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Zoom Council Candidates' Night!

We can't wait to Zoom with you at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16th! See inside this newsletter for more info on the candidates, and make sure you access the Zoom meeting a bit early to give yourself time to log in!

Zoom link info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86965157605>

Meeting ID: 869 6515 7605

ZOOM MEETING

COUNCIL CANDIDATES' NIGHT

New Night & Time

7 p.m. - September 16th

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BHNA RENEWAL/MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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BHNA Board Recommends Supporting the Extension of Measure P with MEASURE Y:

At 7 p.m. we will open the meeting to BHNA Members ONLY. The BHNA Board is recommending our members vote to endorse Measure Y, and we will be taking a vote **at the top of our meeting**.* You may know the BHNA has an integral history with Measure Y, as our Association was active in supporting and endorsing both its parent measures, Measure H & Measure P. These height limit measures, aimed at new development, grew out of a resident grass-roots effort to protect San Mateo's suburban character and to define its future.

It began with Measure H, which required affordable housing as part of every multi-family development. It also offered protections with reasonable height and density limits. Most important, control of development was kept in the hands of the voters. When H expired, it was extended with Measure P, again with strong public support. Now that Measure P is getting ready to sunset at the end of 2020, residents are bringing back its protections with Measure Y.

We invite you to learn more at www.SmarterGrowthSM.com.

Board Recommends Cont'd.

You can also read the complete Measure Y Ballot argument & all the City Ballot Measures at: <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/4325/Local-Ballot-Measures>

*If you cannot attend the Zoom meeting, *you can still vote by mail-in proxy* whether to endorse Measure Y! Member mail-in votes must be received by Monday, September 14th at *BHNA P.O. Box 6764, San Mateo CA 94403* and **include the completed form below**. You must be a current BHNA Member. Allow time for any USPS delays & please write legibly! More than one person in your member household? Each may vote with properly completed form.

BHNA MEMBER
MEASURE Y PROXY VOTE – SEPTEMBER 2020

Name _____

I hereby agree, with the submission of this form, to provide my vote by proxy to be counted, along with Member votes taken at the September 16th General Member Meeting, in regard whether the Membership of the BHNA should endorse Measure Y.

Check ONE - To endorse Measure Y, I vote: () Yes () No

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Check ONE - To endorse Measure Y, I vote: () Yes () No

Votes will be counted by BHNA Treasurer, Don Leydig & Membership Co-Ordinator Frances Boscacci

Make Sure Your Membership is Current to Vote!

Remember, your \$12 annual donation helps us to keep you informed, support local businesses, and more! (See back cover for dues form/info.)

ZOOM TO HEAR THE CANDIDATES!

The last time we hosted a Candidates' Night, we co-hosted with the San Mateo United Homeowners' Association (SMUHA), and we'll be doing that again! At 7:30 p.m., we will be joined by members from associations from all around San Mateo!

At that time, we will be presenting the three candidates running for two open seats: Candidate Lisa Diaz Nash, incumbent Diane Papan, and appointed incumbent Amourance Lee. We plan to have the candidates answer questions prepared by BHNA and SMUHA. If you have a question, email us at board@beresfordhillsdale.com. We are limited by time to 4-5 questions, but may choose yours!

BHNA Gifts Our Members – Could You Be Next?

We previously mentioned our purchase of over 40 gift certificates from local businesses to support them during this challenging time. **When you join us at the top of our meeting on September 16th we will place your name for random selection to win!** (Notification and certificate delivery will occur within one week of the meeting.)

We've already gifted several Members, including lucky winner Kathy Whitman, who told us she 'never wins anything!' We also extended our thanks to Fire Station #23, who received Velo City Pizza certificates, and San Mateo Police Department Area Lieutenant, Art Sanchez. **YOU COULD BE NEXT!**

A Look Back – San Mateo's BLM Demonstration

Student activists organized the June 3rd BLM demonstration in San Mateo, the largest protest in the County. While some in the community expressed dismay via social media in regard to officers arriving in riot gear near the end of the event, it's always good to know the full story.

Police Chief Barberini spoke to community leaders just weeks after the event advising, "Through social media, we identified the group putting it (the demonstration) together, and reached out to them proactively to see how we could help with logistics. The goal was to create an environment for a successful event, to prevent harm, and have minimal enforcement action. But we knew this could not be handled by one enforcement agency alone."

Barberini explained, "Redwood City had their demonstration the day before, and we were able to learn from their experience. While the community may have the best interests, there are other groups with other motives, including causing harm and being disruptive. We learned who those groups were through the Redwood City demonstration. For the San Mateo demonstration, they were intent on doing damage to Hillsdale Mall, stopping traffic on Hwy. 101, and damaging our police department. They were observed putting rocks in their backpacks, so we did our best to monitor things. At the end of the event, a large group of about 1,000 people split off to head towards Saratoga Drive and Hillsdale Mall. We had a contingency plan for that. Part of that group wanted to move into the San Mateo Village neighborhood, so other agencies were called in to assist. In the end, there was no use of force, zero contact, and zero arrests."