

# BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BULLETIN

**JULY 2020** 

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY CLERK

On behalf of the entire City Clerk's staff, I would like to once again extend my deepest appreciation for your patience and understanding at this urgent moment and hope that you and your loved ones are safe and secure. We hope this bulletin will provide some useful updates and reminders for your BID and its stakeholders. Please take note of the following:

- ♦ Since March, the City has developed a comprehensive response to the COVID-19 crisis. Please click HERE for more information on this response and HERE for the Mayor's latest order on recent closures.
- ♦ To receive the latest information on COVID-19 or other important events, we encourage you to sign up for <a href="NotifyLA">NotifyLA</a>, the City's emergency alerts system. Please encourage your colleagues, stakeholders, family, and friends to do the same.
- ◆ The Governor's Executive Order (N-25-20) regarding revisions to teleconferencing requirements under the Ralph M. Brown Act remain in effect. The State urges that local bodies use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as possible to the provisions of the Brown Act and other applicable local laws regarding the conduct of public meetings. Please click HERE to read the order.
- ♦ The Office of the City Clerk remains closed to the public as a precautionary measure to help slow the spread of COVID-19. However, BID staff remain available to assist BIDs and BID stakeholders.

As this situation develops, our Office will remain committed to providing you as much consistent customer service as is possible.

Thank you and stay safe,

Holly L. Wolcott

## **DON'T FORGET!**

- ◆ July 15, 2020: Merchant BID 2nd Quarterly Reports and Newsletters are due.
- ◆ July 31, 2020: Property BID 2nd Quarterly Reports and Newsletters are due.

Please contact your BID Analyst before the deadline if you have any questions.

## **BID PORTAL**

As a reminder, BIDs are still required to use the BID Portal at **bidsportal.org** to view fund information, submit invoices, quarterly reports, and upload property data. If you have any questions regarding the portal, please reach out to us and we will be happy to provide assistance.

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### THE CITY'S NEWEST BID

On June 24, 2020, the Los Angeles City Council approved the establishment of the West Adams Property and Business Improvement District, the City's newest BID. The City Clerk welcomes the West Adams BID and is looking forward to working with the BID on its efforts to provide services to its stakeholders. In addition, the City Clerk would like to congratulate the Lincoln Heights Industrial Zone BID, the Pacific Palisades BID, and the South Los Angeles Industrial Tract (SLAIT) BID on their successful efforts to renew their BID terms. The City Clerk is also looking forward to working with these BIDs throughout their new terms.

## REMOTE BALLOT TABULATION

For the first time, the City Clerk broadcast, via a Zoom live-stream, the ballot tabulation for the aforementioned BIDs. In prior BID elections, observers were welcome to view the tabulation in person. This live-streaming optioned allowed observers to view the tabulation process while maintaining physical distancing.

## **BIDS AND LOBBYING**

The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission drafted and posted a Fact Sheet on BIDs and lobbying activity. The Commission believes this will help those involved with BIDs identify whether their activities meet the lobbying registration criteria. This Fact Sheet is posted on the Ethics Commission website <a href="https://example.city.creation.org/">HERE</a> and on the City Clerk's BID website HERE. If you have any questions regarding this Fact Sheet, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or at <a href="mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org">ethics.commission@lacity.org</a>.

## A NEW CITY CLERK WEBSITE

This Summer, the City Clerk will be unveiling an updated website that should improve user navigation and highlight relevant content. Please be on the lookout for an alert from our staff announcing the new site.