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Welcome to District 7

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We have a lot of news to share with you this month - who knew summertime would be this busy?

Just a reminder that we are taking a summer hiatus from our monthly first Thursday constituent "zoom" meetings and will resume in September.

As you may know, our community has spoken out strongly regarding their support of police reform in light of the recent events this summer that have spurred protests nationwide. This topic is not new to Pasadena, but little has been done in the past to address these issues even in the face of troubling incidents. We

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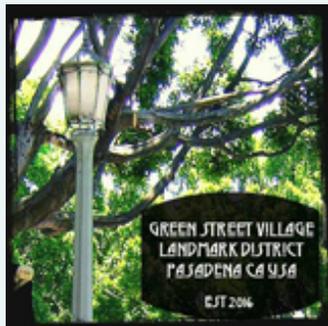
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South Lake Business Association



Green Street Village



Pasadena Playhouse Village



are fortunate that the thoughtful and community-minded leadership of Chief Perez has already significantly moved the department forward in the eyes of our community. Despite this progress, there is still clear momentum to take action by creating some sort of independent oversight of the Police Department. It is important for us to carefully deliberate any potential changes to ensure they are more than window-dressing and truly support the ongoing evolution of the Police Department to most effectively and fairly serve all those in our community. And while some options may involve a City Charter amendment that may not make the 2020 ballot, we must continue to aggressively pursue our vision where all citizens are treated justly and have the best opportunity to pursue the American Dream.

PASADENA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY REINSTATE TEMPORARY BUSINESS CLOSURES DUE TO INCREASES IN COVID-19 CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS

Indoor operations are not allowed

On Monday, July 13th, Governor Newsom ordered Southern California counties to reinstate closures of indoor operations for non-essential businesses based on this month's increase in coronavirus cases and hospitalizations. These businesses include restaurants, movie theaters, wineries, zoos, fitness centers, places of worship, indoor protests, tattoo shops, nail and hair salons and indoor malls. Bars have closed all operations.

In Pasadena, we have had a total of 106 deaths and this week's average daily cases are 19.

As cases and hospitalizations rise, many residents believe they need to get tested for COVID-19. However, Los Angeles County health officials now stress that not everyone needs to be tested. At this point in this rapidly-evolving crisis, it is important to reserve testing for those who have a medical or public health reason for it. While Los Angeles County currently has enough testing supplies to meet the needs of those who need to be tested, the number of COVID-19 cases are on the rise here and throughout the country. So it's important that we work together to reserve testing for those with a medical or public health need.

The common-sense rules still apply. Here are the most important things we as individuals and community members can do to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Leave home only for essential activities like work, medical appointments and grocery shopping.
- Wear a cloth face covering when you're out in public



- Wear a cloth face covering when you're out in public.
- Stay at least six feet apart from people you don't live with.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and often, and don't touch your face.

Check with your health care provider if you think you need to get tested. ChapCare's Kathryn Barger Health Center, located at 1595 N. Lake Ave. in Pasadena, is available by appointment only Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. To register for a test, visit <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or call (888) 634-1123. COVID testing is also available at other locations, including some urgent care centers and pharmacies in the community.

[Pasadena COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[COVID-19 Information for Businesses](#)

[Need A Bicycle? Day One Offers Free Bike Repair and Bike Matching](#)

[Tips for Dealing with Coyotes](#)

COUNCIL CONSIDERS CREATION OF POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Multiple ideas are on the table

The City Council has been considering the best way to address the community's concerns calling for meaningful oversight of the Pasadena Police Department with the creation of an civilian oversight committee that would potentially have subpoena authority.

Last week Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Kennedy, both members of the City Council's Public Safety Committee, presented a proposal to the Council to create a Community Police Oversight Commission that would have an Independent Police Auditor hired by the City Manager. Vice Mayor Hampton alternatively proposed two other options. The first would be an amendment to the City Charter that would establish an oversight commission and auditor model that would incorporate subpoena power. A charter amendment would require City Council approval next Monday in order to get this on the ballot to voters in November. The second would be to make the City Prosecutor independent from the City Attorney and assign an independent Police auditor to report to the Prosecutor, making them independent of the City Manager's office (as the Prosecutor would report directly to Council).

After much discussion, the Council decided to continue this conversation at this week's meeting when we will have more information and perhaps gain some clarity in this decision making process.

In the meantime, we are seeking the input of Pasadena residents, advocacy groups and others with constructive viewpoints on whether there needs to be an additional civilian review body, such as a Community Police Oversight Commission, established to provide greater oversight or review of law enforcement in Pasadena. If so, we are seeking input on the nature of oversight that you would like to see provided. The City of Pasadena values the input of our community and is committed to reviewing all submissions. Visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/police-](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/police-oversight-comments)

[oversight-comments](#) to take the survey.

CITY CREATES PARTIAL STREET CLOSURES TO EXPAND OUTDOOR DINING VENUES

Several street segments are transformed

By now you may have seen the street segment conversions to expand restaurants in our business districts. With the governor's most recent health order restricting



indoor sit-down dining, but allowing for outdoor sit-down dining, the need for restaurants to identify outdoor seating areas has been a priority for the City Council. The City's transportation department has developed guidelines that allow for restaurants or Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to apply for outdoor dining permits. The new Temporary On-Street Dining Application can be accessed on the planning department's website, www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/permitcenter/covid-19-reopening.

The following street segments have been converted to accommodate more outdoor dining space for local restaurants:

- Colorado Boulevard between El Molino and Oak Knoll Avenues
- Colorado Boulevard between Oak Knoll and Hudson Avenues (south curb only)
- Green Street between Pasadena and De Lacey Avenues (north curb/half block)
- Green Street between De Lacey and Raymond Avenues (south curb)
- Colorado Boulevard between Fair Oaks and Raymond Avenues (north curb)
- Colorado Boulevard between Raymond Avenue and Arroyo Parkway (north curb/no parking)

In addition, other restaurants are utilizing parking lot space to accommodate extra outdoor seating and staff is also working with several restaurants on South Lake and South Arroyo Parkway to see if something can be designed for them.

Please be sure to support our local restaurants! They need you.

CITY OF PASADENA SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE GOES ON

PROTECTION MEASURE SOLUTION NOVEMBER BALLOT

\$18 million in transfer of funds is jeopardized

Last Monday, the Pasadena City Council unanimously voted to place the Pasadena City Services Protection Measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot. This measure, calling for a Charter amendment, must be approved by a majority of Pasadena voters to maintain the longstanding Light & Power Fund transfer (from PWP) to the General Fund that pays for services including 911 emergency response, fire, paramedics, and programs for the public health of our community.

Currently, the Pasadena Light & Power Fund transfer provisions of the Pasadena City Charter are being challenged in court on whether the portion of the electric rates used is considered a tax and has met the requirements of voter approval that are called for in Proposition 218 and Proposition 26, despite having previously gone to and been passed by voters a combined total of seven times since the 1930's.

As a full-service city, Pasadena relies on dependable locally generated funds to effectively deliver quality city services to its residents despite unforeseen emergencies and natural disasters. The City of Pasadena has experienced a \$30 million loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite those losses in revenue, the city used reserve funds, deferred infrastructure projects, and implemented other cost saving measures to maintain its current emergency response to the pandemic, public health programs, and critical services benefitting Pasadena residents and businesses during this unprecedented crisis.

If the Pasadena City Services Protection Measure does not pass, the loss of approximately \$18 million annually from the Light & Power Fund transfer will result in significant reductions. The reductions would impact emergency 911 response, fire, paramedic, public health, and senior services; homeless programs, street repairs, and ability to maintain clean, healthy, and safe neighborhoods.

The Pasadena City Services Protection Measure is not a new tax, it does not raise taxes, and it does not raise utility rates - the Charter amendment is meant to simply protect current funding levels that provide the services residents receive today.

EAST COLORADO SPECIFIC PLAN GOES VIRTUAL

Public Webinar will be on Thursday, August 13

As we enter the third round of community engagement for the

Specific Plan process, The City's Planning Department will hold

virtual open houses for residents to view and comment on what is being proposed. First up is the East Colorado Specific Plan Open House that went live on Thursday, July 16, 2020. Check out the [Virtual Open House Page](#) to explore potential development standards and vision for the plan area, and make comments back to staff. When you are in the virtual planning room, be sure to look at the [East Colorado PDF Draft Document](#), which gives details on proposed Land Use, Public Realm, Development and Design Standards.

To supplement this virtual open house, City Planning staff will be hosting a public Webinar on Thursday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m. Staff will be presenting an information power-point and will take live comments and questions that can be typed in or verbally provided by the Community.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81986482351>

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +16699006833,,81986482351# or
+13462487799,,81986482351#

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US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799

Webinar ID: 819 8648 2351

Comments are due back by Sunday, August 16th.

The other Specific Plans will come on line gradually throughout the summer and fall for us to review.

PASADENA'S ROTATING PUBLIC ART EXHIBITIONS NOW FEATURED ON PODCASTS

Residents can visit exhibits and hear featured artists of our Rotating Public Art Program

Pasadena's Public Art Program has collaborated with Side Street Projects and the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition to develop podcasts with the artists featured in Phase III of the Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program. This project was developed as part of the City's participation and sponsorship of Bike Month. Given the Complete Streets Coalition's suspension of group tours for the time being, the entities teamed up to create new programming that may be experienced broadly and safely via technology.

The podcasts are integrated into a tour platform that includes a suggested hike route. The podcasts are



suggested bike route. The podcasts are intended to engage listeners while they safely visit the sites. Listeners can tune in to the artists via a preferred transit method, or even at home, to hear about artwork in the Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program while viewing the accompanying images.

Click [here](#) to take the tour!

THE CENSUS IS HAPPENING NOW!

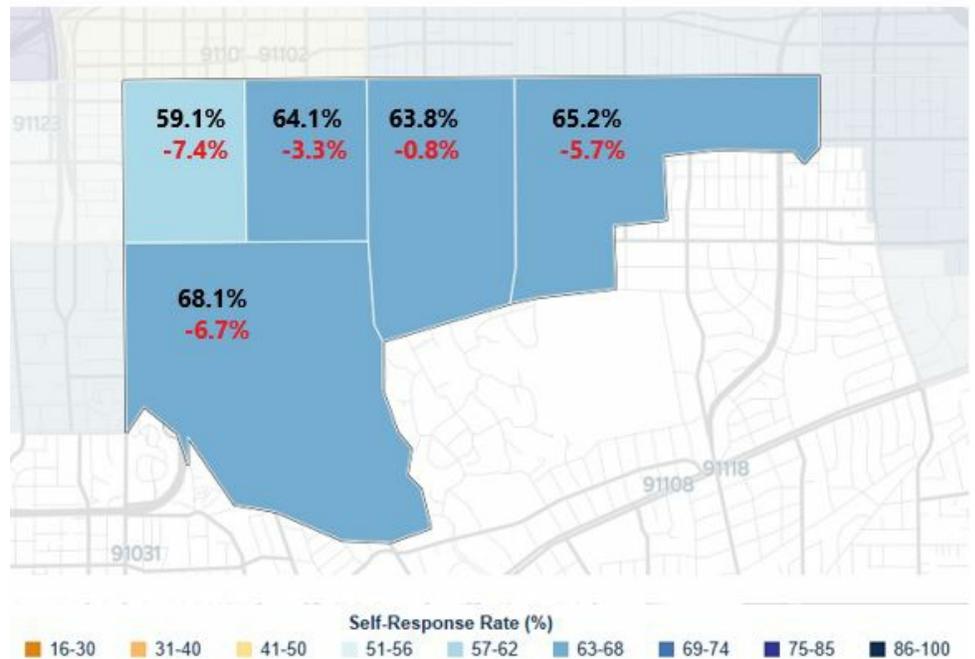
District 7 response rate is 63.9%

Self-Response by Census Tract

This map features self-response rates from households that responded to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. Rates can be viewed in [rankings here](#).

Pasadena, California
Self-Response

63.9%



The 2020 Census count is happening now, with the US Census Bureau accepting completed census questionnaires online, by telephone, or through paper submissions. The self-responding period is a vital part of getting an accurate count of all residents living in Pasadena. Census data provides the basis for distributing billions of federal dollars for schools, transportation, housing, and health care programs. Following the 2010 Census, Pasadena received over \$400 million in funds to support vital programs benefiting our most vulnerable communities. Census data is also used as the basis to allocate such things as COVID-19 support funds.

At the end of June, just 63.9% of District 7 residents had responded to the census questionnaire. We must do better! Please go online at www.2020census.gov or call toll free to be counted:

(844) 330-2020 for English
(844) 468-2020 for Spanish
(844) 391-2020 for Chinese

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

New District 7 Commissioners are coming on board

Over the next few months, we will highlight some of the new commissioners that are currently being appointed for District 7 representation.

District 7 Transportation Advisory Commissioner Glenn Camhi



I've lived in Pasadena for 25 years, the past 20 in Madison Heights. I serve as Secretary of the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association (and have been spearheading the city's second-largest Landmark District effort here). I also serve on Pasadena Humane Society's Marketing & Community Relations Board Committee and their Volunteer Action Committee, and I'm co-founder and co-chair of the Ellen Camhi Memorial Scholarship for Public Service.

I became interested in Pasadena transportation issues as soon as I moved here. I love every mode of transportation, and care a great deal about the impacts each has on quality of life, the environment, convenience, business, and residential areas. I first got involved during the last General Plan process, and participated in every step. I'm excited to be a more active participant on TAC, researching complex transportation issues that affect every aspect of life in our city (and beyond), helping advise City Council, and sharing updates with and gathering feedback from fellow District 7 residents.

