A Civil City

Newly appointed Human Relations Commission Chair Karen Popovich Levyn on the importance of civility
briefs

City employees to receive raises

The City Council approved the Fire Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last December, setting into motion pay hikes across a four-year period for the employees represented by the Beverly Hills Firefighters’ Association (BHFA). Citing issues like the “sustainability of local government,” Vice Mayor John Mirisch voted against the contract.

At Tuesday’s meeting, the Council approved Memoranda of Understanding for the city’s six non-safety employee associations with a 4-1 vote. Mirisch once again dissented.

“I think that salaries in general are a little bit too high compared to the private sector,” Mirisch said. “As egregious as it might be, we’re doing nothing to address the issue of unfunded liabilities and pensions.”

The $6.9-million package was presented by the city’s Human Resources department, with Assistant Director of Administrative Services/HR Shelley Ovrom in the audience.

The memoranda, which expired last September, have four-year life spans.

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Source: Feb. 2 City Council staff report

The Municipal Employees’ Association, separated into full-time and part-time units, covers over 550 employees. Together, the proposed contracts total $3.3 million.

Part-time employees will receive four pay hikes, including a retroactive hourly-rate increase of two percent set into motion July 1, 2015.

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Mayor Julian Gold and Secretary General of Beijing International Culture Association Madame Wang Hui hosted its fifth annual Chinese New Year celebration on Sunday at the Saban Theatre.
percent, three percent and three percent will be implemented from October 2016 to October 2018. The Safety Support Association’s 86 employees will gain a nearly identical set of increases, except for that the third one equals two-and-a-half percent, bringing the total to $1.18 million. Safety Support Association employees include traffic control officers, detective specialists, parking enforcement dispatchers and fire inspectors. The Management and Professional Employees’ Association, comprised of 86 employees, including the deputy city clerk, principal planner and water resources manager, would receive pay increases of two percent, two-and-one-quarter percent, two-and-one-half percent and three percent.

The 31 employees covered by the Supervisors’ Association will get pay hikes of two percent, two-and-a-half percent and three-and-a-quarter percent, as well as the retroactive increase of two percent applied in October 2015.

City clerk specialists and executive assistants are among the 13 classifications represented by the Confidential Employees’ Association. The group’s 24 members will earn increases of two percent, two-and-a-half percent and three percent. The retroactive hike of 2.625 percent covers a negotiated two-percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and a .625-percent base salary adjustment.

Beverly Vista to add two “U-10” soccer fields

The Board of Education greenlit the bid process for the expansion of the Beverly Vista playfield at their meeting last week, a project that will add two U-10 soccer fields to the existing space.

“Soccer fields will now envelop almost three quarters of the [playground],” Superintendent Steve Kessler said.

In addition to BHUSD students, the expanded green space will benefit members of youth organizations like AYSO.

“The school playgrounds have an important role in our ability to put kids on fields,” said AYSO Regional Commissioner Michael Karon.

The soccer organization has agreed to fund a significant portion of the $750,000 undertaking, but has not yet finalized the amount.

An abbreviation for “under 10,” U-10 refers to the age group that can play on the field. The maximum field size for U-10 games is 80 by 40 yards.

“We haven’t nailed down the exact dimensions, but there’s a range,” Karon said.

Under the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), the city monitors access to district turf, allowing programs like AYSO to use the fields over the weekends, and occasionally during the weeks, in exchange for a fee.

Karon said the fee is relatively new and was implemented in the past “10 years or so.”

Plans for the expanded playfield were submitted to the Division of the State Architecture (DSA) last week.

“We’re limited in terms of our ability to accommodate all the kids who want to play organized sports, and so when there’s an opportunity to create more space for the kids in the city, we want to undertake those opportunities,” Karon said.

Tree cutting scandal focus of town hall meeting

Last November’s controversial tree removal left two parcels on Civic Center Drive stripped of vegetation, angering many residents who questioned whether city staff had followed proper protocol.

At a town hall meeting held by the Beverly Hills North Homeowners Association January 27, former Mayor Robert K. Tanenbaum led a discussion about the incident and potential next steps the city could take.

“A lot of people have called me about the episode that occurred on November 21 and 22,” Tanenbaum said. “I told the City Council, when we were making an inquiry into the matter, that I would conduct an investigation and reveal the facts to them as we learned them after investigating the matter.”

Tanenbaum believes Beverly Hills Land Company owner Lyn Konheim, who directed the tree removal, should grant the parcels to the city. The “George Konheim Family Plot” would function as a public park. The land is currently zoned for transportation use.

Assistant City Attorney Carol Lynch presented a summary of her own investigation earlier this year. But many residents, Tanenbaum included, objected to Lynch’s coverage.

“[The Assistant] City Attorney’s alleged report was not a comprehensive fact-finding report and the conclusions were simply not addressing the factual wrongdoing that occurred,” Tanenbaum said.

Tanenbaum believes the city should hire an expert in criminal investigation “or work with some people in the community who have had that kind of experience.” He also called for an “advisory committee” comprised of residents.

On Tuesday, Mayor Julian Gold announced that each councilmember will be appointing two people to a committee that will include Vice Mayor John Mirisch and Gold.

Konheim’s attorney George Mihlsten did not return calls from the Weekly.

BHUSD seeks new COC members

The BHUSD is seeking new applicants for its Citizens’ Oversight Committee (COC).

The COC was established to oversee bond proceeds, expenditures and audits associated with Measure E. The district is currently seeking applicants for the following two-year positions: Taxpayers Organization Member, Business Organization Member, Senior Citizens’ Organization member, At Large Member, Parent or Guardian Member, Parent or Guardian/PTA Member, Construction Background and Finance Background. The district is asking for community support in communicating with friends and colleagues in Beverly Hills about this opportunity.

Applications are due by February 26 and can be found on the district website: www.bhusd.org. Click on the Citizens’ Oversight Committee link or by calling 310-551-5100 ext. 2210.

View restoration proceeding sheds light on problems with ordinance

For the first time in nearly five years, the Planning Commission deliberated a view restoration proceeding at their meeting last week.

Branden Willams, who resides at 1023 Hillcrest Road, submitted the application.

“I did reach out to my neighbor several times to no avail,” Williams said.

Adopted by the City Council in December 2011, the Trousdale View Restoration Ordinance is intended to encourage Trousdale residents to quickly resolve issues relating to the restoration of views that have been disrupted by foliage growth on neighboring properties. A public hearing is considered a last resort.

“It seems to me that there should be a way to resolve this with some city involvement sooner,” former Mayor Linda Briskman said.

Williams said he first requested that his neighbor trim the view-obstructing trees in 2012, and even offered to pay for the process. The “foliage owner” resides at 1017 Hillcrest Road.

Homes in the hillside area are subject to a 14-foot height limit, while trees and vegetation can grow up to 15 feet.

Pending the Commission’s “findings and decisions,” a conclusion will not be reached until the committee’s next regularly scheduled meeting in February.

Council supports creation of minimum wage increase ordinance

The City Council reopened the discussion on minimum wage requirements at Tuesday’s meeting, after expressing lukewarm support for the initiative at a hearing late last year.

Completed by 70 businesses, an eight-question survey conducted by the Chamber of Commerce in September 2014 painted a community that needs convincing.
“Many restaurants have expressed skepticism,” said Chamber of Commerce Economic Development and Government Affairs Director Andy Sywak last November.

Following a request by the Council, the Chamber rebolstered their efforts and sought input from a larger slice of the business community.

Sywak presented the results of the third survey, which was completed by 170 respondents, earlier this week.

Sixty-one percent of respondents said the wage increase would “greatly impact” benefit their business’s profitability.

The city’s parking operations contract could increase from $325,000 to $375,000 annually if the current minimum wage of $10 per hour climbs to $15.

A chart prepared by the City’s Finance Department last year showed an increase to $15/hour would add $114,445 to the city budget across a five-year period.

The Council directed staff to return with a proposed ordinance to raise the minimum wage and to incorporate provisions addressing wage theft.

Earlier this year, the City of Santa Monica passed the first reading of a bill that will bring the minimum wage to $15 by 2020.

BHBA barristers present free legal clinic Feb. 6

The Beverly Hills Bar Association (BHBA) barristers will host their next free legal aid clinic on February 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Roxbury Park’s Elm room. Volunteer attorneys will answer basic legal questions about consumer law, landlord-tenant law, small claims, business disputes and other legal issues.

The community-service program takes place the first Saturday of every month, excluding holiday weekends. Additional clinics are scheduled for March 5 and April 2.

For additional information, contact the Beverly Hills Bar Association at (310) 601-2422 or www.bhba.org.

Council defers decision on second portal

Metro has already secured the Ace Gallery site at 9340 Wilshire Boulevard as the future Wilshire/Rodeo station entrance, but at Tuesday’s meeting, the City Council deliberated options for a second portal.

The Council deferred making a decision on the project, with Mayor Julian Gold saying it was “way too much money.”

A working group that included city staff members reported on their assessment of the three locations. Construction expenses range from $24 to $33 million (see chart below). Real estate acquisition costs could bring the totals to $50 million, Gold pointed out.

“I don’t think we should pay another dime for another portal,” said Vice Mayor John Mirisch.

A station at the Montage Hotel site on North Beverly Drive offers the potential for locating the portal off the public right-of-way. The possibility of having a city-owned parking garage near the site was determined another benefit.

But the drawbacks of that location seem to outweigh its advantages. The plan has not received backing from Montage ownership, and the project would require retrofitting the Montage Hotel and parking structure, a costly endeavor.

Another option presented to the Council was having the second portal at 9401 Wilshire Boulevard, the site of the Ervin Cohen & Jessup building.

Though the most cost efficient of the three, the project would negatively impact neighboring businesses. The undertaking could also require pricey seismic upgrades to the existing structure.

The last option considered by the Council was the New Pacific Canon Staging Area on 9383 – 9399 Wilshire Boulevard, which has no underground structure impacts. However, it is the furthest east and would require a 10-foot tunnel.

“Bring it back when you have some options,” Gold said.

Lee named Deputy Director of Operational Support

BHPD Division Commander Erick Lee will join the Public Works Services Department on February 15 as Deputy Director of Operational Support, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Services Director George Chavez announced Friday.

“Erick is a very talented individual and the knowledge and skills he brings from the police department will help further the Public Works Services Department’s mission of providing service-exceeding expectations,” Chavez wrote in the email announcement.
Lee has been with the city for more than 19 years. As Deputy Director of Operational Support, he will be responsible for ensuring that the department’s two operating field divisions, made up of over 200 employees, are properly supported.

Wallis education programs promote anti-bullying, raise awareness about autism

The Miracle Project, a performing arts nonprofit for all abilities and disabilities, is partnering with the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts to present two education programs: the Intimidation Game and the Miracle Project Live!

Launched earlier this year, the collaboration offers fully inclusive performing arts workshops that culminate in public performances at the Wallis in May.

“The Wallis is dedicated to including and celebrating people of all abilities and other disabilities to perform an original anti-bullying musical. The program members meet every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Wallis to workshop, stage and rehearse the performance.

Member-driven play readings come to Theatre 40 this month

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, Theatre 40 has announced “Member Month,” a series of works written or directed by Theatre 40 members.

Written by Dan Clancy and directed by member Bruce Gray, A Quartet is scheduled for February 10. Productions take place on the Reuben Cordova stage at Beverly High. Tales from the City will be read on February 16. The night will include the play The Liar’s Punishment, written and directed by member Leda Siskind. The Soft Click and Other Stories, a collection of writings composed by member Dan Leslie and directed by member Melanie MacQueen, will round out the evening. A reading of Pompeii, written by member Christopher Franciosa and directed by Stewart J. Zally, is planned for February 24.

“Member Month” is part of t40too, a season-long series of play readings and other theatrical events. All readings will take place at 7:30 pm.

Crawford honored at memorial

A flag ceremony was held Saturday for Ron Crawford, the three-time Olympic water polo player who taught physical education and coached swimming and water polo at Beverly High from 1966 to 2001. Crawford passed away December 20, 2015.

On Sunday, around 400 people attended a memorial event for Crawford at the Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel. Retired BHUSD administrators Dick Douglas, Carter Paysinger and Chuck Kloes all delivered tributes to their longtime friend and colleague.

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All readings will take place at 7:30 pm.

Email playwrightworks@aol.com to make reservations.

--Briefs compiled by Mina Riazi

BHHS boys’ basketball team defeats El Segundo, Culver City

Norman wrestlers rout De Toledo

By Steven Herbert

Beverly High shut out host El Segundo in the second quarter and Norman guard Matt Reskin made three 3-point baskets in a 56-36 victory Friday night in an Ocean League boys’ basketball game.

Beverly Hills turned a 19-10 lead at the end of the first quarter into a 31-10 halftime advantage by outscoring the Eagles, 12-0, in the second quarter.

“We’ve really been emphasizing getting after it defensively and making sure our rotations and help side is where it needs to be in order to be successful, just trying to get our guys to buy into that and I think they finally did,” Norman coach Jarvis Turner said.

Beverly Hills increased its lead to 45-18 entering the fourth quarter by outscoring El Segundo, 14-8, in the third quarter.

Senior guard-forward Fidel Quiralte played well and senior guard Denzel Holt “had a great floor game” for the Normans in what Turner called “a well-rounded effort.”

Maddox Daniels scored a team-high 10 points, making all five of his free throws, as Beverly Hills (15-7, 5-1 in league play) won for the ninth time in its past 10 games.

Holt and Reskin each added nine points, Mason Daniels seven, Quiralte and Walder six each, Daniel Zahabian four, Kevin Cho three and Matt Lavi two for the Normans.

Maddox Daniels, his twin brother Mason and Cho each made one 3-point basket.

The Eagles were ranked 16th in the Southern Section Division 4AA poll released Monday. Beverly Hills was ranked fifth in the Division 3A poll.

Beverly Hills 58, Culver City 49

The Normans outscored the Centaurs, 21-12, after entering the fourth quarter tied, 37-37, Jan. 27 in an Ocean League boys’ basketball game at Culver City.

“We had a stretch in the fourth quarter where we put some defensive stops together and were able execute offensively,” Turner said.

Holt led the Normans with 16 points, making all 10 of his free throws. Maddox Daniels, Mason Daniels, Quiralte and Reskin added eight each, Sam Cohen and Walder four each and Cho two.

Reskin made two 3-point baskets in a game Beverly Hills led 15-10 at the end of the first quarter and 23-22 at halftime.

What’s Next?

The Normans are scheduled to play host to Lawndale Friday at the Swim-Gym and play at Santa Monica Wednesday in Ocean League games beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Beverly Hills defeated Lawndale, 56-49, Jan. 20, and lost to Santa Monica, 68-51, Jan. 22.

Santa Monica is ranked first in Division 1A.

Girls’ Basketball

El Segundo 49, Beverly Hills 23

The Normans were outscored 15-1 in the first quarter of an Ocean League game Friday night at El Segundo.

Beverly Hills trailed 22-5 at halftime and 41-16 entering the fourth quarter.

Sherin Ebrahimi scored five points, Isabel Rund four, Phoenix Gulzar, Shannon Sedighini and Jennifer Zhang three each, Krystal Brown and Sophia Goldberg two each and Megan Saghan one as the Normans (4-19, 0-6) lost their
Beverly Hills Weekly received the information that appears below from the Beverly Hills Police Department. This information is released each week to the public. We assume no responsibility for errors or omissions in the Detention and Arrest Summary.

AMSTUTZ, MARK WESTCOTT, 50, of Santa Monica arrested on 1/25/2016 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

BARON, MADELINE RACHEL, 27, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/25/2016 for grand theft.

MULLINS, LATANYA EUNIQUE, 38, of San Francisco arrested on 1/26/2016 burglary – shoplifting.

EVANS, LAKIA, 38, of San Francisco arrested on 1/26/2016 for shoplift – burglary.

JACK, LESTER, 63, of Beverly Hills arrested on 1/25/2016 for brandishing or exhibiting any deadly weapon other than a gun in a threatening manner.

FEUER, RYAN PATRICK, 29, of West Hollywood arrested on 1/27/2016 for violence peace officer engaged in performance of their duties whether or robbery and resisting, delaying or obstructing and public officer or peace officer.

MARTINEZ, LUIS ENRIQUE, 24, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/27/2016 for BHPD bench warrant – misdemeanor.

HOWARD, VINCENT, 49, of Venice arrested on 1/27/2016 for grand theft auto.

CORREA-DIAZ, LUIS OSWALDO, 62, of Beverly Hills arrested on 1/28/2016 for scavenging thru city trash can, resisting delaying or obstructing any public officer and peace officer and getting credit using other’s ID.

SMITH, TIELOR CRAIG, 21, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/28/2016 for criminal conspiracy and residential burglary.

CHILDRDRESS, ISAAC CHASE, 18, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/28/2016 for criminal conspiracy and residential burglary.

GILMORE, CLARENCE DETRICH, 23, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/28/2016 for criminal conspiracy, residential burglary and parole violation—remaining under legal custody to return to prison.

SPENCER, JAMES LEE, 19, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/28/2016 for criminal conspiracy and residential burglary.

ROBINS, BERNIE JR, 19, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/28/2016 for criminal conspiracy and residential burglary.

MITCHELL, DEMETRIUS, 32, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/28/2016 for BHPD arrest warrant – felony and outside misdemeanor warrant.

KERMANSHACHI, SHAHRAD, 41, of Beverly Hills arrested on 1/29/2016 for amount of defacement, damage or destruction is $400 or more.

MILIAN, PABLO, 41, of Hollywood arrested on 1/29/2016 for driving under the influence of blood alcohol over .08 and driving under the influence of alcohol.

MARTINEZ, GUSTAVO, 44, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/29/2016 for public intoxication.

LOZANO, GIRON, 25, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/29/2016 for receiving stolen property.

SEGURA, ANDY FELIPE, 24, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/30/2016 for possession of meth/etc., possession of drug paraphernalia and outside felony warrant.

STAIR, STEVEN CHRIS, 60, of Los Angeles arrested on 1/30/2016 for petty theft.

TRAN, LOAN THI, 35, of Garden Grove arrested on 1/30/2016 for using access card obtained without consent of cardholder exceeding $400 and getting credit using other’s ID.

MARTINEZ, JOSUE RONALD, 21, of Beverly Hills arrested on 1/31/2016 for BHPD arrest warrant – misdemeanor, two outside misdemeanor warrants and possession of drug paraphernalia.

KHAM, KAYLON ANIS, 20, of Atlanta arrested on 1/31/2016 for criminal conspiracy and getting credit using other’s ID.

BAILEY, SEQUAN ALPANO, 19, of Atlanta arrested on 1/31/2016 for criminal conspiracy, commercial burglary, using access card obtained without consent of cardholder exceeding $400 and getting credit using other’s ID.

BROADWATER, AUSTIN ONEAL, 19, of Carlton arrested on 1/31/2016 for criminal conspiracy and getting credit using other’s ID.

HILL, RAMONE MALIK, 20, of College Park arrested on 1/31/2016 for getting credit using other’s ID.
A CIVIL CITY

Newly appointed Human Relations Commission Chair
Karen Popovich Levyn on the importance of civility

By Mina Riazi

You formerly served on the Recreation & Parks Commission. Compare and contrast the two experiences.

I was chair of the Recreation & Parks Commission from 2001 to 2002. The correlation between the Human Relations Commission and the Recreation & Parks Commission is that they both listen to the concerns of the community. The Recreation & Parks Commission concentrates more on the recreational and cultural programs and events throughout the city, while the Human Relations Commission’s main emphasis is to promote positive human relations in all aspects of the Beverly Hills community. The big emphasis is the highlighted word “civility.” I have enjoyed my past commission and I’m now enjoying this new commission; it gives me an opportunity to create positive change within the city.

What sparked your interest in local politics?

[It was] really based on my family and community commitment. My son Adam’s education was the real reason the move to Beverly Hills occurred 30 years ago. Upon arrival, I became involved in the Beverly Hills community. I’ve done that through education, firstly, by serving on many boards, including the Beverly Hills Education Foundation. So it kind of started through that. This past December my son Adam and his wife Heidi had their first daughter, Larkin Eleanor Levyn. Larkin is my first grandchild, so I thought that this is a time to get involved again because the importance of the future of Beverly Hills is now in the forefront for me.

Tell us about some of the Beverly Hills campaigns you managed, such as former Mayor Jimmy Delshad and former Board member Myra Demeter’s.

I’ve kind of been an active public relations advisor. I developed an interest for that and I felt I could help in that arena, so I decided to go forth with it and I’ve been very successful with Beverly Hills city campaigns and school election campaigns. I really have a strong affection for the city and school elections, so I thought it would be great to be an active participant. I try to promote the very best of the best for our city and that has been the inspiration to be involved in these campaigns. I was an active participant in the campaigns for Myra Demeter, [former Board member] John Millan and Jimmy Delshad.

In an interview with the Weekly in issue #801, former Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld said, “I think it’s going to take educating the residents, as well as the business owners and the employees, to teach them that aggressive panhandling needs to stop.” In the past year, how has the Commission tackled this issue?

The Beverly Hills Ambassador “pilot” Program is a one-year program and we have a service company called Block By Block to enhance the quality of life that the city is really known for. There are 12 ambassadors and they work in the Golden Triangle. They have been very visible in helping connect individuals with their social needs and reaching out the homeless with the help from the homeless outreach team. I think the residents are very receptive to them. There is a phone number that you can call if you have any feedback. It has been a great program and we’re hoping that our commission will see this through as a program that is permanent in Beverly Hills. We also just had our last count from the Beverly Hills homeless, so you should stay tuned because I think we’re going to have very good results to come. One of our major goals this year is to have the word “pilot” removed and the ambassador program [become a] program within the city.

I went to the mayor’s commission meeting and he brought up that the mayors of the various cities got together and that President [Barack Obama] mentioned that veteran homelessness is a priority, so I think it will be brought to the Commission’s attention as well. We do have some wonderful programs, including the homeless outreach team, that help individuals connect to their social needs. We will probably be looking into this more deeply now that it seems to have caught the nation’s attention as a whole. My dad, by the way, is a veteran, and he’s 96, so I have a personal interest in this as well.

How do you respond to people who question the Human Relations Commission’s relevance?

I think our civility statement really says it all—it emphasizes diversity, and if you look at the news today, everybody is really bringing up the importance of diversity in a community. I think the Human Relations Commission is at the forefront of all this. The commission was started to support and respect responsible actions and to be very civil to each other. I think it’s very relevant. In fact, we have an Embrace Civility Award that we give out every year and we have a statement on the ballot—a positive civil behavior statement—that’s noted on the election ballot and we’re looking at that this year to see if it should be modified or changed or if it’s still ok, because you can see in elections [that] it’s very important to be civil in giving your own opinion. So I think our commission is becoming very relevant now.

Tell us about your family.

I have a son, Adam Levyn, and a daughter, Stacy, who [both] attended El Rodeo and Beverly High. When I bought my home, I was very far from El Rodeo, so we had to carpool, but it was wonderful that we lived two blocks from the high school and they were able to walk. My daughter went to the University of Southern California and my son went to Princeton and then worked in New York in finance and then went to Stanford where he met his wife Heidi. He was gone for about 10 years and then he returned [to Beverly Hills]. My daughter is here as well—she works for a company in Century City in marketing—so I’m very fortunate to have my family about. Her husband Ricardo is an attorney. And now with my new granddaughter—who’s very close, too—I’m looking forward to her time in the public schools.

Tell us about your job as a specialized academic instructor at El Rincon Elementary in Culver City.

I received a master’s degree in education from USC. At the time, I received a credential for general elementary and early childhood and then I decided to specialize in the early student, so I went on to get those credentials. I then taught for 11 years in Orange County and I wrote a federal grant to show the need to educate early in the preschool years of a special needs student and to have them mainstreamed into general education when they were five years old. I did that for 11 years and was very successful. In fact, today that really is the idea—to have special needs students in the least restricted environment and mainstreamed into general education in their area of strength. I took a little break because I had my children, but I did substitute in Beverly Hills. I then decided to go back. I had a job at a middle school in Culver City, so that was quite a change, but I enjoyed it. Later on I moved to the elementary level, so I’ve come full circle, because now I do the preschool and kindergarten-age students—it’s a combination classroom. It’s been a career that’s been very positive for me and I enjoy education youth.

What’s your top priority as Human Relations Commission Chair?

It’s very difficult to pick one top priority because our agenda is so full this year. We’re going to continue with the tenant/landlord public forum and we’re restructuring the program to meet the needs of the community; we’re going to be meeting with our liaison about this. My next [priority] is the 2016-2017 Community Assistance Grant Funding. It’s another one of our commission’s charges and it will be our second year [doing] the project, so we have modified the structure to be more receptive to the community. I’m hoping that in April we’ll make funding recommendations to the Council. The other one is the pilot ambassador program, which will hopefully become a permanent program within our city. I feel it serves a great need for our community and we hope to have the program continued on a permanent basis this year. The one that really is surfacing that I would like to bring forward more is the embrace civility. This year I hope it will be expanded to different aspects of our daily life and it will [help] enhance our Human Relations Commission meetings by having the civility statement read at the beginning of each meeting and perhaps at the beginning of all commission meetings. In addition, I would like to recommend that it be permanently posted on the wall of the commission for all to view. It’s a quick reminder of the importance of promoting positive human interaction. I’m looking forward to a productive year.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF:

GERSHAR R. GETZLER

Case No. BP168877

TO all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GERSHAR R. GETZLER, a resident of the City of Los Angeles, California, who died on June 13, 2016, at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, California 90012, and at the time of his death, was domiciled in the City of Los Angeles, California.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 4, 2016, at 8:30 A.M. in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, California 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 Clerk of this Court prior to the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 90 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9502 of the California Probate Code.

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JACOB IESEN, Attorney for Petitioner

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