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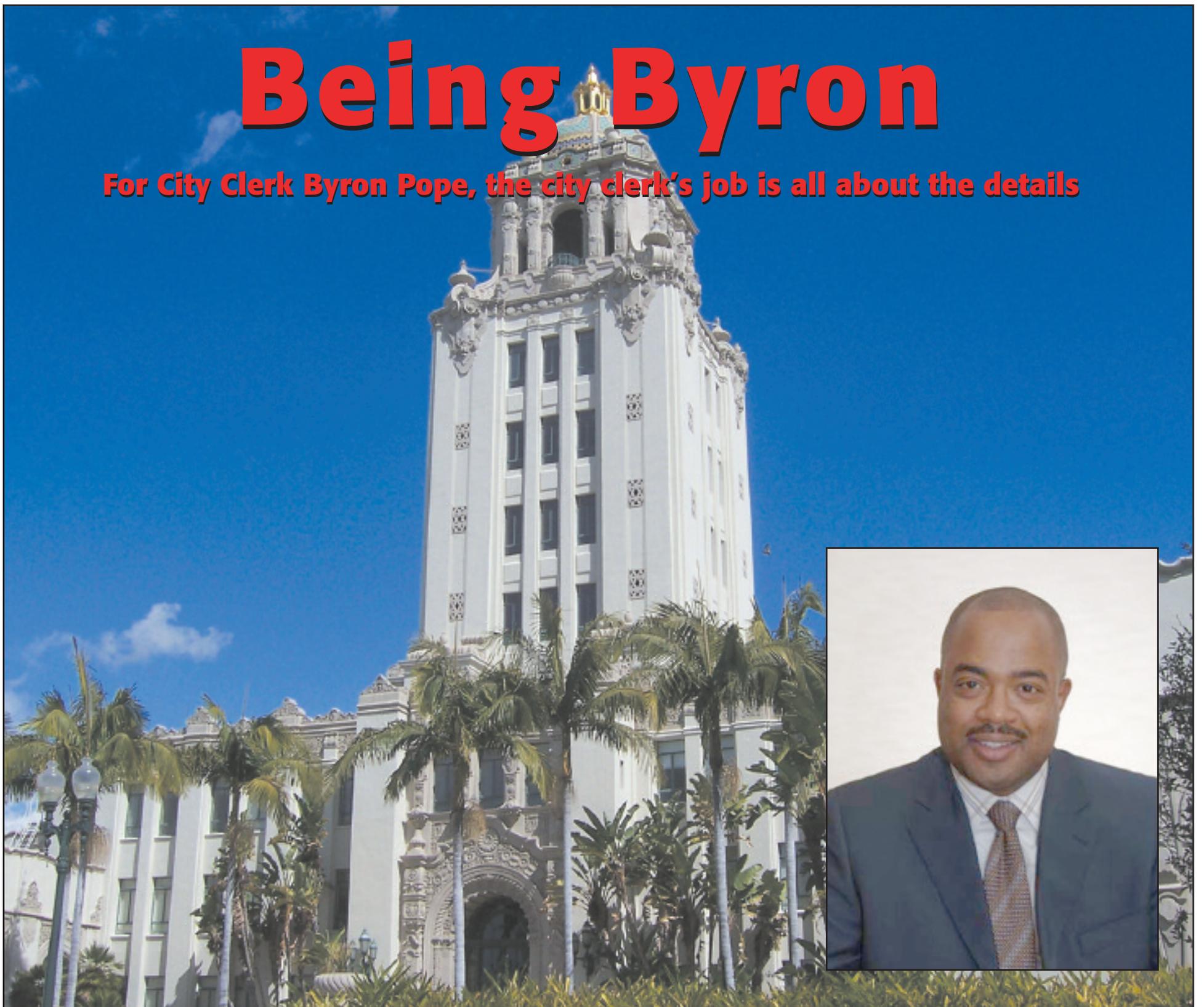
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## Being Byron

For City Clerk Byron Pope, the city clerk's job is all about the details



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# letters & email

## Beverly Hills School Custodians: Fed Up.

(Re: Issue #382) Last year, when I saw Michael Williams at Horace Mann, I grabbed him and took him on a tour of the school. At that time, Horace Mann was visibly filthy. For example, the white outside fountains where the children drank water were black from a lack of cleaning and the cafeteria tables where the children ate lunch were covered with bird droppings. Clearly, the custodians were not doing their job. Michael promised that things would change. I'm happy to report that he kept his promise. The fountains are now consistently clean, as are the lunch tables. I want to commend Michael Williams (and the District and School Board for hiring him). Thank you, Michael Williams! You're really doing a terrific job at Horace Mann! Maybe, the custodians are "fed up" because under

Williams's management, they actually need to clean! Now, if the District and School Board could please approve the hiring of another day custodian to help clean the bathrooms, which many children won't use at all because they're so dirty, under Williams' management, Horace Mann could be in really good shape!

*Jodi Ticknor  
Horace Mann PTA Executive Board  
Member  
Co-Chair Horace Mann PTA Safety  
Committee*

This may not be the solution to all of the school campus custodians' issues, but if the students would pick up their own trash - and even the trash of others - that would help. It is embarrassment to see the amount of trash left at the end of a day. There certainly are kids who do care, but we need everyone to pitch in and toss their trash. (I understand that sometimes the cans disappear.)

And hey, that goes for everyone in town - in residential areas and business districts.

*Ellen Lutwak  
Beverly Hills*

## Krasne and Soleimani Notch Dual Endorsement

(Issue #381)

There are a number of organizations in

Beverly Hills that have sponsored city council candidate forums and as yet have not endorsed their favorites. Many members in these organizations look to their officers for recommendations as to how they should vote. If there are no recommendations, the member either votes for the incumbent or doesn't even vote! If this happens we will get what we do not want. It turns out that more than 50% of all votes cast in Beverly Hills are by absentee ballot; probably within one week of when they are issued. Absentee ballots this year will be mailed on 5 February. Therefore it is imperative that organizations that wish to endorse do so no later than February 5. Just remember, a no vote, which is apathy, is the incumbent's best ally.

*Paul Bernstein  
Beverly Hills*

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## SNAPSHOT



Photo: Kerry Mazor

### "P IS FOR PLATELET" WHITTIER DRIVE

As part of a service learning project to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, El Rodeo students help tell the story of Leukemia. "P" for platelet Ashley Mehdizadeh (7th grader) and white blood cells Abeer Halani (8th grader), Carly Stone (7th grader) and Lucy Licht (7th grader).

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## Candidates File Initial Campaign Spending Reports

Delshad and Webb top the list of contributions received; Krasne raises most among challengers

By Ryan Vaillancourt

Vice Mayor Jimmy Delshad has raised the most money among the six candidates in the March 6 City Council election, narrowly leading Mayor Steve Webb, according to reports filed last week with the City Clerk's Office.

Delshad received \$50,763 in contributions through Jan. 25, all but \$1,865 being raised between July 1 and Dec. 31. Webb was next with \$46,818, including \$2,276 since January 1.

Nancy Krasne topped the four challengers in contributions received with \$27,193. Fellow planning commissioner Shahram

Melamed raised \$8,089, followed by Maggie Soleimani with \$3,104. Lizza Monet Morales did not report any contributions.

The reports show that Krasne - who in addition to her individual contributions has loaned her own committee \$28,000 - has outspent the other candidates, reporting \$32,489.80 in total expenditures. Delshad loaned his own committee \$30,000 and has spent \$28,635.35; Webb has spent \$23,418 and reported no loans; Melamed loaned his committee \$20,000 and has spent \$20,701; Soleimani loaned her committee \$10,000 and has spent

\$8,997.45.

The first report, which was required to be filed Jan. 25, covers the period Jan. 1-25. Semi-annual expenditure reports, which were due on Tuesday and cover all of 2006, were also submitted.

"All candidates submitted both reports on time or early," City Clerk Byron Pope said.

All six candidates accepted the voluntary

campaign expenditure limit, increased by the council to \$60,000 in a vote last year, which limits contributions to no more than \$250 per individual or \$500 per married couple.

Delshad's contributors include a host of former and current elected officials: He received \$250 donations from former mayors Allan Alexander, Les Bronte and Max Salter and

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 7, 2007

**TIME:** At 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

**LOCATION:** Commission Meeting Room A  
Beverly Hills City Hall  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

The Planning Commission of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider:

An application for a Development Plan Review Permit for the construction of a 29,992-square foot office and retail building with a three level underground parking garage for the property located at **9378 Wilshire Boulevard**.

This project is being assessed in accordance to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and a Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study has been prepared for the project.

Any interested person may attend the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the Commission before or at the Planning Commission meeting at the date and time noted above. If you challenge the Commission's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Planning Division of the Department of Community Development at 310.285.1123. Copies of the application, plans, Negative Declaration and all documents are on file in the Planning Division, and can be reviewed by any interested person at 455 North Rexford Drive, Room G-40, Beverly Hills, CA. 90210.

Georgana Millican  
Associate Planner



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Beverly Hills announces the availability of its draft "Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds" for review in connection with the City's annual application to Los Angeles County for federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

CDBG funds must be used for activities considered to primarily benefit persons of low and moderate income. The City's allocation of 2007-2008 CDBG funds from the County is expected to be \$267,804. The City Council will review the application at the regular February 6, 2007, City Council meeting.

It is proposed that the 2007-2008 CDBG funding continue to support the City's ongoing programs in approximately the same amounts as the current 2006-2008 year. The proposed funding for 2007-2008 is as follows: Handyworker Services (\$190,000), public service programs for senior citizens (\$40,167), partial funding of planning activities and program management (\$26,780), and a contingency (\$10,857).

The City is further expected to fund at least one new program this year using CDBG funds from previous years. Any new programs will be reviewed at a future City Council meeting.

A copy of the draft "Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds" is available from the Community Development Department in Room G-40, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210, or by contacting Michele McGrath at (310) 285-1123.



## NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCY

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### NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCY: FINE ART COMMISSION

The Beverly Hills City Council is seeking qualified residents to fill one vacancy on the Fine Art Commission. The initial term of office is for two years. At the discretion of the City Council, the Commissioner may be reappointed to a second term of four years. Each appointee will be required to file an initial and an annual "Statement of Economic Interests" financial disclosure.

In order that we may preserve the integrity of the application and interview process, please direct all inquiries to the City Clerk, City Manager or the Director of Community Services. Please DO NOT contact the City Councilmembers or the members of the Fine Art Commission regarding the Fine Art Commission vacancy.

Application forms for the Fine Art Commission, along with a description of the duties of a Commissioner, and filing details are available for pickup in the City Clerk's Office, Room 190, 455 N. Rexford Drive, or call 310.285.2400 to receive an application and information by mail or by email.

**The deadline for filing applications for this Commission is Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.**

BYRON POPE, CMC  
City Clerk

# briefs

## Manslaughter, DUI Charges Sought in Garrison Fatal Accident

Lane Garrison, the actor behind the wheel of the Dec. 2 crash that killed Beverly High student Vahagn Setian, had a blood alcohol level twice the legal limit and was under the influence of cocaine on the night of the incident, according to an investigation by the Beverly Hills Police Department.

The investigation revealed that Garrison was allegedly driving between 47 and 51 mph and no mechanical problems were detected in the vehicle, Beverly Hills Police Chief Dave Snowden said.

According to a BHPD press release, Beverly Hills traffic investigators presented the collision investigation to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and recommended that Garrison be charged with Gross Vehicular

Manslaughter "with an enhancement for causing bodily injury or death to more than one victim," Driving Under the Influence of alcohol and drugs and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

If convicted, Garrison could face up to ten years in prison, Snowden said.

## Southwest Homeowners Candidate Forum Tonight

The Southwest Beverly Hills Homeowners Association will host the second city-sponsored candidates forum at City Hall tonight at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend and ask questions of the candidates.

A portion of the SBHHA forum will feature a debate among the candidates on questions to be posed by the Homeowners Association.

## Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce will host the third and final candidate forum on Monday, at City Hall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Pennies for Patients at El Rodeo

El Rodeo School's Pennies for Patients Service-Learning Project had its kick-off event with guest speaker Clare Cameron from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. "This is the second year for El Rodeo to participate in this Service-Learning Project," said Kerry Mazor, Service-Learning Middle School Advocate at El Rodeo School.

Last year the school raised \$1,500 and they are expecting to raise more this year because the project has been expanded to include all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Through the leadership of the student council - student council sponsoring teachers are April Silva and Rich Waters - students will raise funds through bracelet sales and a bake sale. Also, penny and spare change boxes are placed in the classrooms and paper pennies are sold and on display (See photo on page 2).

## Krasne Campaign Events

Nancy Krasne, Planning Commissioner and candidate for Beverly Hills City Council, will greet voters at three upcoming

campaign events.

Patti Tanenbaum will host a wine & cheese event on February 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mumsey Nemiroff will have a brunch at her home on February 5th at 11 a.m. Marla Canter will host a coffee event on February 6th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Lisa Sockolov will also host a wine & cheese event at her home on February 10th from 5 pm to 7 pm.

For more information, contact Tricia at (310)770-3208 or tricia@electkrasne.com.

## Delshad Campaign Events

Jimmy Delshad, Vice Mayor and candidate for Beverly Hills City Council, will greet voters at two upcoming campaign events.

On Wednesday, February 7, 2007, Sandy & Alan Croll will host a coffee event at their 522 N. Maple Dr. home from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

On Thursday, February 8, Annie & Robert Ives will host a coffee and dessert event at their 474 S. Beverwil Dr. home from 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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\$100 from former mayor Donna Garber.

Delshad notched contributions from former Board of Education members Ernestch, Art Malin, Virginia Maas, Lillian Raffel, and Betty Wilson. And fellow councilmember and former Board of Education member Barry Brucker and wife Sue contributed \$250 each.

Bronte and Salter also contributed to

Webb's campaign, as did Maas, Raffel, and Wilson. Fellow councilmember Frank Fenton and Judie Fenton contributed to Webb. Judie Fenton also donated to Delshad.

Webb refunded four contributions from real-estate developers Craig Wald, Lance Walter, Alan Goodman and Maynard Brittan.

"I discovered after I had received the contributions that these were partners in a devel-

opment project that had come before the city that I voted on and I didn't know who they were," Webb said. "When I found out that they were partners I immediately refunded the money."

Also reporting a contribution from a recently active developer in the city was Melamed, who received \$250 from George Kobar. As a planning commissioner, Melamed voted in favor of Kobar's Wilshire Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard project last year.

Despite having personally signed the Campaign Statement Cover Page, Melamed said that his treasurer had handled the expenditure report and that as of Wednesday afternoon he was not personally aware of the Kobar contribution.

"Might it have the appearance of favoritism, exactly because of that we will refund the check," Melamed said. "It's not that anything is wrong, it's the appearance."

As incumbents, Delshad and Webb have maintained their election committees since being elected in 2003, giving them a predictable head-start in front of this year's four challengers.

"The core of my supporters are friends that I've had relationships with over a long period of time," Webb said. "I have people that have been close friends of mine that don't even live in the city that have sent me money."

Lasting community ties and name recognition, which increases while in office, tends to favor any incumbent in small city elections.

Delshad, who defeated former Mayor MeraLee Goldman in 2003, said it was difficult to raise funds as a challenger because he had no track record at City Hall. Now, as an incumbent candidate, Delshad has out-raised the competition.

"It is easier to raise funds as an incumbent, but only if you've done your job," he said

But to some residents, the track records of both incumbents are poor.

The Beverly Hills North Homeowners' Association has asserted itself as the most vocal anti-incumbent group in Beverly Hills

and their dual endorsement of challengers Nancy Krasne and Maggie Soleimani proposes to "change the culture at City Hall."

"The incumbents, Webb and Delshad, must go," the group said in their official statement of endorsement. But with a membership of about 500 in a city where turnout has recently numbered around 5,200, the BHNHA cannot elect a challenger on their own.

"The anti-incumbent bloc is always there," said political consultant and Beverly Hills resident Harvey Englander. "The question is: does it cross over to people who haven't made a decision?"

Krasne's landed contributions from various BHNHA members - including Victor Bardack, Betty Harris and Larry Larson - and she is also the only candidate to get a contribution from Anthony Shipp, who owns the North Foothill Drive property that has been threatened by eminent domain. But her long list of contributors indicates a diverse support base.

According to Englander, Krasne's fundraising, "certainly shows that she is not afraid to ask people for money and that she's got a level of sophisticated support in this city."

"Certainly, it puts her lightning paces ahead of the other challengers," he said.

The bulk of expenditures for all candidates thus far has been in campaign materials, mailers and printed advertisements.

As of the reporting deadline, Melamed spent the most in advertising, reporting \$16,940 spent with Beverly Hills Courier and \$0 with Beverly Hills Weekly. Krasne reported \$5,000 spent at the Weekly, \$7,360 at the Courier and \$3,500 at the Westside Chronicle; Soleimani reported \$1,800 spent at the Weekly and \$3,280 at the Courier; Webb reported \$1,600 spent at the Weekly and \$2,800 spent at the Courier; and Delshad reported \$3,200 spent at the Weekly and \$0 at the Courier.

The next campaign expenditure reports are due to the City Clerk on February 22 and cover the period between January 21 and February 17.



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# coverstory

## BEING BYRON

**For City Clerk Byron Pope, the city clerk's job is all about the details**



City Clerk Byron Pope

With the city council election just over a month away, there are few busier offices in town than that of City Clerk Byron Pope. Between planning for regular scheduled city council meetings and preparing for the March 6 election, Pope took some time to explain his day to day duties and how the first election of his tenure is starting to take shape in this exclusive interview with the Weekly.

**When former city clerk Nina Webster left the position over a year ago, you became the acting city clerk before ascending to the official position. Where did you work previously?**

Previous to the city clerks office I was in the public works department here in the city. I was the commercial services manager, which was in charge of the commercial refuse.

When I first joined the city in 2000, we had many accounts in the city, they could choose any vendor they wanted to to pick up their commercial trash and recycling. When I came on board I did the RFP to hire one exclusive contractor to do the entire commercial area. That was American Waste.

**What led you to the City Clerk's office?**

It's probably my management skills and wanting to utilize them more for the city. I came from a background with my church, from being the church administrator, [and] at Warner Brothers being in charge of commercial services for the studio lot. So I had more to offer than what that [previous] opportunity was.

**What does the City Clerk's job entail on a day to day basis?**

Lots of detail and that's another one of my strong points. I'm a stickler, meticulous. Not only do I try to do it in attire, but also ethics in life, [and my] home is immaculate. Dotting

i's crossing t's, that's just what I like to do so there's a lot of that in my day. The first half hour of my day is loading up 30 to 50 e-mails and responding to different requests for resolutions, ordinances, research questions, [and] staff members' or members of the public asking questions about some history or city council actions. Then I go into follow up work or preparations for the next city council meeting, which includes the agenda packets, the synopsis, the minutes, the follow ups.

**The upcoming election means a busier schedule for you; what are you doing in the name of preparation for the election?**

My schedule changed last summer when the election season actually started. We had to get our prep work in place before the nomination period started in November. So it entailed going to the seminar for my election supplier, to hiring [an] election consultant, to going over how we have done the elections in the past just so I knew what to expect this year and getting everything in place for the nomination with the candidates that filed. We have a timeline of events that all city clerks have to file according to the election schedule. Every day there is something due. There's "e" minus 122 [days], we have something to do, e minus 99 there's something to do.

Roughly half of Beverly Hills voters do so by way of absentee ballot. Take us through the process that begins when someone submits an absentee ballot request form.

First it's very important top know that people that are registered with LA County as a permanent absentee ballot voter don't even

need to fill out an absentee request. They're automatically in every city's system, so if you're a permanent absentee voter, for every election, you're automatically going to receive a ballot. That's caused some confusion in the past because they know they're a permanent absentee voter but then they get campaign materials from candidates with an absentee application, then our sample ballot shows up with an absentee application and sometimes they send them in anyway. We have about 2800 voters in Beverly Hills that are [permanent] absentee voters. When [permanent absentee voters] send in a request form for an absentee ballot, we send them what we call a snag letter letting them know that they are a permanent absentee voter. For non-permanent absentee voters, when they submit an absentee ballot request form, we keep the requests in an alphabetical file and until the absentee period starts on February 5, that's all we do. Once the absentee period starts, we update what we call the 54 day file from the county, which is a list of all voters eligible to vote in our city 54 days prior to the election. We scan in by the bar code the voters, each one that's requested one, and we mail them out starting on February 5.

**How many absentee ballot requests have been submitted so far?**

Probably about 250 to 300.

**How does that compare with previous elections?**

As opposed to the last election, which had  
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## Inside Some Campaigns

Outside the box thoughts

By Rudy Cole

How much is your vote worth? In terms of dollars, not very much. Before the current city council election has come to an end the candidates will have spent about fifteen dollars per voter.

Are they skinflints, these six who hope to earn their \$654.84 per month salary and such benefits as attending every possible brist and Starbucks opening, and if that conjunction doesn't cure your coffee addiction, nothing can? No, they are or are supposed to follow the rules limiting total expenses to \$60,000 per candidate.

With the advent of campaign spending limits, something the United States Supreme Court once ruled illegal in national elections citing a limitation of freedom of speech, but still enforceable in state and municipal campaigns, the numbers of actual voters has declined. One way to view that, of course, is that with campaign reforms come less democracy.

Two years ago, with some very deep

pockets on both sides of the issue, the hotel referendum posted an historic \$600.00 per elector.

Considering the actual numbers of people who vote, this campaign spending is not a model of marketing success. It has been many decades since even half of the registered voters of Beverly Hills made the effort to either mail in their ballot or march to the polls. (In Beverly Hills approximately 2,700 are permanent absentee voters.) How many people around the world would love an opportunity to vote in such exotic venues as the Beverly Hills Hotel?

In 35 days we will choose our city fathers and mothers. Even that designation for local elected officials has some deeper meaning. We never call our congressmen or senators national mothers and fathers, although a part of that designation is sometimes used. We look to our local officials to provide us with safety and comfort and, even yet, we are far more

likely to spend voting energy on national and state elections even in Beverly Hills.

The likely number of voters is about 5,000 to 6,000 or less than 30 percent of those eligible. One possible answer for the minority of population vote is that residents really aren't very concerned. No matter who is elected, the mechanics of government will continue providing first rate city services under the guidance of the professional staff.

The validity of the "government will go on much the same no matter who we elect" theory, is clearly not true this year. Why? Because for the first time in this generation, the city council will adopt a new general plan and that will impact our quality of life for another 30 years.

Changes in height limits, new uses in the Industrial Area and, incidentally, that misnomer could soon change, and much more are all on the agenda for soon to be elected councilmembers. It has been many years since any real industry loaded freight trains in the section of Beverly Hills east of city hall and south of Santa Monica Boulevard still called the Industrial Area, now home to new apartment buildings, some condos, city facilities and a growing number of entertainment industry enterprises. Oh yes, a vet office and hospital and the Amanda Foundation. It will fasci-

nate future urbanists to discover that we had a hospital for animals, but none for humans.

In any case, the next council will decide, unless it goes to a referendum or initiative, how we view future growth and development. Some change is inevitable. There are deteriorating, neglected areas, yes, right here in the hub of high property values and historic demand for space. There will be development, but what kind, how high the structures and how much density will all be decided by a block by block determination incorporated in the next general plan.

This council also has other big decisions on the agenda plate. Installing improved technology for our police and fire services, necessity of a sports center, widening of Santa Monica Boulevard, repairs of streets and alleys, improvements in utility services ranging from cable television to electricity and water and responding to a very public demand for stronger ethics ordinances. And, oh yes, there is that hole in the ground some zealots want to dig under Wilshire Boulevard in attempt to reduce surface traffic, which, of course, is a continuing elephant size issue in every election.

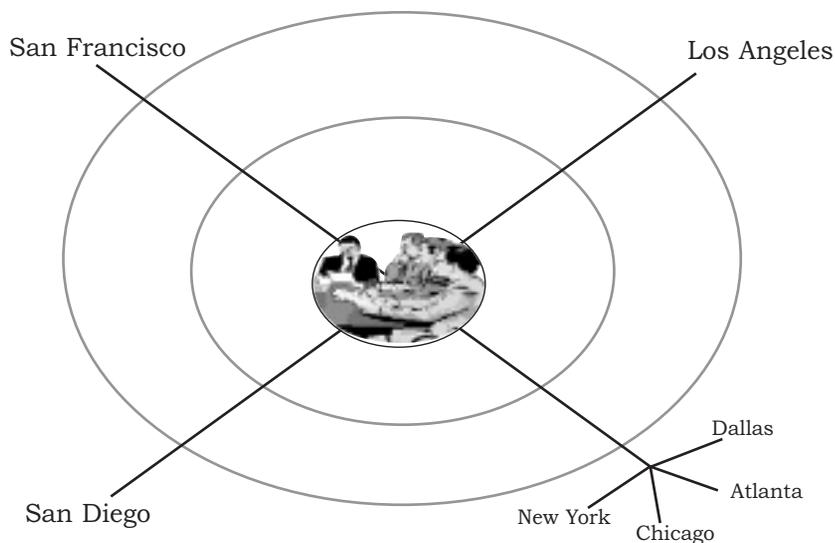
It is a required slogan for all candidates since **Will Rogers** had an honorary civic tile, honorary mayor, to proclaim that we must preserve the residential quality of life in Beverly Hills. Of course, we must and in most of the residential land, nothing could be done to provide change. What that should really mean is limiting growth

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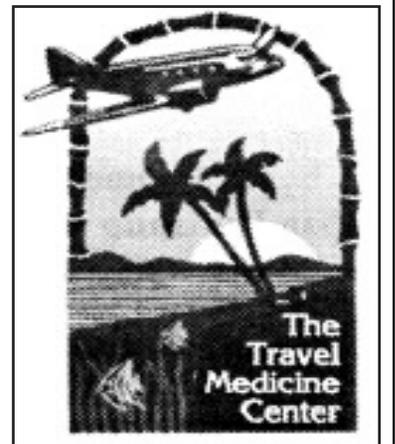
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too close to residential or change that has little benefit and only increases existing environmental problems. It is also obvious that our grid lock issues are not just local, but regional.

It is also axiomatic for challengers to be more anti-growth than incumbents, and even those worthies would seldom hold you by the ears and proclaim a wish to build high rises on every city lot. They know, given a choice, that most residents would deny Mrs. Shapiro the right to add a new shower in the master bedroom.

Knowing all this, why such ennui? Maybe it's the candidates that create disinterest. This entry of six does not lack diversity of choices. Five are well funded, have very viable campaigns and supportive backers, including their families. The sixth, **Lizza Monet Morales**, needs some separation from the others. She has raised no money and spent zero. She said, at one forum, "I don't have the deep pockets like the rest of you," and that should never preclude candidacy. But it also indicates a certain lack of support. No friends willing to contribute? No fund raisers to pay for some mailings?

At least for this filing period, zilch. Monet Morales is attractive and very articulate and comes across well in the forums, however it is our sad duty, after listening carefully to her words, that almost half of her opinions are unrelated to the issues being discussed. She needs to do some homework, but the other candidates could learn much from her performances. Unfortunately for Monet Morales, this was

not a casting call. O.K, one foot note, on a few issues she really understood, she was good and said the right words.

Now, about the five that have paid their dues and their printers. These are not world class thespians. If performance alone counted, none would win, with the possible exception of **Nancy Krasne** who is just loose enough and candid as to come out ahead in the two forums I monitored. Nancy has some impressive credentials too. She has served on two commissions and is never loathe to express her opinions.

**Shahram Melamed** also has two commissions on his resume, but sometimes appears not to fathom the process of which he is very much a part. What he has going for him is a very loyal family with an impressive record of community service. An example of his lack of experience, surprising considering his service on commissions, was a comment at the press forum in response to a renter issue, one governed by state law. Melamed argued that we did not need to follow state law. "Since when do we do that?" he said. Well, actually, always. We are a general law city and we are very restricted by state law. As an example, I wish we could, as a city, permit pipe smoking anywhere and everywhere, but state law makes that impossible. We are preempted, as the lawyers would say.

**Jimmy Delshad** and **Steve Webb** are not running as a team and they have some serious differences both in style and substance. However, they are very unlikely to again air any disputes as they did when Delshad was credited with suggesting

Rodeo Drive be closed to automobiles and Webb lost it. But they are apart on many issues and maybe of those could emerge. We writers love controversy, of course.

They are also different in interests and abilities. Webb is the pragmatist who understands government mechanics as well as anyone and is a fairly good communicator even though his press forum was stiff and rushed. Delshad is weak on civics, strong on technology. He has very good people skills, handles himself very well in public and is the hardest campaigner in the election. Even though he is presenting a somewhat changed view on issues, not unusual for candidates, he and Webb have almost identical votes on development proposals, a history that has led to opposition from the more militant anti-growth groups.

Conventional wisdom; Incumbents have the best chance of winning, but there is considerable discontent out there and, again depending on the size of the vote, this could be a year of surprises.

So, speaking of surprises, we have one. **Maggie Soleimani**. She didn't exactly come out of nowhere - her resume is an impressive list of civic involvements, but she was a relative unknown outside education, a host of charities and among the soccer moms. She is not a spell binder, but there is something about her sincerity that is coming across. A lawyer, she scored some big points when she said she would never return to the council after leaving office to represent any developers.

Soleimani and Krasne have the strong

support of the Beverly Hills North Homeowners' Association, much to the surprise of Melamed who lobbied hard for their backing and who, for his efforts, was treated very poorly at their forum.

It is never surprising to see incumbents with the longest list of insider endorsements, it goes with the office. But here to, there are changes. Krasne has snared many of the usual opponents of the council, but also some well known more neutral activists. Soleimani, with Krasne, has the largest homeowner group, and with Delshad, has garnered the backing of the city's renter organization, CTR. Soleimani and Krasne won the support of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Actually, we should be grateful that in this era of distrust of anything political, six people are even willing to serve. Although personally I like both Steve and Jimmy, this may not be the year of the incumbent.

Side note: If you want to win the hearts of the voters, go green. Although every other proposed development has issues with these candidates, not one has voiced opposition to 9900 Wilshire (Robinsons-May.)

Most important observation of the year: GO BEARS.

*Rudy Cole served for eight years as a member and chair of the city's Recreation & Parks Commission. He was also President of the Greystone Foundation and served on three other city committees. Rudy can be reached at: Rudy@bhweekly.com.*

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### THE PROBLEM

#### 1 Excessive Development-Gridlock Traffic

We are a City imperiled. Our City Council, misguided by incumbents Steve Webb and Jim Delshad, has embraced excessive development at a time when we are overwhelmed with, indeed deluged by, destination gridlock. Our City Council no longer represents the interests of our residential community. Profit-oriented developers are aware of this Council misdirection and are proceeding hand-in-glove with councilmembers Webb and Delshad to turn our community into one large traffic jam!

Recognizing that this City Council embraces excessive development, enterprising developers present massive projects built out to

enormous density and height. In turn, led by Steve Webb and Jim Delshad, the City Council then ignores the General Plan and Municipal Code and engages in spot zoning to allow more density and height of proposed building projects. More density means more traffic in our City. When Councilmembers Webb and Delshad ignore the City's General Plan and Municipal Code and approve excessive development, they, in concert with their Council colleagues, change the nature and essence of our City thereby destroying the very reasons why we became Beverly Hills residents. For example, the proposed Hilton Hotel/Condo project features a 170 foot building and two 150 foot towers in close proximity to our residential neighborhoods. To accommodate this massive project, the Hilton plans to provide 1442 parking spaces but the City code requires 3773!!!

The Hilton intends to develop a "Waldorf Astoria" hotel on its present site. While the "Waldorf Towers" works in Manhattan on 49th Street and Park Avenue, it is completely inappropriate for our community, especially since it is across the street from residential neighborhoods, the El Rodeo School, and on streets that are already in gridlock.

A vote for Nancy Krasne and Maggie Soleimani will put the developers and their City Hall compatriots on notice that the residents will no longer witness or tolerate the "sale" of our City. Help us put a stop to high density, oppressive, excessive development that will substantially erode our quality of life and further burden us with gridlock traffic.

#### 2 Ethics

We have become all too aware that many of our former mayors have become real estate consultants and advocates for developers. These former mayors appear regularly on behalf of developers before their former colleagues at City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff meetings. Regrettably, Steve Webb voted against our proposed Ethics Ordinance which would have provided for a two year prohibition barring all former Council Members and Planning Commissioners, once out of elected or appointed office, from acting as lobbyists before anyone at City Hall. Mr. Webb has made it quite clear that he intends to participate in the "revolving door" of influence peddling, patronizing and representing developers after his council service is completed.

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### 3 Preservation of our City's Industrial Area for Municipal Services

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As part of the excessive development scheme in play by our incumbent council members, Webb and Delshad, it is City Hall's intention to commercially develop our City's Industrial Area in joint ventures with private developers. In two previous elections, in 1979 and 1980, the residents of our City voted and made clear their mandate that the Industrial Area must be retained for the development and maintenance of municipal services only, e.g., a waste water treatment facility that would not only conserve our water supply but also reduce its cost to us.

Let's not forget that Steve Webb and Jim Delshad endorsed a 26% rate hike in our water bill over a nine month period just last year without any requirement to do so by the Metropolitan Water District and without providing a public forum for residents to debate the rate increase.

Presently, in the Industrial Area, Councilmembers Webb and Delshad have started the process for the development of a mega sports facility estimated by Steve Webb to cost somewhere between 60 million and 80 million dollars! The development provides for condos/commercial development with a cut-through street onto Santa Monica Blvd. To jump start its plan, City Hall is utilizing its powers of Eminent Domain to acquire the property presently occupied by the Amanda Foundation. The cut-through street from the Industrial Area onto the south side of Santa Monica Blvd. in conjunction with the encroachment into the Beverly Gardens Park, to widen Santa Monica Blvd., will increase traffic not only on Santa Monica Blvd. but also onto the residential streets in and around the 500 blocks of our City.

### 4 Beverly Gardens Park Encroachment

On December 19, 2006, Steve Webb and Jim Delshad, along with their council colleagues, voted for a Council resolution (item eight on the Council Agenda) approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Beverly Hills and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for funding the design and construction for the widening of North Santa Monica Blvd. between Doheny Drive and Wilshire Blvd. As part of this agreement, our City plans to expend \$941,000 in order to receive \$1,751,000 from L.A. County Metro Transportation Authority for the design and construction of the Santa Monica Blvd. widening. Significantly, both Steve Webb and Jim Delshad approved this resolution without directly notifying the residents living in the 500 blocks adjacent to the parkland. That type of dismissive disregard of our residents by not dealing directly with them and on their behalf, sadly characterizes the misbegotten efforts of the two incumbents, Webb and Delshad.

### THE SOLUTION

*We must Change the Culture at City Hall - the incumbents, Webb and Delshad, MUST GO!*

Our City has long been distinguished not by its brick and mortar, but by the genuine time honored values of its good and decent folks. We are a people who support and encourage a vibrant commercial sector. We believe in smart, General Plan/Municipal Code respected low rise development. At the same time, we assiduously seek to maintain the

integrity of our residential neighborhoods. We expect our City services, particularly police and fire personnel, to be at the ready with state of the art training and equipment. So, too, do we demand that our public schools remain the "lighthouse district," the "beacon" of public education. Accordingly, City Hall must always be committed to shepherd our resources so that we not only maintain school funding at present levels, but are prepared to increase the current city/school joint power agreements ensuring that our children receive the finest public education possible.

### THE ENDORSEMENT

Both Nancy Krasne and Maggie Soleimani are committed to the values and issues that we hold dear. Nancy and Maggie are smart, well-educated, sincere, honorable, family-oriented, high integrity individuals. They recognize that City Council service is a privilege and an honor not to be parlayed into personal financial gain and not to be motivated by ego gratification. They are without arrogance. They are team players, good listeners who will represent the interests of our residents.

*For Example:*

- They are committed to respecting the height and density guidelines in our General Plan and Municipal Code which will terminate the ongoing detrimental developer/City Council partnership that generates a resident-be-damned culture at City Hall. Simply, they will hold the line on high rise, high density excessive traffic generating projects.

- Nancy and Maggie are committed to restoring two hour free parking city wide! Merchants, residents and shoppers have delighted with this signature Beverly Hills attraction. Maggie and Nancy recognize that two hour free parking has been in

effect in our City for over twenty years and that it was the product of our forward thinking leadership that sought to enable our City to compete economically with neighboring malls.

Significantly, both Steve Webb and Jim Delshad promised to keep in place two hour free parking only to break that promise a few months after they made it!

- Nancy and Maggie agree that it is in the best interests of our City that the Industrial Area be preserved for municipal services and will respect the prior votes of their fellow residents on this crucial matter.

- Both, working together, will change the pro/excessive development culture at City Hall. Instead of experiencing Steve Webb gavel down residents at Council meetings while indulging developers, Maggie and Nancy will listen attentively, keep open minds, while giving the residents fair and equal opportunity to be heard at City Hall.

- Maggie and Nancy both support an end to the "revolving door" lobbying by ex-council members. They embrace at least a three year prohibition on former Council Members/Planning Commissioners from lobbying at City Hall.

In the final analysis, we believe that the candidates with the finest character who evince a thorough grasp of the crucial issues we face, and who offer fair and reasonable solutions to resolve them, ought to receive our endorsement. We believe earnestly that Nancy Krasne and Maggie Soleimani are our best bet. They offer the promise and hope of a better tomorrow.

*Stand up and be counted. Take control. Be part of our community. Get involved. Join Our Association! We welcome your participation and need your financial support!*

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the Montage referendum issue on the ballot so that was a unique situation, this is more of a normal election of just city council candidates. This is a two seat election versus a three seat election, which will be in 2009. So with two seats, this is pretty normal for a two seat election for this time. As opposed to last time with the Montage referendum item and three city council seats, we had probably twice the number of absentee requests at that time than we have now.

**When is the last day that voters can request an absentee ballot and when is the deadline for registering?**

The absentee period is from February 5 and 27, so up through the 27th. The deadline for registering to vote is February 19, which is 15 days before the election.

**The city considered using a touch-screen voting system for this year's election. Why isn't this technology being used?**

The touch screen voting would have been out of my control. It would have been under the guidance to run the machines of [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder] Connie McCormack who's the registrar recorder county clerk. That would have been out of my control, so I didn't want any part of this election out of my control. I wanted to be able to control and oversee and insure the entire election process this time. The county even offered to support it and to totally run it for me, but then again, I can't control that.

**Will the ballots be printed in Farsi?**

The main ballot is English and Farsi and the additional one we do is in English and Spanish, which voters have to request. We normally get about 100 requests for Spanish ballots.

**Who translates the ballots?**

We submit the English version to our election supplier. They have court certified translators, a company called CTS. They do the official translation of our English version. We do proofs of it on staff and with the candidates for their candidate statements. They get to review their own candidate statements, we do the rest of the ballot. We send back and changes or suggestions to them. The only stipulation is if we have changes to their translations, we must support that with court certified verification that these are correctable changes or they won't even consider them.

**Sometimes, voters make errors when filling out a ballot and their ballot is thrown out. What kinds of errors automatically disqualify a ballot?**

First of all, if a voter knowingly makes a mistake on their ballot, they can send it in and we can spoil it and issue them a new ballot so that they can mark it correctly. If they unknowingly make a mistake, there's nothing they can do about it, it disqualifies itself. For instance, there are two seats open on the ballot and if they circle in all the bubbles, that ballot automatically gets disqualified. If they

circle in more than two, there's no way for the machine or our staff to know which two bubbles they filled in first.

**How many absentee ballots on average get disqualified?**

It's typically very few. We err on the side of the voter as much as we can.

**What is the unacceptable margin of difference between someone's signature on record and the one on the ballot?**

It has to be really, really different. We give the voter the benefit of the doubt.

**When a person's ballot is disqualified, are they notified that their vote was not tallied?**

No, but all absent voters have the right to call [the city clerk's office] to find out if their vote was tabulated after the election.

**What are some of the lessons you learned from the past election that you expect to help make this election go smoothly?**

We have our debriefing notes from the last election, so we've done our best to ensure that all of the things mentioned in that debriefing are in place for this election. For example, we've had an issue with our ballot counter [machine] for the last two elections, so when it came time to count the ballots there was a problem with the machine and it was the way the ballots were lining up. So, we've made contact with our election supplier to make sure that they send us a good working ballot counter and also to have a warm spare in the

car in case there's anything wrong [with the first one]. We do the accuracy test the afternoon before the election where we test a set of ballots to make sure it's working properly. We'll probably do more than one accuracy test this year.

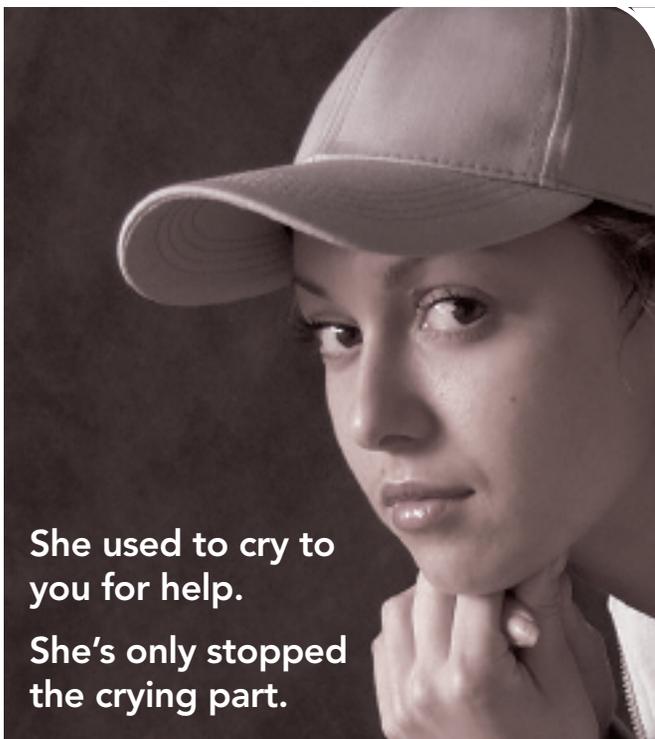
**How did those past problems complicate the process?**

They were just very nerve-racking because it delayed us getting the results. When everything else was ready, the ballot counter wasn't ready, so it just made for a very nerve racking evening, not only for us but for the candidates and their committees and the community as a whole.

**What do you foresee will be the biggest challenge leading up to March 6?**

The biggest challenge is educating our foreign American voters on the American voting process. They come from other countries where voting was done differently. They have a different concept of how voting happens, so it's a constant education. We can't segment one population, we have to do a general outreach with our education. We can't reach out to one population because it looks like we're favoring them. Every person has to be registered to vote; if the head of the household is registered, it doesn't mean the whole house is registered. We've had those kinds of questions in the past.

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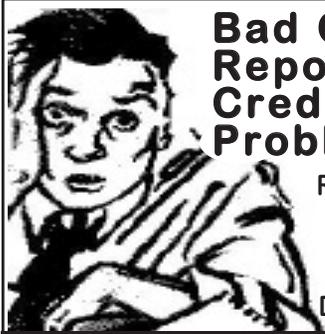
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#### FILE NO. 20070064154

##### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ALPHA BURGER, 6480 SANTA FE AVE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ROHLAND CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 525 S. ARDMORE AVE #210, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020. This Business is being conducted by a/an: CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ ROHLAND CORPORATION BY: CHUN HWAN ROH, SECRETARY

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on JANUARY 11, 2007 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA125668 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 1/18, 25, 2/1, 8, 2007

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: JANUARY 9, 2007

To Whom it may concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: DEDETO INC. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 11400 W. OLYMPIC BLVD, STE 160, LOS ANGELES, CA 90064-1550.

Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE.

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLEWOOD. LA125718 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 1/18,25 2/1, 2007

#### FILE NO. 20070028852

##### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: 1 TERIYAKI, 3510 S BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: THOMAS JIN MYUNG CHUNG AND ESTHER IN SOON CHUNG, 1824 S. ST. ANDREWS PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. This Business is being conducted by a/an: HUSBAND AND WIFE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ THOMAS JIN MYUNG CHUNG, ESTHER IN SOON CHUNG

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on JANUARY 5, 2007 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA125481 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 1/11,18,25 2/1, 2007

#### FILE NO. 20070020947

##### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BRAVO JUICE & COFFEE, 5547 SANTA MONICA BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: WON TEK BAE, 1236 S BRONSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. This Business is being conducted by a/an: INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ WON TEK BAE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on JANUARY 4, 2007 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA125464 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 1/11,18,25 2/1, 2007

#### FILE NO. 20070013599

##### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LASIK TODAY, 3501 JAMBOREE RD, STE 1100, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LASER EYE CARE OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, 3501 JAMBOREE RD, STE 1100, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660. This Business is being conducted by a/an: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name/names listed above on: N/A.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares true, information which he knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

/s/ LASER EYE CARE OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, BY: BRIAN L. ANDREW, SECRETARY

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on JANUARY 3, 2007 indicated by file stamp above.

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LA125395 BEVERLY HILLS WEEKLY 1/11,18,25 2/1, 2007

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BEATRICE A. WEISSTEIN

Case No. BP102438

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BEATRICE A. WEISSTEIN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Leonard D. Weinberg in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Leonard D. Weinberg be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 14, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:

MITCHELL A PORT ESQ  
SBN106192

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CN766648 WESSTEIN Jan 18,25, Feb 1, 2007

#### HOPWA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program will release a RFP on January 29, 2007. Proposals will be accepted until Feb. 20, 2007.

RFP packets will also be available for distribution from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 1200 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles CA 90017 at the Public Information Window. The Proposers' Conference will be at the lobby level auditorium at the same address on February 1, 2007 at 2:00 pm. For further information, please call (213) 808-8805.

2/1/07  
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#### Escrow No. 38158 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Notice pursuant to UCC Sec. 6105)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made.

The name(s) and business address of the seller is/are: GENE A. TAYLOR, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 111, West Hollywood, California 90046

Doing business as: DOROTHY'S SURRENDER

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years as stated by the seller(s), are: WEST HOLLYWOOD MAIL & MESSAGE SERVICE, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 109, West Hollywood, California 90046, GENE A. TAYLOR TAX SERVICE, 13620 Sherman Way, #D, Van Nuys, California 91405

The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: SABIN GRAY, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 111, West Hollywood, California 90046

The assets being sold are generally described as the business, goodwill, fixtures, furniture, and furnishings, equipment, supplies, tools, leasehold improvements, telephone numbers, lists of customers, trade names, signs, all transferrable permits, franchises, leases, customer deposits, and saleable merchandise for resale, stock in trade, and work in process on hand and are located at: 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 111, West Hollywood, California 90046

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of BANKERS TRUST ESCROW CO., LTD., 18850 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 208, Tarzana, CA 91356 and the anticipated sale date is February 21, 2007

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is BANKERS TRUST ESCROW CO., LTD., 18850 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 208, Tarzana, CA 91356, Attn: Jan Olson and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be February 20, 2007, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.

Dated January 23, 2007

SABIN GRAY, Buyer(s)

Beverly Hills Weekly

CN769565 38158 Feb 1, 2007

#### BID PACKAGE NO. 07-10 CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS OFFICE OF PROJECT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 345 FOOTHILL ROAD BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210

#### LEGAL NOTICE - BIDS WANTED

#### PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE SHOP

#### SECTION 1: NOTICE INVITING BIDS

##### 1. Notice Inviting Bids

a. **Date of Request:** January 23, 2007

b. **Bid Number:** 07-10

c. **Item Description:** Base Bid: New one story and mezzanine Vehicle Shop of approximately 16,500 sf, retaining walls, site work, landscaping, and paving located at 9355 Third Street, Beverly Hills, CA. Alternate No. 1 includes site work, landscaping, and paving on a contiguous parcel.

d. **Obtaining or Viewing Bid Documents:** A copy of bid package may be obtained from the Office of Project Administration, Second Floor, 345 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; telephone number (310) 288-

2823. The bid package, including plans and specifications, may also be viewed on the City's web site: [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org), shortcuts, vendor information, bid number 07-10.

e. **Bid Opening:** Friday –  
**March 9, 2007 - 2:00PM**

f. **Due Date and Location for Submittals:** Sealed bids will be received at all times during normal business hours prior to the Bid Opening, at the Office of the City Clerk, 455 North Rexford Drive, Room 190, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Bids will be opened at the Bid Opening time stated, in the Office of the City Clerk, or as otherwise posted. Bids which arrive after the specified Bid Opening time, including mailed bids delivered after the specified Bid Opening time, will not be accepted, regardless of the time postmarked or otherwise indicated on the envelope. All bids must be in writing and must contain an original signature by an authorized officer of the firm. Electronic bids (i.e., telephonic, FAX, etc.) are NOT acceptable. All bids shall clearly contain on the outside of the sealed envelope in which they are submitted: **BID 07-10 PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE SHOP**

g. **Contractor's License:** In accordance with provisions of Section 3300 of the California Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid California Contractor's License Class B1 or other appropriate specialty license classification under the State Contracting Code at the time the project is bid. Failure to possess such license may render the bid non-responsive and bar the award of the contract to that non-responsive Bidder.

h. **Liquidated Damages:** There shall be a \$ 1,000.00 assessment for each and every calendar day work remains undone after date fixed for completion.

i. **Prevailing Wages:** In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1770 et seq., of the Labor Code, the Director of the Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done. The Contractor will be required to pay to all persons employed on the project by the Contractor sums not less than the sums set forth in the documents entitled "General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, 1773.1." These documents can be reviewed in the office of the City Clerk or may be obtained from the State.

j. **Mandatory Prebid Conference Date and Location:** A mandatory Prebid Conference and Job Walk will be conducted on Wednesday, **February 14, 2007 at 10:30AM** and at other such times as the City may determine. Participants shall meet in Conference Room 217 at the Public Works Building, 345 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, 90210. Note that you must sign in at the reception desk.

k. **Bid Security:** Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total bid amount. All cashier's checks or certified checks must be drawn on a responsible bank doing business in the United States and shall be made payable to THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS. Bid bonds must be issued by a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of California. Bids not accompanied by the required bid security shall be rejected. Cash and personal or company checks are NOT acceptable. The City shall return the bid security checks of unsuccessful bidders to them when the successful bidder ("Contractor") enters into the Contract with the City.

l. **Payment Bond and Completion Bond:** A Payment Bond and a Completion Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, will be required of the Contractor.

m. **Insurance:** Upon award of contract, contractor will be obligated to file certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as specified in the bid documents and in a form acceptable to the City. The certificates shall be on the City's standard proof of insurance form.

n. **Contractor's Qualifications:** Bidders must complete the Experience Form and submit all required information. Bidder's failure to fully complete the form or to adequately respond to the questions will render the bid non-responsive and are grounds for rejection by the City Council. Bidders shall have experience in constructing projects that are comparable to the work specified by this bid package.

o. **Time of Completion:** The contractual completion time shall be three hundred and five (305) calendar days for the work commencing from the date of the Notice To Proceed.

p. **Retention:** In accordance with the contract, ten percent (10%) of any progress payment will be withheld as a retention. Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, and City shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Refer to the contract for further clarification.

q. **Contact Person:** A bidder or potential bidder who has a procedural or substantive question must submitted it in writing to Allen Rubenstein, Project Manager by email to [arubenstein@beverlyhills.org](mailto:arubenstein@beverlyhills.org). A copy of the question plus a written response to it will be mailed to all parties who have obtained a bid package and provided an email address.

THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY OR IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID. ANY CONTRACT AWARDED WILL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

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