

DISTRICT UPDATE



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Welcome to District 7

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Dear Friends,

As vaccines are now more readily available, and Los Angeles County prepares to move into the more lenient yellow tier, I think we are all breathing a sigh of relief! If you still have not received a vaccine, the City of Pasadena is hosting several walk-in, first come - first served clinics where you can register on site: [May Clinics](#). In addition, you can check [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://www.myturn.ca.gov) to view a list of Pasadena and other nearby locations offering COVID-19 vaccinations and schedule a vaccine appointment. A parent/legal guardian must accompany 16- and 17-year-olds to their vaccine appointment to provide consent.

Today, our Health Department issued revised guidelines to move into the yellow tier and for mask usage which we highlight below.

Mayor Gordo and I recently participated in an interview with Arroyo Live about our new roles and responsibilities, and handling the pandemic over the last year. You may watch it here: [Arroyo Live Video April 2021](#).

This week, our first Thursday monthly constituent coffee will take place via Zoom Thursday, May 6th at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to participate:



[South Lake Business Association](#)

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

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

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[Green Street Village](#)

PASADENA MOVES TO YELLOW TIER, REVISES COVID-19 MASK GUIDELINES

Tomorrow, the City of Pasadena will move to Tier 4 (Yellow) for activities and businesses in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). The City of Pasadena Health Officer has issued a Health Officer Order, which requires all individuals and businesses to comply with the restrictions and limitations set forth in the Yellow Tier.



[Playhouse Village](#)

Effective Wednesday, May 5, 12:01 a.m., the following activities will be permitted to occur in strict adherence with the updated Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) [protocols](#):

- Restaurants may open for indoor dining at a maximum of 50% capacity in compliance with the protocol for restaurants, bars and breweries;
- Bars that are not able to provide a sit-down, bona fide meal with each alcohol transaction may operate indoors with modifications at a maximum capacity of 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer, and may operate outdoors with modifications, in compliance with the protocol for restaurants, bars and breweries;
- Breweries that are not able to provide a sit-down, bona fide meal may operate indoors at a maximum of 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer, with modifications in compliance with the protocol for restaurants, bars and breweries;
- All retail, including standalone grocers, may operate with modifications including physical distancing in compliance with the protocol for retail operations;
- Museums and galleries may open for indoor operations with modifications including physical distancing, in compliance with the protocol for museums and galleries;
- Movie theaters may operate indoors at a maximum

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- of 50% capacity, in compliance with the protocol for movie theaters;
- Hotels and lodging may operate with modifications in compliance with the protocol for hotels and updated protocols for restaurants, bars and breweries, pools, and fitness facilities where applicable;
- Fitness facilities, gyms, yoga and dance studios may operate indoors at a maximum of 50% capacity, in compliance with the protocol for fitness facilities;

For a full list of yellow tier protocols, including indoor and outdoor events and gatherings, click [Yellow Tier Press Release May 4 2021](#).

Mask Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

In alignment with the [CA Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Fully-Vaccinated People](#) and the [CDPH Guidance for Use of Face Coverings](#) fully-vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks outdoors except in the following situations, when a mask must still be worn:

- At crowded outdoor events, such as live performances, parades, fairs, festivals, sporting events, or other similar settings;
- In crowded spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained and it is not known whether everyone in the space is fully vaccinated or at high risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19;
- In indoor public settings, unless expressly permitted by the Health Officer Order;
- At worksites and businesses; and
- In any setting where masking is required by the facility operator or business or by the Health Officer Order or its associated protocols.

People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks or more after receiving the second dose in a 2-dose series such as Pfizer or Moderna, or two weeks or more after receiving a single-dose vaccine such as Johnson & Johnson [J&J]/Janssen.

CITY COUNCIL SELECTS COMMUNITY-BASED APPOINTEES FOR COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Last week, the City council unanimously voted on three appointees to the Community Police Oversight Commission who were nominated by local community organizations. The Commissioners are:

- Florence Annang (of the Pasadena NAACP)
- Alexis Abernethy (of the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of The Links)
- Juliana Serrano (of All Saints Church)

Florence Annang is an executive member of the NAACP's Pasadena Branch and has been a strong advocate for police reform.

Alexis Abernethy is a psychology professor at Fuller Theological Seminary whose experience includes training and research on implicit bias.

Juliana Serrano is the Senior Associate for Peace & Justice and the Office for Creative Connections at All Saints Church in Pasadena, and a District 7 resident.

The finalists came from a field of 13 original applicants put forward by community organizations, and narrowed to 5 by the Public Safety committee. The Commission will total 11 commissioners, with an appointee from each City Councilmember and the Mayor. Those nominations are expected to be presented to the entire Council this month.



PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARIES OPEN FOR LIMITED IN-PERSON SERVICES, CENTRAL LIBRARY CLOSED FOR SEISMIC SAFETY ISSUES

Pasadena has opened 2 key libraries - Hastings and La Pintoresca Branch libraries - with limited hours. As Pasadena entered the orange tier of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, libraries were cleared to safely reopen at a reduced capacity, while requiring face coverings and physical distancing of at least six feet between patrons.

Library visitors are expected to:

- Wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times;
- Maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from other library patrons and staff at all times; and
- Avoid entering the library if experiencing any COVID-19-related symptoms or are feeling sick.

For anyone who is unable to meet the above requirements, library staff will make every attempt to assist a patron's needs online, via phone, etc.

Hastings and La Pintoresca Branch Libraries offer limited one-hour express service in addition to their popular curbside and phone/chat services. Patrons are able to browse the collections, check out materials, reserve and use public computers, and access Wi-Fi as well as printing and copying services. Patrons are still able to attend virtual programs; contact library staff via phone at (626) 744-4066, option 7, [live chat](#) or email at ask@cityofpasadena.email.libanswers.com, and pick up materials on hold via curbside pickup service.

While Central Library at 285 E Walnut had also reopened with limited hours, on Monday, May 3, the City of Pasadena Building Official ordered its closure until further notice. [View the order](#). Unfortunately, a recent structural assessment conducted as part of the scope of work for the Central Library Building Systems and Structural Assessment Capital Improvement Project revealed that most of the building is comprised of unreinforced masonry (URM) bearing walls that support concrete floors and walls. URM buildings have been widely

recognized as a hazard to life safety due to their potential to collapse during an earthquake.

Library staff are working on interim solutions to meet the needs of the community. This includes developing short-term solutions to ensure the services and programs offered by Central Library continue at other library locations. Operational hours at Hastings and La Pintoresca will be expanded by the end of this week. Lamanda Park, Santa Catalina, Linda Vista, and San Rafael Branch Libraries will open the week of May 10. Hill Avenue Branch Library will offer curbside pick-up for materials usually available at Central Library. Central Library staff will be re-assigned to other branches in order to offer expanded service hours at those locations. Library phone, chat, online content, and programming will continue without change.

Curbside service will continue at five branch libraries: Allendale, Lamanda Park, Linda Vista, San Rafael and Santa Catalina. The curbside pickup program is just for library holds. Patrons may reserve library materials for curbside pickup on line at www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net using their Pasadena Public Library card number.

Location hours are available at www.cityofpasadena.net/library/branches or by calling (626) 744-4066.

MAYOR GORDO HOLDS INTERFAITH PRAYER VIRTUAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Jericho Road Pasadena is proud to host Mayor Victor Gordo's Interfaith Prayer Event. This year, the event has been transformed into a week-long virtual series. Organizer Jericho Road Pasadena will share a short daily inspirational community message each morning beginning on Monday, May 3 and concluding on Friday, May 7. The series will feature a variety of prayer messages and music from Pasadena congregations and nonprofits. Anyone who would like to be inspired, whether from a faith background or not, is welcome to receive the daily email.

The community can register to receive the daily emails at 2021mipb.eventbrite.com. Videos can also be seen on the [Pasadena Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Facebook page](#).

The mission of Jericho Road Pasadena is to bridge communities by matching the professional talents of volunteers with the needs of community-based nonprofit organizations to promote community development, strengthen social services, and enrich the lives of volunteers.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

District 7 Redistricting Task Force Member Francis Chen

Francis Chen is a partner at Prospera Law and serves on the firm's Corporate Transactional Group focusing on Public Company Practice. He has deep experience advising issuers and underwriters in public and private equity and debt offerings, including initial public offerings, follow-on and secondary financings, and PIPEs. He also counsels public companies regarding U.S.

securities and listing compliance and disclosure requirements, as well as general corporate governance matters. He has worked extensively with Chinese and other Asian companies in various industries including biopharmaceutical, energy and agriculture, and with U.S. companies especially early-stage biomedical and biotechnology companies. Francis is fluent in both Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese

A resident of Madison Heights Neighborhood Association, Francis attended San Marino schools and received his J.D. from Boston University School of Law with a concentration in corporate finance and his B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in Psychology. He and his wife have lived in Pasadena for 11 years.

"Serving on the Task Force is my opportunity to be more civically engaged, and I am honored to be a part of something that will impact our City for the next decade. I am very grateful to Councilman Wilson for the nomination."

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or call the Citizen Service Center, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (626) 744-7311.