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Welcome to District 7

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Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Good news on two fronts! Pasadena's COVID-19 numbers are decreasing with no deaths reported since August 12th. This week's average daily cases are 10.

Also, I was extremely pleased that the City Council unanimously approved the creation of a Police Oversight Committee and an Independent Auditor with subpoena authority reporting to the City Council (details and specifics to be finalized in the next few weeks). These important actions are supported by our highly capable Police Chief John Perez as he, like I, believes these investments will help build additional trust in the community which is vital to the department's success. I want to acknowledge the tremendous and thoughtful community input on this

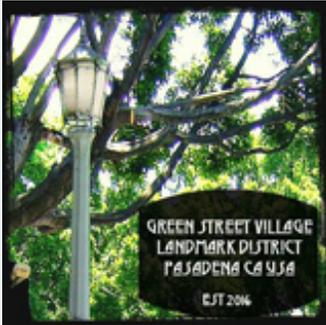
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Green Street Village



Pasadena Playhouse Village



matter and the invaluable leadership of John Kennedy who chairs the Public Safety Committee. This is no panacea but a critical step to advancing our commitment to make Pasadena a community that supports justice and opportunity for all of our residents regardless of what they look like.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the City's webinar on the Draft East Colorado Specific Plan. Staff is documenting all of the comments that you have submitted, both on the webinar and in writing. We expect this to go to the Planning Commission early next year.

We will be resuming our constituent "zoom" meetings on this Thursday, September 3rd at 8:00 a.m. To dial in to the call:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6609721839>

Meeting ID: 660 972 1839 or
One tap mobile
+16699009128,,6609721839# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
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We welcome you to join us. Take care and Happy Labor Day!

Andy

CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE A POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Commission members will undergo a transparent application process

Last Monday, after many hours of debate and over 3 hours of public comment, the City Council voted unanimously to create a Police Oversight Commission and hire an Independent Auditor, both of which will report directly to the Council through the Public Safety Committee. The purpose of the commission would be, through public meetings, to review and make recommendations to the chief of police, city manager and City Council regarding the ongoing operations of the Police Department; receive

[Pasadena COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[COVID-19 Information for Businesses](#)

[Pasadena Residents Create FOOD HUG Program to Recognize Front Line Heroes and Support Minority-Owned Businesses](#)

community feedback and complaints and refer them for further review; monitor and receive reports on hiring and training; monitor and publish statistics on uses of force, complaints, and outcomes; provide input on policy recommendations prior to adoption; receive reports from the Independent Police Auditor regarding critical incidents, policies, and other matters; and produce a publicly available annual report.

The Commission will be made up of 11 community members, including one member nominated by each City Councilperson and the Mayor, and 3 other members nominated by established non-profit organizations in the City. Each commissioner will undergo at least 30 hours of training. The Independent Police Auditor (IPA) will be located within the City Attorney's office and will have subpoena powers through the City Council to facilitate gathering of information during investigations. Applicants for the commission will undergo a transparent application process and voted on by the the entire City Council.

Several details remain to be decided including how to establish a public vetting process for commissioners and which non-profit organizations to draw from for the 3 at-large appointments. Also to be considered is how to achieve an equitable balance of demographics among the commissioners.

The work is not complete, but this action is a very important first step in moving our city forward with regard to independent oversight of the Police Department.

PASADENA CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment spurs women to register to vote

Last Wednesday on Women's Equality Day-the day that celebrates the passage of the 19th amendment-the City of Pasadena launched the #VoteCauseWeCan campaign to mobilize all voting-eligible women in Pasadena and across the state to exercise their right to vote.

The City is calling on community members and everyone else on social media to visit their campaign website and help increase voter turnout this year, especially among women and first-time voters. The website features:

- Direct links to voter registration and information on how to vote;
- Downloadable graphics and sample messages to share on social media with the official campaign hashtag #VoteCauseWeCan;
- A branded Zoom background to use during your next virtual meeting;
- A list of upcoming voter registration and other events; and
- More ways to participate.

"We spent much of the past year thinking about ways to celebrate the landmark passage of women's right to vote and increase voter turnout with in-person events. But, the pandemic forced us to shift our focus to things we could do virtually that would generate the same energy and excitement. In a way, it's worked in our favor because we're going to be able to reach a lot more people," said District 2 Councilmember Margaret McAustin while introducing the campaign.

The campaign will run through Election Day, and the City encourages you to keep checking the campaign website, <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/vote-cause-we-can> for updated information

ROSE BOWL INSTITUTE TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SYMPOSIUM FOR STUDENTS

Event will be virtual this year

The Rose Bowl Institute announced this week the scheduling of its second annual Women's



THE ROSE BOWL INSTITUTE

Empowerment Symposium to be held on September 16th, 17th & 18th on the Institute's virtual platform. The Symposium will give high school and college students exposure to top female industry leaders with backgrounds in finance, politics, sports, entertainment, and technology on societal and cultural topics, health and other vital themes that will

interest today's youth.

The three-day symposium will be free to students who pre-register to watch and participate through the Rose Bowl Institute registration process and will provide additional opportunities for students including scholarships and post-event networking.

Featured Speakers, including Councilwoman McAustin are: Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, World Cup and Olympic Stars Brandi Chastain and Julie Foudy, ESPN's Jessica Mendoza, Olympian Lauren Gibbs, Gymnast Katelyn Ohashi, NFL pioneering coach Dr. Jen Welter, Basketball Hall of Famer and Executive Ann Meyers Drysdale, Fox NFL Reporter Erin Andrews, Ivy League Executive Director Robin Harris, Nina Westbrook, and so many more corporate leaders.

The Institute's mission for the symposium is to inspire, empower and influence the mindset of today's youth to pursue higher education and professional careers, motivating them to break barriers while setting and achieving their goals. Each day the Symposium will focus on one of the Institute's primary themes: Sportsmanship, Leadership and Citizenship.

Pre-registration for this event is required. To register and for more information: [click here.](#)

CITY COUNCIL REINSTATES PLASTIC BAGS BAN AND STREET SWEEPING RESTRICTIONS

Temporary measures in response to COVID-19 are revoked

Last Monday, the Pasadena City Council voted to reinstate the city's ban on plastic bags. On May 4, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution ratifying the City Manager's Fourth Supplement to the Declaration of a Local Emergency and authorizing the City Manager to suspend provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code related to plastic carryout bags. This followed a similar action by Governor Newsom to suspend the State's ban on plastic carryout bags. As the pandemic continues and the local emergency extends into its 6 month, the State's temporary suspension has now expired and the ban on these plastic bags is back in place at the State level.

Therefore, the Council has reinstated the prohibition of plastic carryout bags.

The Council also voted earlier this month to reinstate overnight parking enforcement and daytime street sweeping restrictions after the City received almost 500 requests to do so. Citations will resume September 1st.

The City also will be selling emergency COVID-19 overnight parking permits that allow vehicles not otherwise qualified to park on the street. Permits will be valid for 90 day increments, and can be renewed until the end of the City's safer at home order. Additionally, Council authorized the creation of a low income fee waiver program for overnight parking permits.

For more information, you may contact the parking office at parking@cityofpasadena.net or call 626-744-7665 .

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

New District 7 Commissioners are coming on board

District 7 Senior Commissioner Chelsea Mason



Chelsea Mason is the Director of External Relations at The Eisner Foundation, the only U.S.-based foundation solely dedicated to intergenerational solutions to society's challenges. This work has kept her in constant conversation with the California Department of Aging, the Milken Institute Center for the Future of Aging, and the many nonprofit organizations that serve the older population in LA County - including several in Pasadena. She has presented at conferences across the country hosted by leading aging advocates, including Grantmakers in Aging, the American Society on Aging, and Generations United, as well as on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Chelsea is the Communications Co-Chair for Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy - Los Angeles and the Social Media Chair for Notre Dame Women Connect, an affiliate board of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association.

Chelsea has a BA in Anthropology and Theology from

the University of Notre Dame and a MA in East Asian Studies from the University of Southern California. She began her professional career at Pasadena's Pacific Asia Museum and continues to support the impressive range of arts organizations in our city. She has lived in Pasadena with her husband for ten years, and is excited to give back and support the city's efforts to make Pasadena a place where residents of all ages can thrive.

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