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PASSWORD

The Newsletter of the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Representing the Cahuenga Pass Since 1952

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Are you afraid that Valley Secessionists will force our Hollywood/Cahuenga Pass community to become part of the San Fernando Valley? Do you wonder what difference Neighborhood Councils can make in our lives? Do you worry about crime, traffic and development by big business interests? If these issues and other quality-of-life matters concern you, then ...

**The Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association invites you to
MEET OUR NEW CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
TOM LaBONGE**

GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL ELECTION

Wednesday, January 30, 2002

7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

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

*Our City Council representative is the one person who most affects the quality of our lives in this community.
This is YOUR opportunity to meet Councilmember LaBonge in person!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Dan Bernstein

Since 1999 local communities have worked together to form a neighborhood council. That council is now called HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HHWNC), and our application for certification has been submitted to the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment. Over the past few months I have served as the Pro Tem Coordinator of the 22-person organization team which included Richard MacMinn from your CPPOA Board. The Council will meet 4 times a year and includes residential, commercial, educational and nonprofit stakeholders. The following communities are within the proposed boundaries of our new neighborhood council:

Cahuenga Pass / Universal City
Hollywood Knolls / Lake Hollywood / Forest Lawn
Whitley Heights / Cahuenga East / Yucca Corridor
Hollywood Heights / Hollywood Blvd.
Outpost Estates / Cahuenga West
Nichols Canyon / Runyon Canyon / Wattles Park
Spaulding Square / Hollywood-Sunset Flats
Mt. Olympus / Laurel Canyon Road
Briar Summit / Woodrow Wilson / Mulholland Drive

I am extremely proud of our neighborhood council and it has been an inspiration to see a group of people pull together to accomplish these first steps to an all-inclusive, effective neighborhood council that represents each and every one of us. Our new City Charter, the result of our collective vote, has given local neighborhoods a say in our future, and we have a new dynamic City Council representative, Tom LaBonge, who has pledged his support for the Neighborhood Council process. The future is ours!

SECESSION UPDATE

as reported in *The Los Angeles Times* on 12/31/01
by Krista Michaels

Despite reports from LAFCO's (Los Angeles Agency Formation Commission) own legal counsel that any new Valley city would start off completely dependent on the City of Los Angeles to provide all services, would have to pay \$1 billion a year and would employ only 19 people to run a "contract city" with a population larger than Boston and San Francisco combined, Valley Vote secession promoters are still pushing for the issue to be placed on the ballot in November 2002. Ron Deaton, city rep on secession, describes such a contract city as a "Never-Never-Land" and secessionists as "out to lunch." Richard Close, Valley Vote chair, says contracting for services would be temporary and "it's an opportunity to allow the elected city council to make the permanent decisions." But Larry Calemine, head of LAFCO, has warned that a Valley mayor and council could "adopt all kinds of things that throw everything helter-skelter" and has stated, "We have to be concerned about keeping the City of L. A. whole." And since approx. 8,600 of the city's 35,000 employees provide services to the Valley, city officials fear Valley independence could mean layoffs and reduced services. Meanwhile, Hollywood secessionists have found funding for the necessary LAFCO study to consider Hollywood as an independent city. The CPPOA continues to maintain our area's independence from the Valley, awaiting the outcome of the Hollywood secession study.

INTRODUCING TOM LaBONGE...

Our new Councilmember Tom LaBonge began his 25-year city government career in 1974 when he worked for the City Council on a Hollywood beautification program, followed by 3 years on Mayor Tom Bradley's Youth Advisory Council and, years later, 7 years in Mayor Richard Riordan's office.

But the greatest portion of Tom's public service has been spent in our own Fourth District for 15 years as a Chief Field Deputy to recently-deceased Council President John Ferraro. He knows our local issues and he has worked closely with the LAPD, L.A. Fire Department, Public Works, Dept. of Building & Safety, and other city agencies to facilitate action and solve problems. He was known as "the guy to call to get something done."

Tom has received numerous awards during his career, including citations from the March of Dimes and Aids Walk L.A. In 1996 he carried the Olympic torch through the streets of Torrance for the 1996 Games, and in 1997 he was honored with the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the city employees of Los Angeles.

Tom is the 7th in a family of 8 sons and attended Ivanhoe Elementary. He is proud of his high school, John Marshall High, where he graduated in 1971, and he has a degree in sociology from Cal State L.A.

He met his wife, Brigid, in 1979 and they married in 1988. They have two children: Mary Cate, in first grade at Tom's former elementary school Ivanhoe, and Charles who is three. They live in Silver Lake and Tom hikes daily in Griffith Park to the peak of Mt. Hollywood where he is the keeper of Dante's View Garden.

Tom has promised to improve our public schools, increase new school construction, and expand "L.A.'s Best," which provides city-supported safe, supervised after-school programs. A member of the Sierra Club, he is committed to preserving our parks, expanding open space, limiting development and addressing the traffic congestion that clogs our neighborhood streets.

We welcome Tom's new Chief of Staff, Kathy Irish, and we are very fortunate that our good friend Renee Weitzer, who has helped our community on so many issues, is staying on as his Planning Deputy.

VISIT THE CPPOA WEBSITE:

www.cppoa.org

Questions or additions to the website?
Contact Lee Scheinbaum at info@cppoa.org

The history of the Cahuenga Pass in the mid 19th century is filled with tales of battles fought, hidden gold and treasure, bandidos and highwaymen. But by the end of that century, towns in the San Fernando Valley were flourishing, especially the town of Lankershim, whose name was changed to North Hollywood in 1927. As streetcars made their way across the Pass, a new industry began to take root in the Valley – moving pictures. In 1912 Carl Laemmle and his Universal Film Manufacturing Company moved north from Hollywood and bought ranch property near the Valley mouth of the Cahuenga Pass. Laemmle allowed visitors to watch the filming of motion pictures and began to sell sandwich lunches to the tourists who found movie-making an irresistible attraction. 1927 brought plans for a new Central Motion Picture District bordering the Pass called Studio City. The first phase project was the construction of a new studio by Mack Sennett at the northeast corner of Ventura Highway and Prospect Street (now Ventura and Laurel Canyon Blvds).

CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Cahuenga Pass is serviced by the North Hollywood police station, even though we are a Hollywood community. Below are our neighborhood's crime stats in relation to the North Hollywood area as a whole:

BTFV: Burglary/Theft From Auto
BURG: Burglary
GTA: Grand Theft Auto
ROBB: Robbery

<u>May 2001</u>	<u>No.Hwd.</u>	<u>Cahuenga Pass</u>	<u>Total</u>
BTFV	33	4	37
BURG	17	3	21
GTA	17	2	19
ROBB	16	1	17
<u>July 2001</u>	<u>No.Hwd.</u>	<u>Cahuenga Pass</u>	<u>Total</u>
BTFV	25	9	34
BURG	6	3	9
GTA	11	3	14
ROBB	10	1	11
<u>Oct. 2001</u>	<u>No.Hwd.</u>	<u>Cahuenga Pass</u>	<u>Total</u>
BTFV	32	9	41
BURG	19	6	25
GTA	27	2	29
ROBB	12	1	13

HELLO & GOODBYE

Many thanks to Fourth District Deputy Mary Presby, who has retired. Mary worked for many years for Council President John Ferraro as his field deputy, and she helped our community residents with local issues. Taking her place for Councilmember Tom LaBonge is Michelle Fleenor, and we look forward to a long and happy relationship with her. Michelle can be reached at LaBonge's local office: 10116 Riverside Drive #200, Toluca Lake, and by phone at 818-755-7630.

CPPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

The annual election of the Board of Directors will be held on January 30, 2002 at Valley View Elementary, 6921 Woodrow Wilson Drive, during the general meeting. Along with election of Directors, the Board will consider the following changes to its bylaws:

1. Annual general meeting may be held within the first quarter of the calendar year.
2. If a director misses three meetings without notifying the Board, that director may be removed by a majority vote.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, please contact Krista Michaels at 323-876-1316. We welcome your participation!

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

by Judy Marlin

Thanks to the efforts of Corinne Chen and Darnell Tyler at Universal Studios, the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association has been given a one-year \$9,600 grant to remove graffiti from the east & west sides of Cahuenga Blvd from the Hollywood Bowl to Lankershim. The CPPOA has hired the Hollywood Beautification Team to perform this bi-monthly service. The CPPOA thanks Universal for this gift to our community.

The CPPOA also arranged for the repair and painting of the white wooden guardrails on Cahuenga Blvd from the city yard to the fire station. Thank you, City Street Department!

PLEASE JOIN AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

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*Want to know about secession, crime,
neighborhood councils, traffic
& big-business development?*

MEET OUR NEW 4TH DISTRICT REP
TOM LaBONGE

at

Annual CPPOA General Meeting and Election

Date, time & place inside!