

# DISTRICT UPDATE



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**Welcome to District 7**

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Dear Friends,

We will be holding a District 7 Summer Kick-off meeting on Saturday, June 2nd from 10:30 a.m. - Noon at Fire Station 34, 1360 E Del Mar Boulevard. Meet Interim Police Chief John Perez, learn about summer fire and crime safety and tour the station with our dedicated Fire personnel. Bring the kids! Hot dog lunch and lemonade will be served. Free parking is available in the Caltech parking structure just south of Station 34 on Holliston Avenue.



My last constituent coffee will be Thursday, June 7th before we take a summer hiatus in July and August. Join us at Peet's, 605 South Lake Avenue at 7:30 a.m.

## **CITY COUNCIL BEGINS BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2019**

**Join the Conversation**

## South Lake Business Association



## Green Street Village



## Pasadena Playhouse District



## [Mental Health Day is](#)

We are already deep in the budget process for 2019, and it will be a challenging year. We are committed to balancing the budget while doing our best to maintain quality in key service areas. It's particularly challenging given our aging infrastructure without any immediate solutions.

We do want to hear from you about what you feel is most important when looking at the budget. Click [Join The Conversation](#) to fill out a brief survey and tell us what you think should be the City's top priorities.

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## HOUSING DENSITY AND STATE MANDATES

### COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO RESEARCH MODIFICATION OF ZONING DENSITIES

On April 9, 2018, Planning and Community Development Department staff presented a study session discussion regarding growth and development in Pasadena. The presentation covered growth management efforts in the City, including the General Plan that was updated in 2015. Staff also provided an overview of state legislation relating to housing such as density bonus, including trends in density bonus projects and affordable housing concession permits issued by the City pursuant to state law requirements.

The City Council expressed some concerns regarding recent higher-density development projects and those currently in the pipeline, including some that received affordable housing concession permits for additional height and/or density in exchange for providing affordable housing units. A major concern was that the projects did not provide enough affordable housing to warrant the benefits of the concessions they received, and that the City should require additional public benefits in exchange for higher densities and additional height. **The overall sentiment was that the recent higher-density developments are not consistent with the character of the City.**

Rather than waiting for the completion of the Specific Plan updates, which are underway and scheduled for completion by 2021, the City Council directed staff to address these issues immediately. The Council provided the following direction to staff:

- Develop a legislative strategy to present to state lawmakers that would address Pasadena's specific concerns
- Prepare a short-term/interim ordinance that would reduce allowed density City-wide and stop overly dense developments
- Craft a long-term regulatory framework that would require developers to provide various community benefits, including more affordable housing, in order to reach the maximum densities allowed in the General Plan
- Explore ways to obtain more affordable units for density bonus projects, including possibly increasing the City's inclusionary housing requirements

To view a copy of the staff presentation, click [April 2018 Growth and Development in Pasadena](#).

**Saturday, May 19th**

**Pasadena Bike Week is  
May 14-19**

**Summer Day Camp  
Registration**

The good news is that SB827, a recent housing bill proposed by State Senator Scott Weiner, got defeated. This bill would have allowed developers building within a 1/2 mile radius of major transit stops to be exempt from local zoning requirements, including maximum controls on residential density, minimum parking requirements and maximum height limitations. The bill would completely overstep any zoning requirements that municipalities have in place around transit.

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## **SPECIFIC PLANNING WORKSHOPS BEGIN IN MAY**

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD ABOUT WHAT YOU  
WANT TO SEE IN THE SPECIFIC PLAN AREAS**

Starting this month, the City of Pasadena will host a series of community workshops as part of "Our Pasadena - Putting the Plan in Motion," the citywide program to implement Pasadena's General Plan. These workshops will focus on individual Specific Plan Areas of the General Plan. The workshops will be tailored to each Specific Plan, providing opportunities for community members to share ideas for each area.

I encourage you to attend the workshop in your neighborhood and share your thoughts and ideas about what you want to see in these areas - including density and setback requirements. This is our opportunity to shape what we want to see in future development.

The Specific Plan workshops begin on May 17 in East Pasadena and run through the summer in the following neighborhoods:

1. East Pasadena: Thursday, May 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Armenian General Benevolent Union
2. South Fair Oaks: Thursday, May 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles College of Music
3. Lincoln Avenue: Thursday, June 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church
4. North Lake: Thursday, June 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Lake Avenue Church
5. Central District: Tuesday, June 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Holly Street Senior Center
6. Fair Oaks/Orange Grove: Thursday, July 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Fair Oaks Renaissance Plaza
7. East Colorado: Tuesday, July 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pasadena City College
8. Lamanda Park: Thursday, July 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pasadena Christian Church

For more details about the program and a full workshop schedule, visit the "Our Pasadena" project website at [www.ourpasadena.org](http://www.ourpasadena.org).

Also worth mentioning is that the Planning Commission will begin studying the last phase of a Mansionization ordinance, which will include most residential areas of District 7. Their first meeting on this will be Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

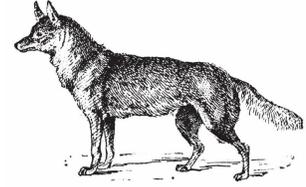
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## **COYOTES IN YOUR**

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## CITY PURSUES A COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

With multiple sightings of coyotes throughout District 7 neighborhoods, the City's Health Department Director Michael Johnson is working with the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner and State Fish and Wildlife to develop a Coyote Management Plan. They recently developed a survey for residents to fill out should they have an interaction with a coyote. These surveys will be tracked and mapped by county biologists so that we have a better understanding of where the coyotes are and whether or not they exhibit unusual or aggressive behaviors.



If you encounter a coyote, please take time to complete the survey. [Coyote Encounter Survey](#). The survey will also be available at the Pasadena Citizen's Service Center in the next couple of weeks: [Citizen's Service Center](#)

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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

### DISTRICT 7 COMMISSIONER OPENINGS

Effective in July, we will have several Commissioner openings in District 7 and we are actively seeking volunteers for these opportunities. Below are the Commissions where we have openings and a link to each commission webpage which describes the commission and lists regular meeting times.

Accessibility/Disability Commission -

<https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/commission-accessibility-disability/>

Environmental Advisory Commission -

<https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/environmental-advisory-commission/>

Human Services Commission -

<https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/human-services-commission/>

Library Commission -

<https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/library-commission/>

Commission on the Status of Women -

<https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/commission-on-the-status-of-women/>

If you are interested in applying for the District 7 seat on one of these commissions, please fill out a [Commission Application](#) and email it to Jana Stewart in the Mayor's office - [janastewart@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:janastewart@cityofpasadena.net)

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