



NEWSLETTER

Park LaBrea Residents Association

YOUR MAMA RAISED YOU BETTER

Okay, y'all. I was brought up in the South, and I'm afraid I'm going to get a little Southern on you right now ... mainly to remind everyone that this beautiful, park-like development is shared by more than 10,000 people - and making it work requires some sensitivity.

Yes, we're all a little stir-crazy from the never-ending pandemic (see inside for updates on masking in Los Angeles). But that doesn't mean that, now that we're back outside, we don't take care of our shared space.

You may think you're "stickin' it to the man" when you toss your trash on the sidewalk, "forget" to pick up that dog poop, or park your car in a "No Parking" spot, but all you're doing is making more work for the hundreds

**Do you really want your
mom to hear about the
mess you made?**



엄마가 더 잘 가르쳤어요.

तुम्हारी मां ने तुम्हें इस्स से अच्छा
पढ़ाया होगा।

Tu mamá te enseño mejor.

אמא שלך לימדה אותך טוב יותר.

Как будто тебя не воспитывали.

أمك علمتك أفضل.

of people who help take care of PLB - most notably, the Able employees - folks who've had to bear at least one gigantic shock over the past couple of months.

So have some compassion and respect for both this historic property and your neighbors who share the space. If you need a place to vent, we've started a **"Trashy PLB Pix"** column on the News and Updates section at plbra.org. Take a pic of the latest violation you see, and come post it for public view. That way, we'll amass an archive of photos we can point to when someone (most likely from management) says "Hmm ... we're not aware of any problems." You'll be able to point right to them and say "My mama raised me right - and this is just WRONG."

CONGRESSMAN TED LIEU
IS JOINING US

Details in President Bob
Shore's monthly update

WE'RE SO HAPPY THEY'RE
BACK!

LA Art Center

TAKE THE PLB PARKING
SURVEY

What issues do you have with
parking in PLB? Share with us.

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Subject: "ADVERTISING"**EDITOR'S NOTE: STILL MASKING**

Despite the euphoria over COVID vaccinations and our first tentative steps into the outside world this spring (who else got a haircut after a year?), the pandemic is still very much with us. And instead of moving forward and removing masking mandates, the Delta variant has pushed us backwards.

So, masks are still very much with us. The mandate is still in place for indoor spaces, including **elevators, hallways, mailrooms, laundry rooms and gyms**. Respect your neighbors and WEAR A MASK. Small price to pay to keep the community safe.

California has also expanded the mask mandate to include large indoor gatherings of more than 1,000 people, tightening the previous mandate which was limited to gatherings of 5,000 or more.

Finally, there is solid research that shows that the only way to beat this virus is to wear a mask and GET VACCINATED. More and more businesses are mandating that their workers get vaccinated, and LA City is strongly considering an ordinance that requires proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test to eat indoors or enter venues. The vaccines are free and are based on solid science, so just get vaccinated, if you haven't already. And if you have, be on the lookout for more news about boosters. All these small, easy steps will help us keep our #CommunityStrong. – Angela Wilson Gyetvan



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Robert M. Shore, Esq., President, PLBRA

More Outreach - Plus Ted Lieu!

Save the date! At 6:00 p.m. PST on Tuesday, October 5, our monthly Zoom Board meeting will be joined by a special guest.

Representative Ted Lieu will join us to report on federal issues of interest to our residents, and to take questions. As you can imagine, our time with Rep. Lieu will likely be limited, so I'd encourage folks to start thinking now about what questions they'd like to pose. I'll also encourage you to provide those questions to us through our Web site, plbra.org. We will likely select the questions to present to Rep. Lieu that appear to be of the most general interest to our residents.

How did this happen? The short answer is that Rep. Lieu's office reached out to the Residents Association to make contact with us. (By the way, on a forward-going basis we can expect his staff member, Jennifer Harbeck, to be a regular attendee at our meetings.) We took advantage of the opportunity to invite Rep. Lieu himself, and he was able to accept.

That begs the question, though. Why did Rep. Lieu's office reach out to us? Here, I must enter the realm of speculation. In my decades on the planet, my experience has been that when you deal with the world in a principled and consistent manner, people notice that with surprising frequency and good things sometimes happen seemingly out of the blue.

In this case, your Residents Association has adhered to a principled and consistent strategy of advocating vigorously for your rights as tenants, and of engaging with any and all groups or officeholders who are willing to ally with us in this endeavor. I'm going to guess that through one channel or another, Rep. Lieu's office became aware of our efforts and wanted to establish a connection. All I know for sure is that this is the first time since I moved here in September 2018 that Rep. Lieu has made an

effort to engage with us. We're delighted to welcome him and his office.

I want to spend the rest of this column doing a little voter education. **By the time you read this, if you're a California voter you will have received your by-mail ballot for the upcoming recall election.** I've said it before and I'll say it again – local politicians pay a lot of attention to our turnout numbers. Simply put, the more of us who vote, the more interest our local politicians will have in the issues we care about. So please, whether you think Governor Newsom should or should not be recalled, please fill out the ballot, sign and date the envelope (and fill in the address where you're registered), and cast your ballot. You can drop it in the mail or (my choice) drop it in a drop box anywhere in the County. I put my November ballot in the drop box at the Fairfax Library just north of the property, on Gardner Street. You must drop or mail your ballot by September 14, 2021.

One other bit of voter education. Whether you vote yes or no on Question 1 (whether to recall Governor Newsom), you're entitled to vote on Question 2 (to select the new governor if Governor Newsom is recalled). I encourage you to cast a vote on that question no matter which way you vote on Question 1. If the recall does succeed, whoever gets the most votes on Question 2 will become governor, no matter how few votes that may be. Sitting out Question 2 does nothing but sideline you on that question. So whether you vote yes or no on Question 1, I strongly encourage you to also cast a vote on Question 2.

We at the Residents Association would love to hear your thoughts. E-mail us at ParkLaBreaRA@gmail.com. See you next month.

Take the PLBRA Parking Survey



This car was parked in a fire lane in front of a tower for four days.

Residents seem to have accepted parking issues as a fact of life at Park La Brea. We'd like to suggest that perhaps it doesn't have to be that way. Please take our quick parking survey (9 questions, 10 minutes) to help us collect data to present to PLB management. Our goals: 1) To get management to "rationalize" parking fees, given that at least 30% of reserved parking spots are now empty; and 2) to enforce posted parking restrictions. Please weigh in before September 10th. Thanks.



Take a pic of this code to access the survey.

Secondhand Smoke Issues: Report Them

You may not know this, but Park La Brea DOES permit smoking in residential units. (They do not include the smoking policy in the leases, which is a violation of state law, but that's another column.) However, all leases also guarantee "quiet enjoyment" of your unit, which means that you are entitled NOT to be subjected to the nuisance of secondhand smoke. PLBRA is having some success with LA County Tobacco Control, where interest is building in inspecting our 1940's-era HVAC systems for the effects of secondhand smoke, including marijuana smoke. YOU can help by reporting any issues with secondhand smoke to Micah Zimmermaker at MZimmermaker@ph.lacounty.gov and he will note the complaint and forward a letter - without identifying you or including any personal information - to Park La Brea indicating that a complaint has been lodged. The more letters, the faster we get attention on this issue, so please speak up.

**GET
ON
THE
LIST!**

**SCAN THE CODE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PLBRA
EMAIL LIST**



New Field Rep + Other News from Council District 4

CD4 has a new field rep for the Park La Brea area: Kevin Sanchez-Morales. While we will miss Tabatha Yelos, who has moved on to another role in Councilmember Raman's office, we are delighted to welcome Kevin. He has lived in LA for nearly all his life, and received his BA in Political Science from UC Santa Barbara. Prior to joining CD4, he worked with some of the region's most respected leaders, including LA City Councilmember Kevin de León and Assemblymember Miguel Santiago. Kevin will be attending our monthly PLBRA Board meetings. He joined us at the August meeting, and already demonstrated that he is an excellent source of help and information.

The biggest news from CD4 includes the City Council's ratification of a new ordinance that prohibits homeless encampments near schools, parks and other public facilities. Additionally, the previously-passed Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance took effect at the beginning of August.

CD4's Director of Housing Policy, Deepika Sharma, also spoke at length at the last Board meeting about LA City's Emergency Renters' Assistance program, which has been overwhelmed with requests and slow to allocate dollars. Sharma assured meeting attendees that assistance dollars would be distributed as quickly as possible, and that the City is hoping for an additional tranche of funding from the



excess dollars held by the state. Residents with questions should visit hcidla.lacity.org for more information.



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They're Back: LA Art Center

The LA Art Center has reopened in their old space on the main floor of Tower 40 and is offering art classes for children and adults. Owner Kay Hwang has been an art educator and artist for more than 25 years; her sister Ellim Lim helps her run the Center. Kay is delighted to be back in Park La Brea because she believes the community provides a safe space for art education - and she has seen community bonds grow as a result. The Center's most popular program is the "Mini Davinci" for pre-K students, but they offer programs for older kids, and starting in September, will offer evening programs for adults. They are also hiring instructors - visit laartcenter.org for more information.



While the days of Summer may be waning, the weather still calls for barbecues, outdoor dining and fresh seasonal groceries from The Original Farmers Market. Our family of artisan grocers offer the best for your table with the finest selection of top quality meats & poultry, fresh-caught seafood, ripe produce, warm-from-the-oven baked goods and more—all set against our breezy open-air backdrop.

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GET UP & GET OUT!

Interesting things you could be doing around LA in September

Note that many of these activities and venues require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test before entry - please check requirements, including mask requirements.

Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit

From creators of the blockbuster show in Paris seen by over 2 million visitors, the west coast premiere of the Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit brings Vincent's art to life in Los Angeles. <https://www.vangoghla.com>

Hamilton at the Pantages

If you missed it the first time around, or didn't watch it on Disney+ - or even if you did - here's your chance to experience the blockbuster musical about the founding of the US, as told by Lin-Manuel Miranda and a cast of superstar talent. <https://bit.ly/3AWD6Q6>

Jazz at LACMA Limited Edition

The favorite Friday night performances are back in a new small-capacity ticketed format—Jazz at LACMA Limited Edition! This year marks Jazz at LACMA's 30th season of celebrating L.A.'s finest jazz musicians. <https://bit.ly/3iXXlqm>

NFL Regular Season: LA Chargers/LA Rams

Football is back, baby! And you can watch it in person. Time to score some tickets for home games with our favorite teams. <http://www.therams.com> and <http://www.chargers.com>

Resound: From Medieval India to Streets of LA

A five-day free celebration of Indian Kathak dance, in locations ranging from DTLA to Santa Monica. Workshops also offered. Sept. 22-26. <https://bit.ly/2Xwa7nB>

September Board Meeting

We changed the date for the September Board meeting, as our usual date falls on Rosh Hashanah this year. The September Board meeting will be held via Zoom at **6 pm on Thursday, Sept. 2nd**.

As always, you're welcome to send suggestions for agenda ideas at parklabreaRA@gmail.com. We expect our field rep from CD4 to attend, as well as Jennifer Harbeck from Ted Lieu's office, and we may have members of the press as well - so Board meetings are always a good place to raise the issues that concern you most.

As always, the Zoom link and agenda will be posted on plbra.org/meetings and shared via email.

Security & Safety Petition

By the time this newsletter goes to press, PLBRA will have delivered the Safety and Security Petition to PLB management. We are delighted to announce that the petition collected more than 550 signatures between our paper petition and the version we created on Change.org.

We will continue to press forward with this issue, and have additional actions we are taking. We will keep you posted on response from management. In the meantime, please make sure you take the PLBRA Parking Survey, so we can begin working on the problems associated with parking.

Your participation keeps our #CommunityStrong.

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