



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

and

Teleconferencing Location:  
2249 Poipu Rd., Conf. Rm.  
Koloa, HI 96756

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Monday, August 22, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: August 22, 2022 / 4:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commission Secretary Karen Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne and Chair Chang

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Fire Chief Gregory Barton, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed, Utilities General Manager Robert Welch, Water Quality Specialist Jason Dyogi, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson, Program Operations Specialist Gabriel Mier, and Commission Secretary Karen Gutierrez

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

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## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

By order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Resolution of the Health and Safety Commission of the City of Beverly Hills continuing to authorize public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to government code section 54953(e) and making findings and determinations regarding the same**

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Health and Safety Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker to approve the resolution as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, Chair Chang

NOES: None

- 2. Consideration of minutes from the regular Health and Safety Commission meeting on July 25, 2022.**

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Rosenthal to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, Chair Chang

NOES: None

## **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative Rachele Marcus spoke about the District’s Community Pledge and Civility Bylaw and the successful commencement of another school year. Rachele introduced Beverly Hills High School Associated Student Body President Ashley Jourabchi and Student Board Member Alix Boddin who addressed Commission inquiries.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo updated the Commission on incidents and community outreach programs, including Neighborhood Watch and Citizen’s Academy. The Police and Fire Departments conducted an Active Shooter training exercise on August 12, 2022 at Hawthorne Elementary School. The training exercise entailed collaboration from members of the Beverly Hills Unified School District, City partners,

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community members for the safety of students, faculty, and anyone who works and visits the schools.

- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Platoon Battalion Timothy Hayes spoke on incidents and response metrics. He reported on staff training, continuing education as well as the Active Shooter training exercise held at Hawthorne Elementary School for student safety. He spoke on the completion of the City’s brush inspections and the Rapid Extraction Module Support (REMS) deployment to the Oak Fire in Mariposa County and Yeti Complex Fire in Northern California near the McKinney Fire. There were no injuries reported.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**3. Health and Safety Recognition Program**

The Health and Safety Commission will honor those who have demonstrated leadership in the field of health and safety issues or contributed to the mission of the Health and Safety Commission. The Commission will recognize Shirley Reitman, Southern Coordinator for the JUST IN CASE BEVERLY HILLS program and member of the Police Department’s Chief Advisory Panel.

The Commission recognized community leader Shirley Reitman for the Health and Safety Recognition Program.

Vera Markowitz provided a public comment.

**4. COVID-19 Update**

Provides information and a discussion on a variety of topics related to the COVID-19 emergency and what the community should know.

Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed updated the Commission on a variety of COVID-19 metrics including cases, vaccination, and statistics specific to the Beverly Hills community. Staff reviewed the current Los Angeles County COVID-19 community levels and protective measures. Staff also provided an overview on Monkeypox, spoke on the current health order and the City’s continued response to the pandemic. Staff addressed Commissioner inquiries.

Resources available:

- For the latest updates on COVID-19, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus](http://www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus).
- For information on therapeutics, visit [www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines](http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines).
- For information on vaccines, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) or call 211.
- For testing, visit [www.covid19.lacounty.gov/test](http://www.covid19.lacounty.gov/test) or call 211.

**5. Outdoor Warning Siren System Update**

Provides an informational update on the status of the Citywide Outdoor Warning Siren System.

Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed provided an update on Citywide Outdoor Warning Siren System. The update includes providing an additional layer of emergency

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notification redundancy, primarily for those who are outdoors. The Public Works Department is working in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management. The City is looking forward to receiving bid proposals from vendors. Staff plans to bring the item forward to the City Council in mid-Fall.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 6. Power Outages and Preparedness Tips

A presentation by Southern California Edison on electrical power outages and preparedness.

Southern California Edison Government Relations Manager Diane Forte and Business Customer Division Outage Team Manager Eric Taitano presented to the Commission. Eric Taitano gave an overview of the different types of outages, which included maintenance outage, repair outage, emergency outage, and rotating outage. He shared ways the community can keep informed and on building an outage preparedness kit. The outage team is working alongside the Office of Emergency Management to provide tips and other resources to the community.

Resources available:

- Business Customer Division Outage Communications Hotline 855-683-9067
- Business Customer Division Outage Team Email [scepoc@sce.com](mailto:scepoc@sce.com)
- Edison Outage Center [www.sce.com/outage](http://www.sce.com/outage)
- Are you prepared for a power outage? Update your contact information at <https://www.sce.com/mysce/login>
- Ways to stay online during an outage <https://energized.edison.com/stories/ways-to-stay-connected-online-during-a-power-outage>
- Watch a short video – Understanding Maintenance Outage Notifications [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1CzSNY\\_9Oo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1CzSNY_9Oo)

### 7. National Preparedness Month

Information on a nationwide campaign held each September on emergency preparedness.

Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed spoke on the nationwide campaign held each September promoting disaster mitigation throughout the community. She encouraged the community to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies by making a plan, building a supply kit, and teaching the youth about preparedness.

Resources available:

- City of Beverly Hills Website: [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org)
- City of Beverly Hills Earthquake Reporting App: [www.beverlyhills.org/reportaquake](http://www.beverlyhills.org/reportaquake)
- City of Beverly Hills Disaster Hotline: (310)550-4680
- Radio: 1500 AM
- TV: Channels 10 and 35
- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/beverlyhillsoem](https://www.twitter.com/beverlyhillsoem)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cityofbevhill](http://www.facebook.com/cityofbevhill)

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- Nixle: Text BEVHILLS and BHPDALERT to 888-777

### **8. Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality)**

Provides a presentation on the 2021 Water Quality Report for the City of Beverly Hills. Water Quality Specialist Jason Dyogi provided an informational report. He spoke on the Federal reporting requirements, water regulations and compliance, and the department's exceeding regulatory requirements. He shared additional information on Beverly Hills tap water safety and water conservation. Staff addressed Commission inquiries.

Resources available:

- The Consumer Confidence Report is available online at [www.beverlyhills.org/waterqualityreports](http://www.beverlyhills.org/waterqualityreports).
- Public Works Department Customer Service: [AskPW@beverlyhills.org](mailto:AskPW@beverlyhills.org) and (310) 285-2467.

### **9. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Update**

A progress summary for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan including activities completed to date and upcoming steps towards the adoption of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

David Gingold provided a public comment.

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo provided an update on greenhouse gas mitigation measures and its priority mitigation measures of carbon free electricity, building decarbonization, complete streets plan and other transportation mode shifts, clean vehicle measures, and compliance with SB 1383 organics and food waste diversion. He also discussed adaptation measures and its priorities, which included community awareness, emergency response, heat mitigation and increased safety, wildfire and flood mitigation, and climate/resilience benefits in capital improvement planning and building design.

Staff thanked Vice Chair Hilborne and Commissioner Felsenthal for their participation as the Health and Safety Commission representatives in the Community Advisory Committee for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

More information can be found at [www.beverlyhills.org/BHCAAP](http://www.beverlyhills.org/BHCAAP).

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

None.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's Report
  - Chair Chang attended the July 11, 2022 and August 8, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights will be included in the October 3, 2022 Health and Safety Commission packet.

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- Commissioner Items – Commissioner Baker expressed potential health concerns regarding pets urinating at the parks where children play.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Director's Report
  - Staff shared information on upcoming events.
- Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information:
  1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Newsletter July-August 2022
  2. A Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan 2020-2025
  3. Warning Signs of Suicide
  4. Frequently Asked Questions About Suicide
    - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: August 22, 2022 / 6:44 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

*Kirk Chang*

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Kirk Chang, Chair