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THE PASSWORD

The Newsletter of the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association

January 2000

MEET COUNCILMAN JOEL WACHS

L. A. City Council Member JOEL WACHS will be the guest speaker at the January General Meeting of the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Assn.

He will discuss the issues that concern you and our neighborhood – neighborhood councils (part of Charter reform), Universal's expansion, crime, traffic, noise, the Mayoral election and MORE!

Our voices count, but we have to tell our elected representatives what's wrong and what we want!

This meeting is FREE and open to all neighbors.
Join us and remind your friends and neighbors to come.

CORRECTED DATE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2000

7:30 P.M.

**Valley View Elementary School Auditorium
6921 Woodrow Wilson Drive**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Year 2000! The 20th Century certainly brought changes to the Cahuenga Pass. From early photos and tales of the area, there wasn't much here in 1900 aside from orchards, the odd farmhouse, the occasional highwayman and lots of cactus. The new century brought the first cars, then trains (the Red Cars), and then the second freeway built in California, the Cahuenga Pass Parkway. It also brought the Laemmles and their Universal Film Manufacturing Company, the Hollywood Bowl, the Mulholland Reservoir known as Lake Hollywood, the Pilgrimage (now John Anson Ford) Theatre and an ever-growing population. Our area was a collection of small independent townships that later annexed themselves to the City of Los Angeles to ensure access to that one essential commodity: *water*.

Now we are seeking a return to greater self-government through the Neighborhood Councils mandated by our new Los Angeles City Charter. Your CPPOA is delighted to have Councilman Joel Wachs joining us at our annual General Meeting to explain the Neighborhood Council process and answer your questions about Cahuenga Pass development. Neighborhood councils in conjunction with new local area planning commissions have the potential to change how things are done in this city. Please come and join us in planning for our neighborhood's future in the coming century! We hope to see you there!

Florence Blecher, *President*

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS: WHAT ARE THEY?

The new City Charter approved by voters on June 2, 1999, creates a citywide system of independent neighborhood councils and defines "neighborhood" as an area of 50,000 to 100,000 people. An example of an area that reaches this level of population would include Hollywood and all of the surrounding hillside areas between Nichols Canyon and the Greek Theatre. Further, a council must represent all the stakeholders in the area – homeowners, renters, businesses, religious groups, schools, etc. – in order to be officially certified by the City.

How can we ensure that we will be heard on issues that affect our homes? How do we define which issues are the most important? How do we balance business interests with lifestyle concerns?

Involvement is the key. Currently CPPOA VP Dan Bernstein is attending workshops aimed at creating the Hollywood Neighborhood Council. If you'd like to get involved, contact him at (323) 876-9934 (days) or at dan@dlbcorp.com.

HOTLINE NUMBERS

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| POLICE | 818-989-8821 |
| FIRE - STN. 76 | 213-485-6276 |
| (Non-Emergency ONLY) | |
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| Bulky item Pickup..... | 818-756-8521 |
| Refuse Pickup..... | 818-756-8521 |
| DWP Trouble..... | 800-342-5397 |
| Gas Leaks..... | 800-427-2200 |
| Elec. Trouble..... | 800-821-5279 |
| Hazardous Material... | 800-988-6942 |
| City Hall | 213-485-2121 |

SECESSION NEWS

In 1998 the CPPOA polled by mail all residents in the Cahuenga Pass area on the issue of Valley secession, and the results were overwhelming:
93% of our residents voted to remain with the City of Los Angeles.

Your Board has heard your collective voice and we are actively seeking to maintain our area's historic ties with Los Angeles and the Hollywood Hills. Valley VOTE continues to identify our community as belonging within the parameters that they have established as boundaries for their new Valley city, but we have the right to decide our own community's destiny and we are protesting this inclusion in VOTE's arbitrary boundaries.

Hollywood community leaders and business interests are now joining hands to launch on Jan. 15 a petition drive of their own to split from Los Angeles. Our community has been included in Hollywood VOTE's proposed boundaries (north border is Lankershim to Wrightwood to Mulholland). If you'd like to be heard on this issue, contact **Larry Calemine** at LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission at **213-974-1448 (Fax: 213-617-2201)**).

CARWASH HAND OK'D BY CITY PLANNERS

Despite City planning regulations, the City Planning Commission called the Studio City Carwash "hand holding a car aloft" sign an icon, perhaps a work of art, and granted an exemption from the Cahuenga Blvd.-Ventura Blvd. Specific Plan for the current sign. The owner had the sign built without permits or City okay, citing financial hardship as the reason for the oversized sign. So what's your opinion – is it art or lawbreaking?

MOTEL UPDATE

The CPPOA has okayed the final design for the new motel on Cahuenga Blvd. and the landscaping plan reflects the history of the Cahuenga Pass. The CPPOA has agreed with the developer on all colors, materials & finishes. Now the developers are finalizing the plans for submission to the City for approval. Construction should begin within 3 months to be completed around this time next year. More info later!

UNIVERSAL NEWS WATCH

The County Planning Commission met in early December to review Universal's request for 7 new liquor licenses at CityWalk. Two are for new nightclubs (Howl at the Moon & Club Rumba) that replace old clubs that have gone out of business; three are for new restaurants (Buca di Beppo, Café Tu Tu Tango, Shanghai and Mein); one is for a restaurant and microbrewery (Karl Strauss Grill & Microbrewery); the last for a bowling alley and interactive games arcade (Jillian's). CPPOA's board had met with Universal to discuss their applications; after those discussions the Strauss Grill decided to pull their request to sell their wares for offsite consumption, a big bone of contention for the CPPOA. The following conditions were imposed by the County Planning Commission:

- ◆ No alcohol can be sold before 11 A.M.
- ◆ The serving of alcohol must cease one hour prior to closing time.
- ◆ Applicants must hold at least 2 meetings a year with CPPOA and other homeowner groups in the area
- ◆ Signs must be posted in all restaurants with names & numbers of relevant agencies to call w/alcohol concerns
- ◆ Additional security will be provided in the parking garages and along exit routes to prevent honking or other disturbances
- ◆ No one under 21 will be allowed in Jillian's (bowling alley/games arcade) after 9:00 P.M.
- ◆ Adult supervision of minor children will be required at CityWalk.

If the Strauss Grill group attempts to reapply for permission to sell gallon jugs of their product for offsite consumption, the CPPOA will fight them again!

PLEASE JOIN AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY CAHUENGA PASS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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CPPOA's Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at the Ramsey-Schilling office at Barham Blvd. & Lake Hollywood Dr. Come by and be a part of things – or just say hello!

The January meeting will be our **GENERAL MEETING** at Valley View Elementary School on **WEDNESDAY 1/19/2000** at 7:30 P.M.

SEE YOU THERE!

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