

# DISTRICT UPDATE



CITY OF PASADENA OCTOBER 3, 2022



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Dear Friends,

Last week, after lengthy deliberations, the City Council appointed Justin Jones from a pool of three well qualified applicants to fill the vacancy created following the recent and tragic death of my friend Councilman John Kennedy (Councilmember for District 3). One candidate was a well established minister (Pastor Smith), the other was the runner up in the most recent District 3 election (Brandon Lamar), and the third was a civil engineer (with a sound knowledge of water issues) and the current chair of EAC (Environmental Advisory Commission). Ultimately the majority of the Council concluded that Justin Jones would best serve the residents of District 3 and City as a whole. I think most of you know that I had a close and collaborative working relationship with John Kennedy and am still reeling from his untimely departure. We both shared a deep commitment to his vision of a “One Pasadena.” I believe Justin will share a similar commitment to One Pasadena and look forward to working with him as he attends his first official Council meeting this evening.

I will be hosting a District 7 meeting on Wednesday, October 26th at the Chen Neuroscience Research Building on the Caltech Campus at the southeast corner of Wilson Avenue and Del Mar Boulevard. Join us for refreshments at 5 p.m. followed by tours at 5:15 with the formal meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Our special guests will be incoming District 7 Councilmember Jason Lyon and new City Manager Miguel Márquez.

Because we have an upcoming District meeting, our regular monthly first Thursday Constituent Coffee will **NOT** take place this week. I hope to see you on the



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## **PASADENA LIBRARY ANNOUNCES HELPNOW 24/7 HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM**

Pasadena Public Library recently launched HelpNow, an online live tutoring and eLearning platform. HelpNow provides tools for learners of all ages through qualified tutors using state curriculum and standards whose expertise best fit the learner's specific need. Accessible through the Pasadena Public Library [website](#), this live real-time homework assistance is available by laptop, tablet or phone.

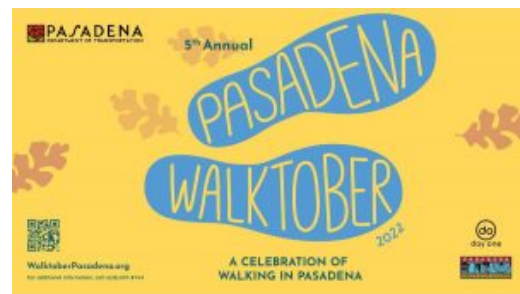
HelpNow provides subject-specific tutoring. Language arts and mathematics tutoring in English and Spanish is available 24/7. Core K-12 subjects tutoring in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese and Tagalog is available every day between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. HelpNow also assists with non-academic tutoring needs, such as resources for taking the citizenship exam. Within the tutoring sessions, tutors can provide a virtual whiteboard, conduct live audio interactions with students, and work with learners on a wide range of concepts. Students are expected to work through the content and learn from the feedback. Tutors do not provide answers — they provide guidance and help. Tutoring sessions may be monitored for completeness and pedagogical effectiveness.

All tutors have passed background checks and possess, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree. The HelpNow platform is ADA compliant and offers a toll-free help number and an audio tutoring option. The service conforms to Section 508 Standards developed by the [Web Accessibility Initiative](#).

Pasadena Public Library aims to support students of all ages with an array of free resources to invest in community success. HelpNow, funded by the State of California and administered by the California State Library, provides an additional avenue of support for library users expanding Pasadena Public Library's commitment to being a community resource. Access to HelpNow is available through the library's website, where it is listed in the "A to Z List of Databases."

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## CITY CELEBRATES 5TH ANNUAL PASADENA WALKTOBER



The City of Pasadena’s Department of Transportation, in partnership with Day One and Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition (PasCSC) invite the community to get out and WALK in October! Join us for guided walks, walking tours, and more community events throughout the month.

Walktober is a global event that encourages walking. Communities from Portland, Oregon, to Adelaide, Australia, organize a wide array of events that celebrate and bring awareness to the benefits of walking, be it for exercise, mental health, socializing, a cleaner environment, or just learning more about the community in which we live.

This year, the Department of Transportation, Day One and PasCSC has partnered with local organizations and community members to host over 20 walking events in October. Whether you’re looking to meet new friends, explore local artworks, learn more about the history of Pasadena, or enjoy nature up close, there’s a walk for you.

I will be hosting a District 7 Neighborhood Walk on Saturday, October 22nd from 8-10:30 a.m. We will start with coffee at Peet’s, 605 South Lake Avenue, and end at Grant Park for a small breakfast. To register for our District 7 walk, or any of the other offerings, go to [WalktoberPasadena.org](http://WalktoberPasadena.org).



## PASADENA'S FALL ARTNIGHT RETURNS OCTOBER 14

The City of Pasadena’s highly anticipated ArtNight returns Friday, Oct. 14, 6–10 p.m., at Pasadena’s most prominent arts and cultural institutions. Over 20 venues will showcase diverse works of art, theatre, music and dance

by the best the city’s creative community has to offer. Enjoy hands-on, interactive activities for all ages and interests—all for FREE!

Visit City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., to enjoy live music and create a festive pumpkin succulent planter. Additional ArtNight offerings include The Pennington Dance Group at A Room to Create; improv lessons at Pasadena Playhouse taught by Impro Theatre artists—no acting or improv experience needed; self-guided tours of The Gamble House; a preview of “Chilling Classic Tales!,” a live radio-style performance by Parson’s Nose Theatre; readings by award-winning authors and family-friendly literary games at Red Hen Press; and an exploration of Jackie Robinson’s legacy and impact on African American culture in Pasadena through historical images and artifacts at Jackie Robinson Community Center. Visit [www.artnightpasadena.org](http://www.artnightpasadena.org) for additional details and the complete list of art and cultural offerings during ArtNight.

Free shuttle service will be available throughout the evening, with stops at each venue. Food trucks will be on site at City Hall, Alkebu-Lan Cultural Center and Pasadena Museum of History offering tasty food items and beverages for purchase.

ArtNight is produced by the Cultural Affairs Division of the Pasadena Planning & Community Development Department, in collaboration with participating arts and cultural institutions. For accessibility information and assistance, call (626) 744-7062.

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## **COMMISSIONER'S CORNER - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

We currently have commissioner vacancies for the the Human Relations Commission and the Human Services Commission,

The purpose of the Human Relations Commission is to aid the city in achieving better human relations in city government, and to provide assistance to private persons and groups in promoting good will and better relations among all people. The Commission meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

The Human Services Commission advises and makes recommendations to the council regarding the human service needs of people of all ages in this community. This commission will aid the city in facilitating collaborative efforts and a coordinated approach to improve and expand the delivery of quality human services in Pasadena. This commission is established to respond to significant unmet human service needs and gaps as identified in such documents that include, but are not limited to, the Early Child Development Policy; Needs Assessment; and related materials. The commission meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

We encourage you to apply! Click [here](#) for an application.

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