



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR



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Dear Neighbors:

There are lots of things going on in Pasadena all the time and many people have asked me to share my thoughts on the most important issues, so I will circulate periodic reports that I hope will be useful.

Please call me or email with any concerns.

CITY FINANCES

Predictably, I will lead with our financial challenges. While this coming year's Budget is balanced and we have increased our reserves, the 5-year forecast is daunting. Increasing salaries--necessary to attract and retain the best employees--and significant unfunded pension burdens will overwhelm projected revenue increases. We will continue to trim where we can, but beginning next year we will have to find alternative revenue sources or be forced to cut service levels.

Save the Date - January 16, 2018
2018 State of the City
Marshall Fundamental School Gymnasium
990 N. Allen Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104

[See 2017 State of the City](#)
[See 2018 Operating Budget](#)

ELECTION DATES



State law seeks to compel us to abandon our traditional spring/odd year election pattern and join the March-November/even year state/federal cycle. This shift, designed to increase voter participation, will drastically alter our local elections in ways that many may find undesirable. Any change will have to go to the voters for a charter amendment, and there will be a lot of contentious and complicated discussions in the coming months. Please make an effort to become informed about this issue and make your feelings known to your Councilmember.

[City Clerk's Report](#)

CANNABIS REGULATIONS

While voters approved the statewide legalization of cannabis for personal use and cultivation, it is up to each city to establish regulations governing sale and commercial cultivation. Should Pasadena allow and tax retail sales? This topic will stimulate a great deal of debate in the coming months.

LAND USE RULES

There are varying perspectives on new development: How much should we permit? How big should it be? Where should it be located? What should it look like? During the coming months the City Council will be grappling with this fundamental issue in a variety of ways:

- Work will begin on Neighborhood Specific Plans which provide the rules for new development
- *Mansionization* regulations will be reviewed to make certain that new or remodeled homes are compatible with existing neighborhoods
- *Home stay* regulations will be adopted governing Airbnb-style rentals

All of these will attract active discussions and have a significant impact on the way Pasadena looks and works in the future.

[Learn More](#)

ARROYO SECO REFORMS



A citizen panel has been working for several months to develop a new vision and action plan for Pasadena's most important natural resource. They are conducting meetings around the City and will present their ideas by year's end. In an effort to promote their efforts and raise awareness, I

am leading Mayor's walks in the Arroyo on several Thursdays and Saturdays;

Thursday, September 28th, 8 a.m.- Central Arroyo

(Meet at Trailhead near West Dr. and Washington Blvd.)

Parking: Available on West Drive, south of Washington Blvd.

Saturday, October 14th, 9 a.m.- Lower Arroyo

(Meet at the Casting Pond Entrance)

Parking: Available adjacent to the Casting Pond area.

Thursday, October 26th, 8 a.m.- Central Arroyo

(Meet at Rose Bowl Gate A under the marquee)

Parking: Available in Lot F of the Rose Bowl

Please join us; we'll walk slowly.

See OneArroyo



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