



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room A

**Beverly Hills City Council / Health and Safety Commission Liaison**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Monday, January 29, 2018  
3:00 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: January 29, 2018 / 3:05 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Lili Bosse, Vice Mayor Julian Gold, Chair Myra Demeter, Vice Chair Gary Ross, City Manager Mahdi Aluzri, Director of Emergency Management, Resilience and Recovery Pamela Mottice-Muller, Senior Management Analyst Logan Phillippo, Secretary Garin Hussenjian

Resident, Cathy Baker, and representatives from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the American Heart Association, Breathe LA, and the California Department of Public Health.

**1) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public were given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item not listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None.

**2) 2017 Accomplishments**

Chair Demeter reviewed the list of accomplishments of the Health and Safety Commission during 2017. Most notable highlights are:

- The Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program. Monthly awardees receive certificates and Vice Mayor Gold's *Step Up Pin*.
- The Commission crafted a policy that prohibits smoking in multi-unit residences which was adopted by City Council on October 3, 2017. Key provisions started on January 1, 2018.

Both Mayor Bosse and Vice Mayor Gold were enthusiastic about the Commission's 2017 accomplishments.

**3) 2018 Work Plan**

Chair Demeter reviewed the Work Plan items for 2018. They include smoking related issues such as, discouraging smoking, providing support for smoking cessation programs, providing education, and continuing to look at ways to strengthen smoking regulations. The work plan also focuses on encouraging disaster preparedness. One avenue towards this goal will be to create a monthly agenda item, which will provide educational outreach on related topics.

Mayor Bosse agreed with the goal to work towards a more resilient City and stated that disaster preparedness education is essential.

Vice Mayor Gold suggested that a recommendation be made to Council for a grant for an agency to provide smoking cessation programs for our community. He stated that Cedars Sinai has programs that offer cessation assistance.

Two speakers made public comment. One representing the American Heart Association (AHA) and the other representing Breathe Los Angeles. Both speakers supported a ban on flavored tobacco products, including menthol products, within the City and emphasized the importance of smoking prevention in schools and support of smoking cessation.

Vice Mayor Gold asked if the AHA sees support of a smoking ban at the Federal level. The AHA representative stated that currently, support is at a local level.

Mayor Bosse asked about the Beverly Hills Unified School District's (BHUSD) policies about smoking. Chair Demeter replied that smoking is a problem at the High School and she has spoken with Superintendent Michal Bregy in order to emphasize a smoke-free environment. Mayor Bosse stated that it is important to partner with BHUSD to send a strong anti-smoking message. She went on to add that the school district's policy has to be tough, so the City's message can stay strong. Both Mayor Bosse and Vice Mayor Gold hope to see Beverly Hills become a smoke-free City.

Vice Mayor Gold inquired if the City has enforcement rights on BHUSD grounds. City Manager Mahdi Aluzri stated that the enforcement rights are for outside the campuses and not on the grounds. Director of Emergency Operations, Resilience and Recovery Pamela Mottice-Muller stated that staff would follow up with BHUSD staff on the smoking issues.

Chair Demeter made an additional mention that at the Monday, January 22, 2018, regular meeting of the Health and Safety Commission, six students from the Beverly Hills High School Medical Science Academy spoke in support of a ban on flavored tobacco products within the City.

Vice Mayor Gold concluded the meeting by stating the importance of education on the negative impacts and harms of marijuana.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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