

DISTRICT UPDATE



CITY OF PASADENA | NOVEMBER 29, 2022



Dear Friends,

On December 12th, your newly elected Councilmember Jason Lyon will be sworn in and take my seat at the Council Chamber Dais. It has been an absolute honor and a pleasure to serve the district for seven and half years. Little did I know in 2001 when then Mayor Bill Bogaard appointed me to the Design Commission that this would be the beginning of more than two decades of community service culminating in my role as your City Councilmember and Vice Mayor these last two years.

Welcome to District 7

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Though not perfect, Pasadena is a truly amazing community. In some ways its imperfections make it a real place rather than Disney Land or the Americana! I especially love our historic architecture, our walkable streets, our incredible trees, and our amazing institutions but mostly the diverse, interesting and passionate people who make up our community. I know we all deeply care about our city and are committed to making it better - not just for us for but future generations. Of course we don't always agree on specific priorities or approaches, but I very much believe we share a deep commitment to protecting what makes Pasadena special while thoughtfully moving it into the future. As your representative, I have always tried to do what is in our City's best interest even when it might not be politically popular.



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[South Lake Holiday Fest is December 3rd](#)

[Holiday Pop-Up Boutique at the Commons on South Lake](#)

While I am proud of my work in the areas of affordable housing, responsible development, neighborhood protection, walking/biking, clean energy, homeless services, park expansions and of course pickle ball, I am most proud of my unwavering commitment to represent each of you and the entire district with honesty, integrity, transparency and respect. In a world where politics can too often overwhelm values and decency, I decided from day one that ethics, collaboration and civility were more important than political gain. Though it may not always be as expedient, I am happy to report that measured and ethical leadership can work - I hope you would agree!

I continue to be more committed than ever to community impact work so am eager to see what the future holds. The City Council position was all consuming and prevented me from taking on other community service roles. I have already accepted a new role as a Commissioner at the Hollywood Burbank Airport and plan to selectively take on other roles as well.

In parting I want to thank the residents of District 7, Mayor Gordo, my City Council colleagues, our committed city staff and especially my talented field liaison Pam Thyret who was critical to my success in serving all of you. So I look forward to seeing you around town as I walk Gandalf to Jones Coffee or stroll to Trader Joes. . . .but please don't ask me about sidewalk repairs or tree trimming!

I will be hosting my final District 7 Meeting on Saturday, December 10th at Polytechnic School. This meeting is our annual Ticket Raffle.

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 at our meeting on the 10th.

I wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season.

Andy

DISTRICT 7 ANNUAL ROSE PARADE AND ROSE BOWL GAME TICKET RAFFLE IS DECEMBER 10TH!

Please join us on Saturday, December 10th for a year-end Community Meeting and Annual Ticket Raffle. Our Special Guest will be Jens Weiden, CEO of the Rose Bowl Stadium.

[December 3rd](#)

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December 3rd](#)

The meeting will be held at the Polytechnic School Garland Auditorium, 1030 East California Boulevard. Garland Auditorium is located on the south side of Cornell Road between Catalina and Wilson Avenues. Join us for Coffee and Raffle Entry at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. Parking will be available in the surface parking lot at Cornell Road and Wilson Avenue.

2023 Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game tickets will be raffled at this meeting. The Rose Parade tickets are free, and will be raffled in sets of 4. Rose Bowl Game tickets will be raffled off in sets of 2 for either \$165, \$265, or \$295 each depending on seat location. If you wish to purchase Rose Bowl Game tickets, please bring a pre-printed personal check. Note: Rose Bowl Game tickets are [Electronic Tickets](#) this year and will be delivered via email within 4 days after the meeting. You must provide a valid email address and cell phone number at the meeting and you **MUST** be able to access your tickets from a smart mobile device. No exceptions can be made! Please call or email Pam Thyret with any questions.

MAYOR'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

Join Pasadena Mayor Victor M. Gordo for the Mayor's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5-7 p.m., Friday, December 2nd at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue.

Bring family and friends to this free celebration featuring local singers and dancers, crafts for kids provided by Armory Center for the Arts, light refreshments, and a special appearance by jolly ol' Santa Claus. Have your camera handy to capture some festive holiday moments at several photo stops available throughout the event. Mayor Gordo will light the City's official tree at 6 p.m., so come early for parking and a prime viewing spot at City Hall.

Live entertainment throughout the night will feature performances by local groups including Pasadena's Afterschool Adventures Program, Rosebud Academy choir, Willard Elementary's Rising Stars, Pasadena LEARNs, and Elements Dance Space.

If you have the means, please help Pasadena Fire Department give local underserved children and teens a holiday to remember. Pasadena firefighters will be at the tree lighting ceremony collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys, sports equipment and gift cards for the annual [Spark of Love Toy Drive](#)



CITY MANAGER SELECTS NEW POLICE CHIEF

After a robust and inclusive selection process, City Manager Miguel Márquez has announced the appointment of Eugene Harris to serve as Pasadena's police chief, effective Jan. 3, 2023. Chief Harris has served as the police chief for

the City of San Gabriel since 2016. He also serves as president of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association, actively engaging in advancing the science and art of police administration and crime prevention. In this role, he is also involved in developing, teaching and disseminating best practices across numerous agencies.

Chief Harris brings nearly 30 years of law enforcement and leadership experience to Pasadena, with a proven track record of community engagement and personnel development, strategic budget management, and the use of new law enforcement technology.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps, Chief Harris began his career in law enforcement as a Los Angeles County deputy sheriff. He also served for 23 years in the Monterey Park Police Department, where he was promoted through the ranks to captain. In 2016, he was named police chief of the City of San Gabriel.

Chief Harris received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Phoenix, and a master's degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership from the University of San Diego. He is also a graduate of the West Point Leadership Program, POST Command College, and the FBI National Academy. He has served on numerous professional organizations and authored a book entitled "The Zero Stress Zone, a Layman's Guide to Stress Management."

CITY ANNOUNCES NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR PASADENA WATER AND POWER

City Manager Miguel Márquez has appointed Sidney Jackson as general manager of Pasadena Water and Power (PWP). Mr. Jackson will join the City's executive team in early January 2023.



Jackson has a long tenure in both the water and power industries. He currently serves as the chief operations officer and deputy general manager at Austin Energy, which serves more than 500,000 electric customers. He previously served as the chief operations officer at Rochester Public Utility, where he led operations of both the electric and water utilities.

Jackson's experience includes leadership roles in building and operating regional independent system operator (ISO) markets and transmission organizations across large geographic multistate regions, functioning with similar authority and scope as that of the California ISO (CAISO). He has served as an elected member of the board of directors for the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO), a regional entity of North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC); and on NERC committees in support of the nation's bulk electric system, with a focus upon power system reliability.

Jackson earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Kansas State University and a master's in business administration from the University of Missouri. He prioritizes continuous learning and professional growth and

development as core organizational values. Jackson and his family enjoy traveling and outdoor activities.



"AUTHENTICALLY YOURS, PASADENA" HOLIDAY SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF

The City of Pasadena and **Visit Pasadena** have announced this year's holiday season campaign, "Authentically Yours, Pasadena," to celebrate small and independent local businesses. The campaign kicked off on Small Business Saturday, November 26th, with welcome stations at small businesses across the city to inspire visitors and community members to shop small and dine local. Welcome stations will be stocked with canvas shopping totes, gifted on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

"The 'Authentically Yours, Pasadena' campaign amplifies the people, places and great finds that give Pasadena its vibrancy and personal flavor," said David Klug, City of Pasadena's economic development director. "Shop small and dine local to discover the special connections and one-of-a-kind treasures found only when you #ShopPasadena."

For more information on the Shop Local campaign, and the welcome stations, click [here](#).

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