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## Team Beverly Hills 2015-16 Graduates Charged with Call to Civic Duty

Beverly Hills, Calif. - At last week's graduation ceremony for the popular Team Beverly Hills—the City's leadership and educational program for residents—Mayor Julian Gold gave a charge to the graduates to remain active in civic life.

At the graduation ceremony, the Beverly Hills City Council proudly recognized the 42 graduates of the six-month program, which features nine class sessions and interactive experiences with various City departments. "Since 1996, over 600 residents have completed Team Beverly Hills, which confirms its popularity among community members," said Gisele Grable, Community Services Administrator and Team BH City Liaison.

City Council and Team Beverly Hills Chairperson Larry Kohn recognized Gisele Grable with a Proclamation and award for her 20 years of service and dedication to the program. Larry Kohn, says, "Gisele is the heart and soul of Team Beverly Hills. For 20 years she has been the primary force in organizing the programs and making sure that they run smoothly. In addition, she has done an extraordinary job of making each team member feel welcome with her personal attention and support."

Through programs such as Team Beverly Hills, citizens each year become more involved and informed about their city and community. Currently, 70 percent of Commissioners serving on one 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 assisting City Departments.

To learn more about Team Beverly Hills, please visit <a href="www.beverlyhills.org/teambeverlyhills">www.beverlyhills.org/teambeverlyhills</a> or call (310) 285-1023.

## **Team Beverly Hills Class of 2015-16:**

Iris Davidov Aviram

Jim Berkus
Robert Block
Karla Gordy Bristol
Angelia Chirichigno
Vanessa Cisterna
Ashley Curiel
Herman David
Deana Delshad
Jacob Ellenhorn

Justin Friedman-BHHS student participant

Neil Gordon Martin Halfon Swire Ho Julian Javor Kathy Javor Rachel Kadar Negar Kamara

Alexander Amir Kashfi

David Konheim Laurie Lande Jonathan Lavi

Daborah Lee-BHHS student participant

Vera Markowitz Jessica McClain

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Barbara Pergament
Gayle Rosenberg
Ilene Rotenberg
Richard Schreiber
Tamar Seff
Mahnaz Sharifi
Anita Komlos Sherman
Michael Simmons
Anthony Spann
Sam Storm
Russell Stuart
Matthew Sweeney
Ilan Tamir
Sharon Thomas
Rachelle Tobias

Donna Tryfman Phyllis Yosef

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