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New Team Beverly Hills Class Members Announced *City's Training Program for Residents Launches the 2015-2016 Session*

Beverly Hills, Calif. – The popular Team Beverly Hills program – the City's leadership and educational program for residents – is proud to announce its 2015-2016 team members. The complete list is below.

The Beverly Hills City Council has appointed 42 new members for the six-month leadership and educational program which provides a hands-on look at how local government works through nine class sessions and interactive experiences with various City departments. The program will kick off its 20th year in September.

"We are extremely pleased with our future leaders and volunteers who will participate in this unique, informative and interactive experience," said Gisele Grable, Community Services Administrator. "Every class is different and highlights various City operations including public works, emergency management, information technology, library, recreation and parks, and public safety."

Through programs such as Team Beverly Hills, citizens each year become more involved and informed about their city and community. Since its inception in 1996, 578 residents have completed Team Beverly Hills and have gone on to become leaders and volunteers throughout the city. Currently, 69 percent of Commissioners serving on one of the City's 11 Commissions are Team BH alumni members and over 100 members regularly volunteer their time at City events, programs and even directly assist City Departments. Additionally, two elected officials, Mayor Julian Gold, M.D. and City Treasurer Eliot Finkel, are also alumni members.

To learn more about Team Beverly Hills and fill out an application online, please visit <u>www.beverlyhills.org/teambeverlyhills</u> or call (310) 285-1023. The next application period will occur in April, 2016.

Mahnaz Sharifi Ardani	Jacob Ellenhorn	David Konheim	Anita Komlos Sherman
Iris Aviram	Justin Friedman*	Laurie Lande	Michael Simmons
Jim Berkus	Neil Gordon	Jonathan Lavi	Anthony Spann
Robert Block	Martin Halfon	Deborah Lee*	Sam Storm
Karla Gordy Bristol	Swire Ho	Vera Markowitz	Russell Stuart
Angelia Chirichigno	Julian Javor	Jessica McClain	Matthew Sweeney
Vanessa Cisterna	Kathy Javor	Barbara Pergament	Ilan Tamir
Ashley Curiel	Rachel Kadar	Gayle Rosenberg	Sharon Thomas
Herman David	Negar Kamara	Ilene Rotenberg	Rachelle Tobia
Deana Delshad	Alexander Kashfi	Richard Schreiber	Donna Tryfman
		Tamar Seff	Phyllis Yosef

*BHHS student participants