



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Monday, November 28, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: November 28, 2022 / 4:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Chang 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, Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson, Water Conservation Administrator Debby Dunn, Director of Community Services Jenny Rogers, Human Services Administrator Rachel Evans, Recreation Services Manager Christopher Paulson, Community Outreach Manager Stephanie Harris, 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.

No communications.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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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 Rosenthal 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 October 24, 2022.**

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Felsenthal, SECONDED by Vice Chair Hilborne 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, Rachelle Marcus, addressed the Commission. Highlights included the modular building dedicated to the BulldogAid Wellness Center for counseling services and other wellness activities; the partnership with the Beverly Hills Rotary and Beverly Hills Fire Department for the second annual Thanksgiving Food Drive; and the three-day training for BHUSD Board and Cabinet to attend the California School Board Association Annual Education Conference.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo provided an update on Police Department metrics and activities. Events like Halloween, women's freedom march, and holiday lighting events were safe and successful through collaborative efforts. The Department has a Mental Health Evaluation Team with two clinicians for anyone who may be in need. Motor vehicle break-ins are down and recommended to lock your vehicle, keep valuables out of sight, park inside your garage, and keep driveway well lighted.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes spoke on incidents and response metrics. He reported on staff training, such as the completion of the Rope

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Rescue Training at the Los Angeles County training center and reported on the success of the first annual Girls' Empowerment Camp. There were five significant incidents consisting of structure and brush fires. The two members on a Rapid Extraction Module Strike Team at the Mosquito Fire in Northern California returned safely. There were no red flag activations.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **3. Moment of Mindfulness**

Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, will lead the Commission in a Moment of Mindfulness.

This is a monthly recurring agenda item. Commissioner Felsenthal spoke on well-being. She shared a parable and led a guided meditation titled, "Self Embrace."

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Drought Update**

A presentation from the City's Water Conservation Administrator on current drought conditions and other environmental programs.

Water Conservation Administrator, Debby Dunn, presented on the current drought conditions and environmental programs. She gave an overview of the change in climate and noted that the current drought status of the United States is 57%. The City has increased drought education in the community and has promoted other events and programs like the Shredding and Free Compost event, the ban of all single-use plastic-ware and Styrofoam at restaurants, and placing organics in designated green bins. More information is found at [www.bhsaves.org](http://www.bhsaves.org).

### **5. Enhanced Services for the Unhoused**

Shares information on enhanced services to further assist the unhoused in Beverly Hills.

Recreation Services Manager Christopher Paulson, and Community Outreach Manager Stephanie Harris presented on the City Council-approved efforts to enhance services and further assist the unhoused in Beverly Hills. Key topics presented included the creation of a centralized 24-hour phone number at (310) 285-2468, implementation of case management software system called Apricot 360, strategic consultation for unhoused services with Consultant Abby Arnold, community engagement and planning, and expansion of outreach contracted through Step Up on Second. Staff also shared success stories: where seven individuals reunited with their families; secured shared housing; and staff provided 104 needs assessments.

### **6. 2023 Health and Safety Commission Meeting Dates**

Provides the proposed 2023 meeting dates schedule for the Health and Safety Commission.

The Commission discussed the proposed 2023 meeting dates.

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- Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).
- AYES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, Chair Chang
- NOES: None

**PROJECT UPDATES**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's Report
  - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – September 13, 2022
  - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – October 10, 2022
    - Chair Chang attended the September 13, 2022 and October 10, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights were included in the packet for Commissioners to read. He also attended the November 14, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights will be included in a future Health and Safety Commission packet.
- Commissioner Items
  - Commissioner Baker commented on the Health and Safety Supplemental Information titled Simple Activities for Children and Adolescents that was included in the packet.

**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 October 2022
  2. Beverly Hills Fire Department Presents Do's and Don'ts for Fire Escape In a Home
  3. Panic Disorder: When Fear Overwhelms
  4. Simple Activities for Children and Adolescents
  5. COVID-19 Information
    - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: November 28, 2022 / 5:58 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022

*Kirk Chang*

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Kirk Chang, Chair