



# NOTES FROM THE MAYOR



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Dear Neighbors:

There are always so many important things going on in Pasadena that it's hard for people to keep up. As we near year-end, I thought it might be helpful to share some of the more interesting developments – particularly those that haven't received much City-wide attention.

## NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> BALLOT ISSUES

In addition to all of the candidates and State and County measures, way down at the BOTTOM of the ballot are local

### Measures I and J

which propose a ¾ cent sales tax increase and ask Voters whether one third of the proceeds should be shared with the School District. Additional information can be found on the City's [website](#).



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## LAND USE RULES

The City is continuing its Land Use planning activities related to *Specific Plans, Zoning & Design* rules that will regulate new development. There will be a series of neighborhood workshops to guide the planners, and anyone that has an interest in what Pasadena should look like over the next 20 years should attend and make their voices heard. Please follow this [link](#) to learn more about the *Specific Plans*.

The City is also actively reviewing its *inclusionary housing* rules and fees, and preparing to issue application procedures for legal *cannabis* businesses.

## HOMELESSNESS

The City will receive some new funding from voter-approved Measure H and the City Council has approved a new *motel conversion* ordinance that may help provide badly needed housing resources.

## ARROYO SECO REFORMS

The Arroyo Advisory Group, a citizen panel, worked for a year to develop a new vision and action plan for Pasadena's most important natural resource. They have issued their **final report** and proposed some demonstration projects. A new non-profit is being formed to help implement some of their ideas.



## NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

**Nearing completion:** Hyatt Hotel at Los Robles and Green; Desiderio Park near the Colorado Street Bridge.

**Underway:** Kaiser Medical School at Los Robles/Green; Alexandria Headquarters office building at Euclid/Union; 475 apartments at Fair Oaks/Holly; Caltech Chen Neuroscience Center at Wilson/Del Mar.



*Alexandria Headquarters*



*Chen Neuroscience Center, CalTech*

**PROJECTS TERMINATED:** Orange Grove road diet; Metro Bike-share; Pasadena Museum of California Art.

**POLICE CHIEF:** the City Manager is in the midst of a search for a new Police Chief and hopes to make a selection by the end of the calendar year.

## OTHER INTERESTING ITEMS

**ONE CITY, ONE STORY:** This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year of this Library program and we have selected TWO books for the first time: *In the Distance*- a story of a young Swedish boy, penniless and alone in California, who travels East on foot in search of his brother; AND as a summer selection, *The Ballad of Huck & Miguel* which is an illustrated updated version of the classic Huckleberry Finn set in Los

Angeles. Both books are available at our 10 branch libraries and will be the basis of community programming held throughout March, beginning with a conversation with Hernan Diaz on Thursday evening, March 7, 2019. More information can be found [here](#).

**SISTER CITIES:** Pasadena celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our relationship with LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with JARVENPAA, Finland by sending a delegation (not at City expense) to those cities in August. We have also approved adding DAKAR PLATEAU, Senegal as our sixth Sister City.



*If you have any questions or comments regarding these items, or other City business, please contact me at [ttornek@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:ttornek@cityofpasadena.net).*



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