

DISTRICT UPDATE



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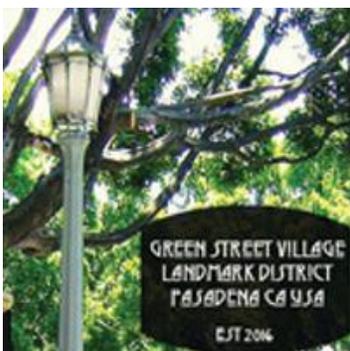
Dear Friends,

Congratulations are in order for our new Mayor - Victor Gordo! I wish the best for Mayor Tornek and look forward to working with Victor in his new capacity as Mayor.

Unfortunately, our COVID-19 positivity rates are on the rise, as well as hospitalizations. With this in mind, the City has issued new safeguards and restrictions including revised personal services requirements and hours of operation for bars and restaurants (5 a.m. - 10 p.m.). For a list of new safeguards, click [here](#). On Sunday, Los Angeles County issued a press release announcing the suspension of outdoor dining at restaurants for 3 weeks effective Wednesday, November 25th. However, as of this writing, our own Health Department is evaluating data and has **NOT** made any changes to our current protocols for outdoor restaurant dining.



[South Lake Business Association](#)



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[Pasadena COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[Public Health Department Information on Covid-19](#)

[Is There a Coyote in Your Neighborhood?](#)

On Sunday, in an effort to move forward as a community in the spirit of healing and reconciliation, the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (in conjunction with members of the McClain family) held a memorial service for Anthony McClain. The service was held at La Pintaresca Park. The event began at the site of the existing memorial for Anthony McClain on the east side of Raymond Avenue, and concluded in the park with the planting of a new tree which will serve as a more permanent remembrance.

My first Thursday monthly coffee will take place via Zoom on Thursday, December 3rd at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to participate:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6609721839>

Meeting ID: 660 972 1839

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We will not be hosting our Zoom coffee in January.

Wishing you and yours a lovely and safe Thanksgiving.

Andy

CITY AMENDS TRAFFIC IMPACT THRESHOLDS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

[City's Transportation Department receives \\$150K Grant from the State for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety](#)

[Celebrate the Holidays on South Lake Avenue December 5th](#)

Last Monday, the City Council unanimously approved a change in how we analyze traffic impacts from development projects by lowering the CEQA threshold to 16.8% below the 2017 citywide baseline average. In an effort to better align the City's thresholds to meet the State's long-term climate goals of reduced gas emissions by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, staff's recommended CEQA thresholds sought to be more restrictive by lowering the Vehicle Miles Traveled and Vehicle Trips to 15% below our 2017 citywide baseline.

Upon consideration, the City Council voted for the lowest possible threshold of 16.8% below baseline, an even more restrictive percentage. This is the lowest threshold legally justified at this point, based on a study by the California Air Resources Board. This change is significant, as it will trigger the need for development projects that don't meet this CEQA threshold to provide more mitigations or undergo further environmental review processes.

COUNCIL MAKES PROGRESS ON POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Also at last Monday's City Council meeting, progress was made on the commissioner selection process and pay for the soon to be established Police Oversight Commission. The Council agreed that although each Councilmember and the Mayor will nominate their own candidate for Council approval, the nominees will be required to appear before the entire Council for final vetting. The Council agreed to pay each Commissioner up to \$100 per meeting to cover expenses such as child care.

The Council also decided that the three at-large commissioners, that will represent three Pasadena based community groups, will be selected by the Council from a list of 6 nominees determined by the Public Safety Committee and forwarded to the City Council for approval.

While the ordinance for the Commission requires 30 hours of training, the

Council contemplated whether that was enough and what the full training might entail. In addition to the mandated 4 hour ride-along with the Police Department, and 30 hours of relevant subject matters, additional training such as constitutional law and racial bias training was discussed.

The City Attorney was directed to work with the Police Department on training specifics, draft a Commission Application for those interested in serving, explore how the Commissioners' terms may be staggered, and establish a budget for the Independent Auditor and begin recruitment for that position. Further details will be considered at an upcoming Council meeting.

We will be actively soliciting qualified candidates to serve on the Commission once the final logistics are established and an application is created.

DISTRICT 7 RESIDENTS REPORT LARGE INCREASE IN COYOTE SIGHTINGS



District 7 residents who live east of Sierra Bonita Avenue have reported a very large increase in coyote sightings. The Pasadena Humane Society and State Fish and Wildlife Department are aware of our local concerns and are working on an education campaign and canvassing of the area. Residents are reminded to keep pets on a leash, never leave a small pet unattended in front or back yards, and clear away any extra brush or overgrowth from your property. Feeding of wildlife is against the law.

Pasadena has an [Urban Wildlife Management Plan](#) that helps us escalate incidents with coyotes and outlines when coyote behavior is considered aggressive. One primary tool that residents can use is the Citizen Service Center to track coyote sightings and interactions. Citizens can download the CSC App (Pasadena CSC) or [go online](#) (submit a request, animals, wildlife sighting) and report coyotes when seen on their property or during walks. The report is then given monthly to our Health Department and the Pasadena Humane Society so that we can track when/if a coyote is acting unusual or aggressively toward humans.

If a coyote ever lunges or snarls, immediately call the Pasadena Humane Society at (626) 792-7151. And of course call 911 in an emergency.

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