



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION AND THE  
MEDICAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

**MINUTES**

Monday, December 21, 2020  
1:30 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: December 21, 2020 / 1:31 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Felsenthal, Hilborne, and Chang, Vice Chair Baker,  
Chair Nazarian

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch, David  
Yelton, Nestor Otazu, Meena Janmohamed, Gabrielle Ressa,  
Karen Gutierrez

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

One community member submitted a written public comment.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Regular Meeting on November  
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Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner CHANG to approve the minutes (5-0).

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Rachele Marcus, Board Vice President, introduced new BHUSD liaison Mary Wells. Mary Wells and Director of School Safety Scott Lovelace provided an oral presentation to the Commission. Topics included monitoring the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention metrics, school breaks, free meals for students, and a return to school safety plan. The liaisons highlighted their strong relations with other schools and a partnership with both the NormanAid Wellness Center and the Maple Counseling Center. The Commission congratulated Rachele Marcus for her services to the Health and Safety Commission in 2020.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Police Chief Dominick updated the Commission on Inauguration Day planning and public demonstrations.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 1. Health and Safety Employee Excellence Award

The Health and Safety Commission Employee Excellence Award recognizes employees who have gone beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the City's health and safety efforts. During the meeting, this award was given to Community Preservation Manager Nestor Otazu for his work enforcing the Beverly Hills Municipal Code Urgency Ordinance regarding face coverings and social distancing for the City of Beverly Hills. There was one public comment on this item.

### 2. COVID-19 Update

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on local, state, and nationwide COVID-19 statistics, the City's continued response, testing, contact tracing via California Notify, vaccine planning, the current health order, resources for residents on coping with stress and the loss of a loved one, and mental health.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 3. Health and Safety Accomplishments 2020

The Commission shared their comments and praise regarding the accomplishments for calendar year 2020.

### 4. Honoring Outgoing Commissioners

The Commission took a moment to honor outgoing Commissioner Daniel Nazarian, DMD. They expressed appreciation for working alongside Chair Nazarian as he made 2020 a productive year. The Commission thanked him for the opportunity. The last day of his term

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is December 31, 2020. Chair Nazarian thanked the Commission for an honorable 6 years for enhancing the safety of the Beverly Hills community.

**5. Outgoing / Incoming Chair and Vice Chair**

During this meeting, the Commission held a brief recognition of Chair Nazarian and Vice Chair Baker as well as incoming Chair Baker and Vice Chair Chang.

**6. 2021 Chair's Focus Area Topics, Areas of Interest, and Work Plan Initiatives**

For the 2021 year, the Commission discussed and approved the following:

- Area of Focus – Health and Safety Related Resiliency
- Item of Interest – Continue to support smoking related outreach, education, enforcement, and cessation.
- Work plan items for fiscal year 2021-2022 (budget)
  - Develop and complete opportunities for the Commission on a variety of health and safety resiliency related topics.
  - Continue to support smoking related outreach, education, enforcement, and cessation.
- The Commission will continue the tradition of honoring a community member, organization, or business that enhances the Health and Safety of the community. The Health and Safety awards will expand this year to now include a City employee that provides Health and Safety Excellence to the community. The Commission will have speakers on the topic of Health and Safety related resiliency, as well as receive updates from the Beverly Hills Unified School District, the Beverly Hills Police Department, and smoking updates from staff.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hilborne, SECONDED by Chair Nazarian to approve (5-0).

AYES: Commissioner Felsenthal, Hilborne, and Chang, Vice Chair Baker, Chair Nazarian

NOES: None

**7. Medical Advisory Task Force Discussion on COVID-19, Public Health, and Outside Dining**

There was one telephone public comment and three written public comments submitted for this item.

The Medical Advisory Task Force convened in a Joint Special Meeting with the Health and Safety Commission. This educational session was discussed at 3:00 PM.

The Commission received a Coronavirus Q&A for Consumers bulletin article and informative COVID treatment information and clinical trials. More information is available: <https://www.fda.gov>

The Medical Advisory Task Force provided feedback and addressed Commission inquiries during this meeting on COVID-19 topics including the importance of wearing face

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coverings, QR contact tracing, anti-virus immunization as well as the efficacy of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine, testing, vaccinations, and best practices for self-monitoring and unnecessary travel. The panel also discussed the transmission of the virus in children, immunization for high school students and teachers, exchanged feedback regarding service workers at restaurant establishments, (HIPAA) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act concerns, and the increase of hospitalized patients. More information can be obtained at the United States Food and Drug Administration website at <https://www.fda.gov>.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's Report
  - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – November 9, 2020
- Commissioner Items – none

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Director's Report – none
- Information Only
  - Commission Calendar

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: December 21, 2020 / 4:06 p.m.

*Cathy Baker*  
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Cathy Baker, Chair