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Team Beverly Hills 2016-17 Graduates Charged with Call to Civic Duty

Beverly Hills, Calif. - At last week's graduation ceremony for Team Beverly Hills—the City's popular leadership and educational program for residents—Mayor John Mirisch gave a charge to the graduates to remain active in civic life. "Seventy percent of the current commissioners on the City's eleven commissions are Team Beverly Hills Alumni," said Mirisch. "We hope that you will put this valuable experience into practice by perhaps not only applying for a commission, but by volunteering your time to serve our wonderful community."

At the graduation ceremony, the Beverly Hills City Council proudly recognized the 41 graduates of the six-month program, which features nine class sessions and interactive experiences with various City departments. Since 1996, over 640 residents have completed Team Beverly Hills, which confirms its popularity among community members. "This program was created not only to encourage leadership, celebrate community and encourage civic involvement, but it was also created to give the city an inventory of people that were knowledgeable about issues so that when they got involved, their knowledge and contribution to the city would be that much greater," said Larry Kohn, Team Beverly Hills Chairperson.

Larry Kohn recognized Gisele Grable, Interim Assistant Director of Community Services and Team BH City Liaison, for being the "heart and soul" of the program. He also gave a shout out to Stephanie Harris, Management Analyst, for her contribution to the program as well. "I think you'll agree after meeting the people that make Beverly Hills a wonderful community, as well as the staff who do such an amazing job in running the city, that it's no surprise that Beverly Hills is recognized as the glorious city that it is."

Through programs such as Team Beverly Hills, citizens each year become more involved and informed about their city and community. Not only are seventy percent of Team BH alumni serving as Commissioners on one of the City's eleven Commissions, but over 100 members regularly volunteer their time at City events, programs and even directly assisting City Departments throughout the year.

To learn more about Team Beverly Hills, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/teambeverlyhills or call (310) 285-1023.

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Team Beverly Hills Class of 2016-17:

Rich Baron
Matti Bialer
Trisha Bodaghi
Monica-Leah Kertesz Brener
Laren Grace Escobar
Joseph Fletcher, III
Allana Friedman
Judy Friedman
Daniela Haber
Sharon Ignarro
Rose Kaiserman
Steven Kamara
Theresa Kaplan
Carmen Kobor
Jacqueline Kraus
Paul Lerner
Donald Light
Joshua Lobel
Harold Markowitz, M.D.
Mitchell Miller

Jessica Moghaddam
Sara Okum
Benjamin Parnassi
Asher Pergament
Kip Perlson
Meredith Chunyi Qian
Ronald Richards
Nicholas Rimedio
Emily Rothstein
Joy Schneider
Jennifer Schreiber
Elliot Shirwo
Artin Sodaify
Seth Soloway
Paul Supnik
Susan Tamir
Charlie Tercek
Jodie Bell Ticknor
Dorothy Weiss
Bahare Yektafar
Herb Young

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