content bars that fine-tune your access to choices. All the streaming services use content bars, placed either at the very top of your screen or on the far-left side. The location of the content bar makes a difference. If you have been scrolling down through various categories to see what is on offer, and you decide that you want to use the search feature on a top bar, you must scroll all the way back up to get there. With a side bar, you need only click to the left no matter where you are on the page to arrive at the function you want. Netflix, Amazon, HBO Max, and Disney+ all have side bars; Hulu, PBS, and Apple+ use top bars.

Now that you know the basics of how each streamer is set up, you are almost ready

to go to Surf City and have some fun. There is a certain amount of pleasure just sitting and mindlessly scrolling through the virtually unlimited offerings but minimizing frustration and maximizing efficiency is my objective.

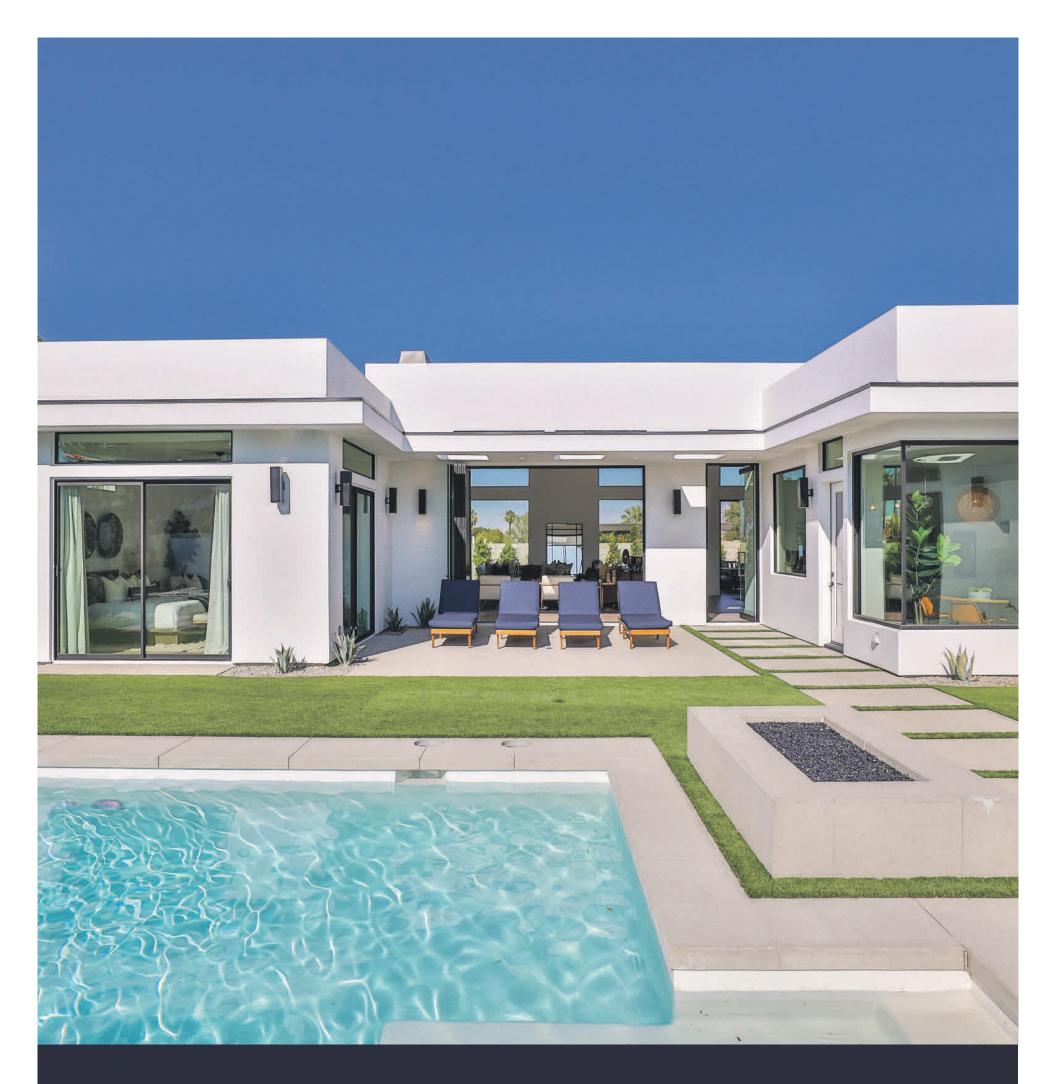
Keep in mind that each service has the goal of keeping you glued to their offerings. Amazon is particularly pesky because the free content is limited to Amazon Prime only. Added into their mix are movies and shows that are under the Amazon umbrella through other streaming services that are available for a separate fee, luring you by offering one or two episodes of a series you will then have to subscribe to or pay separately for each subsequent episode. In some cases, those shows can be found gratis on other streaming services that you already pay for. I made the classic mistake of "renting" "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" from Amazon without realizing that it was there for the taking under my HBO Max subscription. Granted, I only spent \$1.99, but I'll be more careful next time.

When looking for a particular series or film, you may have to search any or all of the services to which you already subscribe. But first try a Google search asking, "what streaming service offers [name of movie] movie." Be aware that Netflix will try to steer you toward their content. Do a search for the aforementioned "Virginia Woolf" and Netflix, indicating that they don't have that title but suggest instead "Virgin River" (their current soapy hit series) and other options. Don't waste your time. When Netflix offers alternatives, it means they don't have it.

A brief word on "Hubs," which are channels within channels. Hubs offered through Hulu, Disney+ and HBO Max are free additional content that is branded separately. FX, Searchlight, HotStar, and 20th Century Studios all offer free content through Hulu. Disney+ separates its offerings into Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars, and National Geographic. HBO Max, like Disney, divides off what they own under the hub categories of HBO, DC, TCM, Adult Swim, Studio Ghibli (animé), CN (Cartoon Network), Sesame, and Looney Toons.

In the case of Amazon, they are separate subscription services that serve an even more niche audience. Amazon offers subscriptions to small services like "Brit Box," a major source of British mystery shows, both past and present, including full seasons of "Inspector Morse," "A Touch of Frost," "Midsommer Murders," "DCI Banks," "Vera, "Fawlty Towers," and "Yes, Minister." Some of these can be found elsewhere on other mainstream services, but not all. MHz Choice offers an international panoply of programming that includes light mysteries like "Murder In," "The Art of Crime," as well as highly regarded shows like "Beck" and "Spiral" (one of my all-time favorites). You can also subscribe to Showtime, Starz, and Sundance, among others. But why tie yourself to Amazon when you can subscribe on your own. All these hubs offer free trials regardless of whether you order through Amazon or on your own. But before starting a free trial, acquaint yourself thoroughly with what shows are offered. None are terribly expensive per month.

There you have the basics. In Part Two of "How to Navigate Streaming Services," we will go into greater detail about what you can find on these streamers and their hubs. Up first will be how to open up the See Streaming, page 11





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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2022 TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard **LOCATION:** Meeting will be held in person at: Commission Meeting Room 280A Beverly Hills City Hall 455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Members of the public may also

participate via teleconference; details provided below

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** 140 Lasky Drive (Between South Santa Monica Boulevard and Charleville Boulevard)

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on **Thursday, September 22, 2022**, will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

Time Extension of a Development Plan Review, Conditional Use Permit, Open Air Dining Permit, and Extended Hours Permit. A request for a one-year time extension for a previously approved Development Plan Review, Conditional Use Permit, Open Air Dining Permit, and Extended Hours Permit request to allow for the construction of a new four-story, 36,760 square-foot hotel with 66 guestrooms at 140 Lasky Drive. The Planning Commission previously approved the entitlements on July 11, 2019 (Planning Commission Resolution No. 1890). Pursuant to Condition No. 38 of Resolution No. 1890, the exercise of rights granted by the entitlements shall be commenced within three years after the date of approval. However, the period may be extended no more than two times for additional one year periods pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code §10-3-2862. This requested one-year time extension is the applicant's first request and would extend the existing approvals until July 11, 2023.

This project was previously 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. A Class 32 Categorical Exemption (In-Fill Project) was previously issued pursuant to Sections 15332 of the State CEQA Guidelines. There have been no substantial changes to the project and no substantial changes to the environment that would cause the project to project and no substantial changes to the environment that would cause the project to significantly impact the environment. Therefore, there is no substantial evidence that the approval of the requested extension may have any significant environmental impact. The original Class 32 Categorical Exemption continues to represent the independent judgment of the City and no additional environmental review is required under CEQA.

#### How to Participate

In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can participate in, watch or listen to the commission meetings through the following methods

- In Person: Submit a speaker card to the Recording Secretary at the meeting.
- Oral Comment: Call (310) 288-2288, select Option 1 when prompted. You will be placed on a brief hold, and called upon to make a comment at the appropriate time.
- Video Comment: https://beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/bevpublic, enter passcode: 90210 when prompted.
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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2022 TIME: 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard LOCATION: Meeting will be held in person at: Commission Meeting Room 280A Beverly Hills City Hall 455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Members of the public may also participate via teleconference; details provided below

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** 

9777 Wilshire Blvd (nearest cross streets: South Santa Monica Boulevard and North Linden Drive)

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its REGULAR meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022 will hold a public hearing beginning at 1:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider the following:

Conditional Use Permit. A request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a vehicle sales use at **<u>9777 Wilshire Boulevard</u>**. The applicant, Galpin Lotus, proposes to occupy the ground floor of an existing multi-tenant building. The project site is zoned Commercial (C-3) and, pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) §10-3-1604, vehicle sales are permitted only if authorized by a CUP.

This project 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 qualify for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Existing Facilities) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines. This exemption is applicable to the minor alterations of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Accordingly, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to find the project categorically exempt, pursuant to Section 15301 from further environmental review under CEQA.

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#### Streaming, from page 8

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So, stay tuned and you'll be controlling your content in no time, fully armed for Part Three, when we discuss the Emmy winners and where to find them. •



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

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

NEWS

#### Live with Lili, from page 1

"If you come by the police station, she's there 24/7 and she provides mental health support to officers," Stainbrook said. "The dispatcher loves to have her in dispatch... she's always going around to different departments."

As she has done at previous Live with Lili events, Mayor Lili Bosse began the Aug. 25 session by providing updates on ideas discussed at previous meetings. Bosse shared with the crowd that staff are working on making the Parks and Recreation website more user-friendly, reminded the community of upcoming cultural events like the Beverly Hills art show, has BHPD exploring adding police kiosks and a blue light safety system in the city and around the two metro locations. The blue light safety system includes strategically placed, high-visibility, emergency alarm stations that would allow people to directly ping the police department at the push of a button in an emergency.

During the Aug. 25 meeting, several residents suggested that signs and stickers be placed near tour bus locations to direct and guide visitors through the city. Ideas ranged from having a QR code that uploads an interactive map of the city when scanned, highlighting areas of interest and programming for residents and visitors alike to community bulletin boards or a calendar of upcoming events and community reminders.

"We've already heard three people for QR codes," Mayor Bosse said. "So, by next month when this comes back, we definitely have to have some really great paths to get us there and maybe even have some test pilots up."

Bosse's husband, Jon, asked about the possibility of a city-wide Ping-Pong tournament, and others proposed doing a weekly game night held at the city's public parks where neighbors can gather for a few hours on a weeknight and socialize over a game of backgammon, chess, or even flag football. "That's a great idea," Bosse said. "I'll be there and I'm sure I won't win anything, but I'll be there. I love it."



Photo courtesy City of Beverly Hills NAMI made an appearance at Live with Lili.

Another resident proposed taking it even further by incorporating an augmented reality component to the QR codes, to which Bosse replied:

"It's a great idea once somebody can explain it to me, but I know that that is definitely the future. I'm still trying to get there myself, but I love it and the conversation about the metaverse is going to be at our next city council study session agenda."

The evening closed with an announcement from Laura Biery, the city's Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager, with news that the city of Beverly Hills is a finalist in the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation's award for "Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County." The winner will be revealed Nov. 9.

The next Live with Lili will be held on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall's Municipal Gallery.

#### LAEDC, from page 4

"Our businesses are part of our city's heart and soul," said Mayor Lili Bosse in the city's official announcement about the nomination. "We proudly create a supportive environment for them to prosper and grow without having to jump through unnecessary hoops or red tape thanks to our incredible city staff who makes things happen. We treat our businesses like family members that keep our community thriving."

In 2020, the city introduced its OpenBH Program, aimed at allowing temporary outdoor operations during the pandemic so that the community could enjoy dining outdoors and businesses could continue operating while following strict health and safety protocols.

The program is currently still in place and will be up for City Council review in December 2022. From creating the Small Business Task Force, Property Owners Task Force, and the Covid-19 Business Recovery Assistance Task Forces, the Beverly Hills City Council has made hearing directly from the business community a priority.

Additionally, Bosse invites the community to join her at twice each month at different local businesses, as part of her Business with Bosse initiative.

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Astrology BY HOLIDAY MATIS ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's

clear that someone is special to you. There's no one else who can quite fill this person's shoes. Your time together has a unique quality to it. Your time apart also has a unique quality to it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're curious about people, which keeps your tasks interesting. You'll keep wondering what motivates others. You'll be surprised at what you learn by asking a few good questions. It doesn't take many, it just takes the right ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As members of the kick-line know, everyone working in the same timing, energy and movement creates a powerful effect. A dancer who's able to kick higher than the others will, in the name of conformity, save that for another dance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Past pain can be like a virus on the hard drive of your consciousness. It may seem harmless enough. But until it is repaired, it will lie dormant,

waiting for the right moment to erupt. This is a good time to start working through it.

MARTIN FREEMAN

September 8

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not getting enough pleasure, relaxation and attention. It can feel strange to ask for these things or go out of your way to make them happen. On the bright side, simple adjustments may be all you need to restore balance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Action creates energy. But if you think without making a move, those thoughts will use energy without making more. So even if an action is a little hard or tiring, it will ultimately energize you more than if you did nothing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Where there are groups of people, there are cultures. Neighborhoods, families, companies, classrooms -all come with customs and rules to learn, use, break or ignore. You'll navigate a new culture very carefully today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love sends you on a mission. Your heart caries a question and your mind finds a way to answer it. Take care of yourself along the way

because this journey takes work and you'll be stretching and growing to get it done.

ADAM SANDLER

September 9

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When new people are around, you feel new too. When you're deciding who to add to your world, consider the version of yourself you tend to be around that person. Let that information factor into your decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may feel unsure of your place. It's not important that you fit in completely, just that you have a sense of getting along in your giveand-take. Focus on how well your



contribution serves the needs of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What costs more isn't necessarily worth more. You'll investigate and appraise to make sure you're making a sound deal. Thoroughness will matter. There's a temptation to make a snap decision, but this would be a mistake.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Playing together can build bonds, though working relationships are even better for this. The structure and rules around work make it a natural environment for getting to know people and building trust.

This week's featured eligible puppy is Peaches. Peaches is a 1½-year-old pug. She weighs 15 pounds. To meet Peaches and potentially adopt her, please contact Shelter of Hope at 805-379-3538.

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#### School Board, from page 1



Photos by Omar Reyes Benítez; Photo of Dodes by Harim Lee Clockwise from top left: BHUSD School Board candidates Judy Manouchehri, Michal Amir-Salkin, Rachelle Marcus, and Farrah Dodes at their candidacy kickoff events

managers. She also reflected on the work she still wants to do, like improving test scores and teaching methodology. "What will make us the best? Academics," said Marcus. "This can't happen without the best teachers and their continuing professional development."

The second event of the day belonged to Manouchehri, who was host to a sea of supporters wearing orange T-shirts on North Beverly Drive. Manouchehri is a construction and real estate attorney and hopes to use that experience in ironing out some of the developmental issues she claims are burdening the district. Among other topics, she highlighted the need for enhancing student activities, advancing security and strengthening the relationship between the district and the city in general. "It would be my pleasure to bring my professional expertise to the BHUSD, while it is at a crossroads in the construction program," said Manouchehri, referring to the ongoing improvements being made to the district's schools. "I also have a proven track record of being able to think independently and to put our district's needs at the forefront of my analysis."

Her speech was followed by supportive statements from former Board President, City Councilmember and Mayor Barry Brucker. "Judy Manouch ehri has the experience, temperament and love for our community," said Brucker.

The last kickoff of the day was on behalf of Amir-Salkin, a retired doctor who now teaches at USC's Keck School of Medicine. At her event on North Rexford Drive, Amir-Salkin expressed her hopes to strengthen relationships with California universities, improve communication across the community and increase accountability. "I am passionate, but I'm not partisan," said Amir-Salkin. "BHUSD is not an island, it's part of the larger community. There is a tremendous need for open, honest communication between the district and the families."

One weekend before the three-candidate kickoff on Aug. 28, Dodes held her own event at a home on North Beverly Drive. Dodes is a familiar face in the district, serving as the President of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation, Horace Mann PTA Executive Board Communications Co-Chair and is on the Beverly Vista Middle School Site Council. Dodes is concerned with strengthening community and family engagements through events, eliminating worries around safety, widening mental health support and raising academic standings.

"Will I ensure, as a board member, that there is a clear path of accountability, oversight and addresses at regular intervals? Yes," said Dodes. "But I desperately want this board to get back to focusing the majority of its time on its primary objective: the education of our kids and truly achieving academic excellence."

LaVoice told the Courier that she has yet to finalize the date of her kickoff. "Right now, I'm allocating my resources and spending time knocking on doors, engaging with the community one-on-one to spread my campaign message," she said.

Beverly Hills residents will have the opportunity to vote for their two preferred candidates on Nov. 8. •

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#### Retrofit Update, from page 1

The elevators have also been extended to service all the way up to the tower floors, covering nine floors opposed to the previous five. Construction is currently in the process of reinforcing the roof area, so that a roof deck can be applied and used as an outdoor terrace area.

The next step for construction is to make tenant improvements, which is expected to take a couple years. This part of the project is still in the engineering, design and funding stages and will include more office conversions.

For now, Mandana is excited about the completion of the initial stage.

"Phase one significantly improves the tower performance, overall seismic performance of the building and helps ensure occupant safety," said Mandana. "What

#### Faraday, from page 1 business very long.

"Based on its recurring losses from operations since inception and continued cash outflows from operating activities," according to the filing, "the company has concluded that there is substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern for a period of one year."

Brian Cuyler, a senior manager at Faraday, gave the commission the glass half-full version. Cuyler stated that though no cars have been made, they could very well be manufactured and sold by the end of 2022.

"The first vehicles will be delivered in quarter four of this year," Cuyler said.

Asked by Commissioner Jeff Wolfe if the cars were in "pre-production" then, Cuyler said such information is "confidential."

"I want you guys to succeed. We need that space filled," said Commissioner Peter Ostroff. "But there seem to be a lot of hurdles and not insignificant ones."

Ostroff and Wolfe inquired with David Snow, Assistant City Attorney for Beverly Hills, what relevancy Faraday's shaky future might have with approving the showroom.

"If, unfortunately, they did not become successful, then presumably that would become an issue with the lease agreement," Snow replied. "I don't think it's really relevant to the finding you need to make."

Snow's answer eventually assured Commissioners.

"The situation is between the landlord and tenant," Demeter said. "I don't really think it's in our purview."

Other news and notes from the Thursday hearing:

Commissioners allowed a few zoning variants for a mansion at 910 Alpine Drive owned by real estate investor Alon Abady. The changes call for removing two trees and adding a tennis court and lights to a property that is more than 15,000 square feet.

Abady's pre-hearing preparation included having Commissioners tour the premise. The homeowner also solicited the written approval of several neighbors including erstwhile music mogul David Geffen.

Commissioners did probe at length the property's arborist, Lisa Smith of the Tree Resource, about the removal and addition of

excites me is for people to walk away and say nothing has changed, yet the building is a lot safer."

In addition to construction, additional security modifications have taken effect at City Hall. The building is now secured with metal detectors at the entrance. The Beverly Hills Office of Emergency Management oversees all security measures, making sure the building is free of any threats.

"In this ever-changing security environment, we want to make sure that we're prioritizing the safety and security of our staff and all the patrons to City Hall," Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed told the Courier.

"Over the past few years Nastec, Covered 6 and the Real Time Watch Center have been part of ongoing facility security upgrades and studies." •

various trees. Part of the variance included allowing a Weeping Fig and an Evergreen Pear tree to be cut.

"Trees are wonderful," said Ostroff. "But only if they are the right trees in the right place."

A permit was granted for a cosmetic spa at 421 North Rodeo Drive, titled the Spa de Med Wellness Institute. The shop will offer Beverly Hills residents and visitors plastic surgery, facials, and intravenous vitamin infusions among other treatments.

The project owner is Daryoush Mahboubi-Fardi, a Beverly Hills real estate investor and retailer since the 1970s.

The Planning Department updated commissioners on revisions to the 2021-29 Housing Element, the eight-year plan to meet all housing needs of its community members that must be approved by the state of California's Housing and Community Development Department.

Beverly Hills meets "most of the statutory requirements," according to the state. Instructions for changes included adding affordable housing counselors. A revised version indicates the city will partner with Los Angeles-based nonprofit Bet Tzedek Legal Services on housing assistance.

Commission members did not dive too much into the voluminous document during the meeting.

But they did offer observations.

"I don't have a lot of questions but I have a lot of comments," Ostroff said. "We are not to blame for this."

Ostroff was referring to the housing shortage gripping California, one that has prompted the state to place new affordable housing requirements on local governments.

"We don't have any restrictive zoning that anyone could rationally point out," Ostroff continued. "Again, I would stress it's not our fault."

Demeter, on the other hand, mentioned the city's racially restricted covenants, in place while Beverly Hills was built up throughout the early to mid 20th century.

The Chair also noted that, in negotiating with the state, Beverly Hills has unusual aspects to its housing layout.

"We don't have any pockets of poverty," Demeter said. "We couldn't identify an area that was not affluent." •

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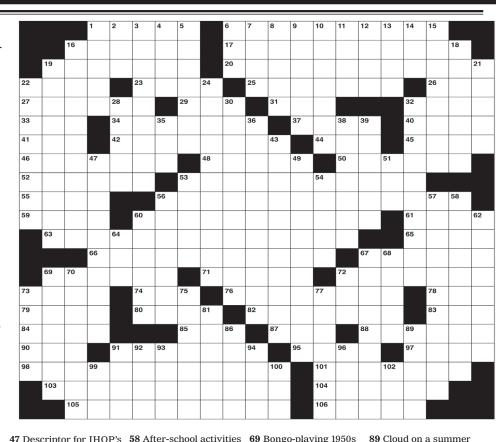
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# **Police Blotter**

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

#### ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED

8/15/2022, 10:40 p.m. at CLIFTON WAY /N. CANON DRIVE

8/15/2022, 10:59 a.m. at CLIFTON WAY /N. CANON DRIVE

8/2/2022, 9 p.m. at CLIFTON WAY /N. CANON DRIVE

#### ASSAULT - SIMPLE

8/26/2022, 9:52 a.m. at 100 Block of S. MAPLE DRIVE

8/26/2022, 7:55 a.m. at 100 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

8/23/2022, 11:22 a.m. at 100 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

8/19/2022, 5:55 p.m. at 100 Block of N. ROBERTSON BLVD.

8/16/2022, 8:50 p.m. at N. CANON DRIVE / N. SANTA MONICA BLVD.

8/16/2022, 10:30 p.m. at 300 Block of S. WILLAMAN DRIVE

#### **BURGLARY** -**COMMERCIAL BUILDING**

8/25/2022, 5:45 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/22/2022, 9:59 a.m. at 8700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/19/2022, 3:39 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

8/17/2022, 4:34 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/13/2022, 4:47 a.m. at 9700 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/11/2022, 4:03 a.m. at 9400 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

8/5/2022, 4:30 p.m. at 8300 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/2/2022, 4:47 a.m. at 200 Block of S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.

#### **BURGLARY** -**CONSTRUCTION SITE**

8/24/2022, 11 p.m. at 9200 Block of OLYMPIC BLVD.

8/12/2022, 11:30 a.m. at 400 Block of N. CAMDEN DRIVE

#### **BURGLARY - FROM A** MOTOR VEHICLE

8/19/2022, 6:30 p.m. at 100 Block of REEVES DRIVE

8/18/2022, 8:30 p.m. at 100 Block of N. ALMONT DRIVE

8/17/2022, 8:05 a.m. at 100 Block of N. SAN VICENTE BLVD.

8/16/2022, 8:25 a.m. at 8800 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

8/16/2022, 3 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

8/16/2022, 3:30 p.m. at 400 Block of N. RODEO DRIVE

8/11/2022, 6:30 p.m. at S. REXFORD DRIVE / GREGORY WAY

8/10/2022, 1:41 a.m. at 400 Block of SPALDING DRIVE

8/9/2022, 1 p.m. at 300 Block of N. CRESCENT DRIVE

8/9/2022, 2:11 a.m. at 400 Block of S. ROXBURY DRIVE

8/9/2022, 10 p.m. at 400 Block of SPALDING DRIVE

#### BURGLARY -**RESIDENTIAL** (COMMON AREA)

8/10/2022, 8 a.m. at 300 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

#### BURGLARY -**RESIDENTIAL** (HOME OCCUPIED)

8/26/2022, 5:03 p.m. at 500 Block of HILLCREST ROAD

#### **BURGLARY** -**RESIDENTIAL (NO ONE** HOME)

8/26/2022, 5:03 p.m. at 500 Block of HILLCREST ROAD

8/27/2022, 3:35 a.m. at 200 Block of S. HAMILTON DRIVE

8/22/2022, 10 a.m. at 1700 Block of ANGELO DRIVE

8/22/2022, 6 p.m. at 400 Block of N. MAPLE DRIVE

8/21/2022, 12 p.m. at 200 Block of S. HAMILTON DRIVE

8/13/2022, 7 p.m. at 700 Block of FOOTHILL ROAD 8/12/2022, 6:34 p.m.

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Block of N. PALM DRIVE 8/5/2022, 8:57 p.m. at

1100 Block of HILLCREST ROAD

8/4/2022, 4:30 p.m. at 300 Block of N. PALM DRIVE

8/3/2022, 9:40 p.m. at 100 Block of N. HAMILTON DRIVE 8/2/2022, 11 a.m. at 1100

Block of SAN YSIDRO DRIVE

Block of S. RODEO DRIVE

#### **DUI ARREST**

8/29/2022, 2:08 a.m. at N. ROBERTSON BLVD. / CLIFTON WAY

8/26/2022, 11:35 p.m. at N. SANTA MONICA BLVD. /N. CAMDEN DRIVE

8/21/2022, 2:27 a.m. at BEVERLY BLVD. /N. MAPLE DRIVE

8/3/2022, 6:38 p.m. at 8600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE **THEFT**

8/29/2022, 7 p.m. at **REEVES. DRIVE /** GREGORY WAY

8/28/2022, 10 p.m. at REEVES. DRIVE / CHARLEVILLE BLVD.

8/28/2022, 8:45 p.m. at 200 Block of S. GALE DRIVE

8/2/2022, 10 a.m. at 400

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Block of S. PALM DRIVE 8/10/2022, 10 p.m. at 300 Block of N. MAPLE DRIVE

8/4/2022, 9 a.m. at 400 Block of S. REXFORD DRIVE

#### **ROBBERY**

8/19/2022, 2:45 p.m. at 9600 Block of WILSHIRE BLVD.

7/13/2022, 6:44 p.m. at 200 Block of S. ALMONT DRIVE

7/7/2022, 10:10 p.m. at 300 Block of S. BEVERLY DRIVE

7/3/2022, 5:47 p.m. at 300 Block of S. LINDEN DRIVE

### TOO TOXIC **TO TRASH** FREE Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event Saturday, September 24 • 9AM – 3PM er on 3rd St. **Beverly Hills City Streets** West 3<sup>rd</sup> St. between Foothill Rd. & Civic Center Dr.

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# **Public Notices**

#### REVISED NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PROPOSED OPERATIONAL CHANGES AT THE VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2012091034

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, acting in the capacity of "Lead Agency" under the County Environmental Guidelines, Chapter III, Section 304, has filed a "Notice of Completion and Availability" of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the Project. This document has been prepared in accordance with, and pursuant to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended; Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.; and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (State CEQA Guidelines), California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Chapter 15000 et seq., (including Section 15160).

#### PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The formal public review period for the Draft SEIR is from **July 22**, **2022** to **September 6**, **2022**. All comments received by the closing of the public review period will be considered in the Final SEIR. (The previous notice indicated that the public review period would end on September 5, 2022. Because September 5, 2022 is a public holiday, the public review period has been extended to September 6, 2022.)

#### SITE LOCATION

The Project Site encompasses the Virginia Robinson Gardens, located at 1008 Elden Way in the City of Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County, California on a 6.2-acre parcel (location map attached). The Project Site is located within a fully developed area of the City of Beverly Hills on County property, at the top of a hill above Sunset Boulevard at the end of a cul-de-sac (Elden Way). The property is a terraced, irregularly shaped parcel bound by residential uses on all sides. The Project Site features the main residence, pool pavilion, trees, dense vegetation, and other landscape and built features.

#### PROPOSED PROJECT

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing changes to expand the use of Virginia Robinson Gardens for increased public access and benefit. Specifically, the following operational changes are proposed:

	Existing	Proposed
Days Open and Hours	<ul> <li>Monday to Saturday; 6 days per week.</li> <li>9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monday to Sunday; 7 days a week.</li> <li>9:30 a.m. to sunset</li> </ul>
Number of Patrons in Attendance	<ul> <li>With advance reservation.</li> <li>Up to 100 visitors per day of docent tours, seminar/classes, or commercial filming (video only, no motion picture) or a combination of any of these activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>With advance reservation.</li> <li>Up to 200 visitors per day for docent tours, seminar/classes, or commercial filming (video only, no motion picture) or a combination of any of these activities.</li> </ul>
Types of Events	<ul> <li>Offer children's programming.</li> <li>Schedule staff and public programming such as temporary exhibits, health and physical fitness activities, painting, wine and cooking classes etc.</li> <li>Institute subsidized musical and performing arts programs, and movie screenings.</li> <li>Subject matter for events to be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In addition to the existing type of events listed to the left, propose adding private and family ceremonies such as weddings.</li> </ul>
Special Uses	<ul> <li>4 special use events per year. Tickets are sold to regulate the number of visitors to ensure safety and a quality experience.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Up to 24 special use events per year; up to 4 events per month. Tickets would continue to be sold to regulate the number of visitors to ensure safety and a quality experience.</li> </ul>
Parking	<ul> <li>With advance reservation:</li> <li>Parking on property (35 spaces available).</li> <li>No parking permitted on Elden Way.</li> <li>For special events, offsite parking is made available, so guests are shuttled to the estate. Valet service is also utilized.</li> <li>Visitor drop-off and walk-ins allowed.</li> <li>All events require a parking/transportation plan.</li> <li>Promote the use of shuttle service to reduce the number of trips to the Gardens.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In addition to existing conditions listed to the left, promote the use of public transit and ridesharing such as Lyft/Uber.</li> </ul>

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The SEIR concludes that implementation of the proposed operational changes would result in new significant traffic impacts. Based on the Project trip generation analysis, the proposed operation changes would result in 100 net new daily vehicle trips. All of these trips would use local roadways to access the Project Site, and all of the trips would use Elden Way to access the Project Site driveway. Based on traffic counts on Elden Way conducted for the previous 2014 SEIR environmental analysis, volumes on that roadway range from 150 to 275 vehicles each day. The current Project operations add 50 vehicles per day to the same road segment, based on 100 daily visitors, an assumption of two persons per vehicle, and one inbound trip and one outbound trip. The Project addition of up to 100 additional trips each day on Elden Way would cause increases in volumes that range from 38 percent to 57 percent. The City of Beverly Hills maximum impact threshold of 16 percent would be exceeded every day of the week.

Feasible physical improvements for the local roadway volume impact on Elden Way were not identified, nor were feasible project mitigation measures identified that would reduce the number of Project trips to a level where the local impact is less than significant. The Proposed Project's impact to Elden Way would be significant and unavoidable.

All other potential impacts identified would be mitigated to less-than-significant levels.

#### **REVIEWING LOCATIONS**

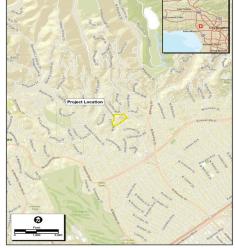
The Draft SEIR is available for public review starting on **July 22**, **2022 through <u>September</u> 6, 2022** at the following website: <u>https://parks.lacounty.gov/environmental-documents/</u>, and at the following locations:

City of Beverly Hills Public LibraryVirginia Robinson Gardens444 N. Rexford Drive1008 Elden WayBeverly Hills, California 90210Beverly Hills, California 90210(Please call (310) 550-2065 to make an appointment)

**County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation** 1000 S. Fremont Ave. Unit #40 A-9 West, 3rd Floor Alhambra, California 91083 (Please call (626) 588-5317 to make an appointment)

#### COMMENTS

Please submit written comments on the Draft SEIR by **September 6, 2022** to Ms. Jui Ing Chien, Park Planner, Department of Parks and Recreation at the above address. You may also email your comments to jchien@parks.lacounty.gov. Should you have any questions, please call (626) 588-5317.



PROJECT VICINITY MAP

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-R-13421**

#### RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS FIXING THE RATE OF TAXES TO PAY THE BONDED AND OTHER VOTER-APPROVED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills does resolve as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to law, there hereby is fixed and levied the rate of taxes, designated in the number of cents upon each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value to be taxed as assessed by the County Assessor and equalized by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, as set forth in Section 2 hereof.

**Section 2.** Upon all of the taxable property in each of the taxing districts within the City of Beverly Hills, there hereby is fixed and levied the rate of taxes as follows:

#### All Districts \$0.041611

The rate so fixed is needed to raise the amount necessary to make annual payments for other indebtedness of the City approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage, in accordance with Section 36936.1 of the Government Code; shall certify to the adoption and publishing of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and her certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of this City.

#### Adopted: August 23, 2022

#### LILLBOSSE

Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST: HUMA AHMED (SEAL) City Clerk

Approved as to form: LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney Approved as to content: GEORGE CHAVEZ City Manager

JEFF S. MUIR Director of Finance

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