



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

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

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Monday, October 03, 2022  
2:00 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: October 3, 2022 / 2:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Project Operations Specialist Gabriel Mier 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, Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson, Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed, 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.

Myra Demeter provided a public comment on a non-agenda item.

**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.

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## 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 August 22, 2022.**

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Felsenthal 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. Michelle Stradford was one of sixteen teachers selected for Teacher of the Year in the Los Angeles County. BHUSD participated in a Not Today Cancer 5K run to support cancer research; there were 217 registered participants. Fire and lockdown drills were conducted to educate students about safety. Rachelle announced upcoming events and distributed FAQ handout regarding the use of fentanyl drug; counseling is available for students, and a guest speaker is scheduled to discuss the issue.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo provided a summary report on significant activities including Driving Under the Influence (DUI) saturation patrol on August 26, 2022 and DUI check-point on September 9, 2022. He spoke on community outreach program Neighborhood Watch, Coffee with a Cop and the Black and White Gala. Lt. Trejo shared safety mitigation measures for the upcoming Halloween holiday.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – Fire Chief Gregory Barton introduced newly-appointed Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier. A-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes spoke on incidents and response metrics. He reported on staff training, continuing education and presented on the topic of Mutual Aid. EMS Administrator Sean Stokes updated the

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Commission on the Nurse Practitioner Program. He shared metrics, program outcomes, ET3 model, and steps ahead.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **3. WELL Health-Safety Rating Follow-up Review**

The Health and Safety Commission will provide a recommendation on the services and proposal related to the International Well Building Institute's WELL Health-Safety Rating Program.

This item was continued from the June 27, 2022 Health and Safety Commission meeting. Staff provided an overview, and Delos' Chief Executive Officer and founder of International Well Building Institute, Paul Scialla, presented and answered questions. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Commission requested additional time and/or information to further evaluate the proposed services being offered.

At this special meeting of October 3, 2022, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson provided a follow-up review. Staff conducted an all-encompassing external and internal research to provide cogent responses on discussion items that were posed at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Externally, staff reached out to the following entities: Delos, U.S. Green Building Council Los Angeles (*USGBC LA*), and the City of Miami (*Florida*). Nationwide, the City of Miami is the only confirmed municipality, out of approximately 30,000 incorporated cities, who enlisted and officially achieved the WELL Health-Safety rating. Based on the extensive research conducted between the WELL Health-Safety Rating website and numerous related articles, their current memberships are mainly comprised of private industries.

Internally, the research process involved various key City departments. They have been engaged to study and derive objective inputs on all pertinent questions, based on their respective subject matter expertise. Emergency Management, under the Policy and Management Department, appraised and provided responses on Emergency Preparedness Programs. Facilities/Water, under the Public Works Department, appraised and provided responses on Air & Water Quality Management, including Cleaning & Sanitation Procedures, while Risk Management, under the Human Resources Department, appraised and provided their responses on Stakeholder Engagement & Communication and Health Service Resources.

In lieu of the study, staff formulated both qualitative and quantitative cost-benefit analyses and employed the process of data triangulation, in order to obtain expert and fact-based responses.

Staff recommended the Health & Safety Commission to select one of the following options:

- Option-1: Recommending moving forward with the proposal to the City Council on the services being offered (*this option could also include an amendment to the proposal*);
- Option-2: Not recommending moving forward with the proposed services being offered;

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- Option-3: Requesting additional time and/or information to further evaluate the proposed services being offered;
- Option-4: Additional or other direction to staff.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hilborne, SECONDED by Chair Chang to select Option 1: Recommending moving forward with the proposal to the City Council on the services being offered (this option could also include an amendment to the proposal) as presented (2-3).

AYES: Vice Chair Hilborne, and Chair Chang

NOES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker

Motion failed.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Felsenthal, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker to select Option 3: Requesting additional time and/or information to further evaluate the proposed services being offered as amended, with an 18-month timeframe (5-0).

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

NOES: None

Motion passed.

#### **4. 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 and led a guided meditation with silent reflection.

#### **5. 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, hospitalizations, and protective measures. Staff spoke on the Monkeypox, the current health order and the City's continued response to the pandemic. Staff addressed the Commission's inquiries.

Resources available:

- For the latest updates on COVID-19, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus](http://www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus).

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- For information on therapeutics, visit [www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines](http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines) or call (833) 540-0473.
- 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.
- For information on Monkeypox [www.ph.LACounty.gov/MonkeypoxSignup](http://www.ph.LACounty.gov/MonkeypoxSignup) or call (833) 540-0473.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 6. Great Shakeout Drill

An informational presentation on how to DROP, COVER and HOLD and protect ourselves when an earthquake occurs.

Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed presented on the Great Shakeout Drill, scheduled for October 20, 2022, at 10:20 a.m. The City of Beverly Hills will join the statewide drill, where participants will DROP, COVER and HOLD. More information can be found at [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org).

### 7. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

An informational presentation on the CERT Program.

Project Operations Specialist Gabriel Mier spoke on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program focused on providing emergency preparedness and natural disaster response training. The Commission viewed a video about the program.

Resources available:

- To sign-up for training or to contact the department:  
Website [www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/cert/certsignup/](http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/cert/certsignup/)  
Email [CERT@beverlyhills.org](mailto:CERT@beverlyhills.org)  
Phone (626) 766-8916

### 8. 2022 Conflict of Interest Code

State Law requires that each local agency review its Conflict of Interest Code every year.

Formal approval of the 2022 Conflict of Interest Code was required per the City of Beverly Hills' Conflict of Interest Resolution and for the City to be in compliance with the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker to adopt the 2022 Conflict of Interest Code, with Exhibits A and B, for the Health and Safety Commission of the City of Beverly Hills as presented (5-0).

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

NOES: None

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Motion passed.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's Report
  - Chair Chang attended the July 11, 2022, August 8, 2022, and September 13, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights of the July 11, 2022 and August 8, 2022 meetings were included in the October 3, 2022 Health and Safety Commission packet. Highlights from the September 13, 2022 meeting will be included in the October 24, 2022 Health and Safety Commission packet.
  - Commissioner Baker spoke on the 2022 Legislative Platform on AB 1713 (The Idaho Stop) as well as the Driver Behavior Detection Pilot Program and requested the topics to be heard at a future Health and Safety Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Items
  - Commissioner Felsenthal brought forward the idea to support the continued prohibition of the sale of flavored tobacco as a continued business from the Health and Safety Commission.
  - Commissioner Baker spoke on Proposition 31.

**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 September 2022
  2. After the Earthquake: Helping Young Children Heal (NCTSN)
  3. Do's and Don'ts Fire Escape in Home & Home Fire Escape Plan (BHFD)
  4. Home Safety Tips for Kids (NFPA)
  5. Cooking Safety in the Kitchen (NFPA) Cooking Safety in the Kitchen (NFPA)
    - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

*Kirk Chang*

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Kirk Chang, Chair