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## **Team Beverly Hills Appoints 42 New Members to the 2016-17 Program** ***City's Leadership and Educational Program for Residents in its 21<sup>st</sup> Year***

*Beverly Hills, Calif.* – The Team Beverly Hills program – the City's leadership and educational program that has been popular among its residents for 20 years – is proud to announce the appointment of its twenty-first class of team members for the 2016-2017 season. The complete listing 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 21<sup>st</sup> year in October.

“Residents want to learn more about how their City operates and how they can get involved in City government. This program provides that opportunity. We have been offering this program for 20 years now and it continues to be extremely popular. The City receives a high number of Team Beverly Hills applications each year, making it difficult to select candidates. We had over 75 applications this year and had an amazing pool of resident applicants to choose from. We are excited for our future leaders and volunteers who will participate in this unique, informative and interactive experience,” said Gisele Grable, Community Services Administrator.

Because of programs like Team Beverly Hills, citizens each year become more involved and informed about their city and community. Since its inception in 1996, over 600 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.

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

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## **Appointment of 2016-17 Team Beverly Hills Members**

Richard Baron  
Matti Bialer  
Trisha Bodaghi  
Monica-Leah Kertesz Brener  
Laren Grace Escobar  
Joseph Fletcher, III  
Allana Friedman  
Judy Friedman  
Daniela Haber  
Sharon Ignarro  
Thomas Javor  
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  
Jodi Bell Ticknor  
Dorothy Weiss  
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Herb Young

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