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City Hall cuts 481 staff with large program reductions

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SMDP Staff Writer

The city of Santa Monica is planning to cut $203.2 million from its budget and about 337 permanent and 144 temporary jobs as the coronavirus shutdown devastates the sectors of Santa Monica's economy that sustain city revenues.

With a projected general fund deficit of $224 million through June 2022, City Council will vote Tuesday on a budget plan that proposes freeing up $117 million in one-time funds and cutting $86.2 million in ongoing costs through radical cuts to city programs, services and staffing. Many in-person services would be shifted to a redesigned city website, both to facilitate physical distancing and to save money.

In addition to the 481 city employees who would lose their jobs under the proposed plan, more than 100 city employees have opted to participate in the city's Voluntary Early Separation Incentive Program, which offers buyouts and continued health insurance to staff who wish to leave their jobs amid the budget crisis. The city currently employs about 2,300 people.

The interim city manager and interim city attorney have taken 20% reductions in pay, said city spokesperson Constance Farrell. Department heads, executive staff, and the police and fire chiefs will take 10% or 15% pay cuts.

"The path ahead will be painful, and fraught with shared sacrifices to stop cuts in services and prevent

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1,400 apartments coming to Lincoln

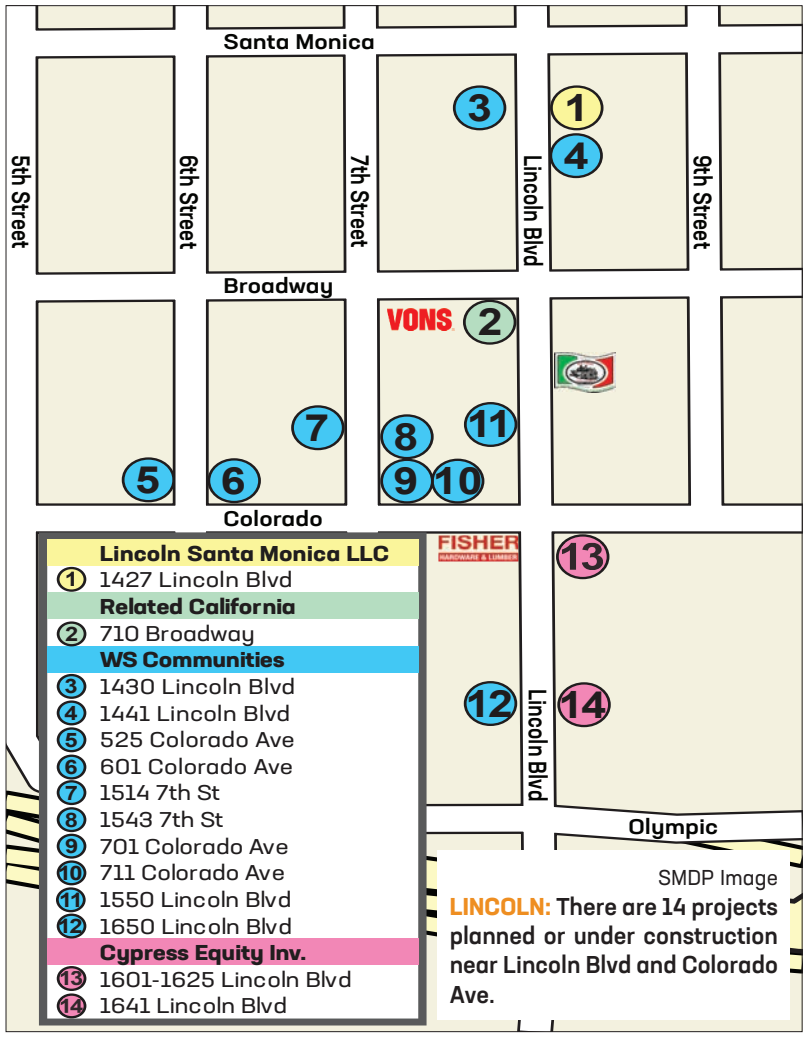
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With 14 mixed-use developments planned or under construction, the stretches of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue on the edge of downtown Santa Monica will soon be home to nearly 1,400 new households.

Santa Monica's Land Use and Circulation Element directs taller and denser multifamily development downtown, along major corridors and near transit. All three conditions apply to the stretches of Lincoln and Colorado bordered by Santa Monica Boulevard, the 10 Freeway and the terminus of the Metro E Line. For developers looking to build in Santa Monica, the area that until recently was mostly home to older, low-rise buildings has become a go-to location for ambitious projects.

Planning Commissioner Shawn Landres said the trend is proof that developers will build housing in Santa Monica if they are allowed to construct taller and denser buildings that provide a return on investment — an important lesson

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LINCOLN: There are 14 projects planned or under construction near Lincoln Blvd and Colorado Ave.

Students still wondering about Graduation plans

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Students across Santa Monica typically spend the month of May preparing to cross the stage where they would shake hands with an administrator and receive their hard-earned diplomas, but the recent pandemic has prospective graduates wondering if they'll ever be able to celebrate the momentous occasion.

And while Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District graduations are far from the only ones being affected by the recent pandemic, the status of local promotions are on the minds of many, according to SMMUSD officials.

"This is an important question that's on everyone's mind right now, and in one of my recent letters to the community I shared with you that we feel the pain associated with our seniors and year-end traditions," SMMUSD Superintendent Ben Drati recently said. "These are the annual culminating events that we all love and it's heartbreaking to know that some of these special events will not be able to take place this school year in a traditional sense."

Currently, district leaders and administrators are working closely together to evaluate a few creative ideas for their students that will properly celebrate the achievements of hardworking scholars across the district, according to Drati.

Students shared Friday that they have a few ideas in mind that would allow them to properly celebrate commencement in a safe manner, but nothing concrete has been worked out.

Samohi ASB President Parker Lauer said prior to spring break, she and her peers held a Virtual Spirit Week in an effort to keep spirits high.

"We're all really focusing on keeping it together, because it's a weird time for everybody, right

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING ARTICLE VIII OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2634 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2634 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adopts local amendments to the 2019 California Building Standards Code that reach beyond the state's EV charging infrastructure requirements in order to meet local and statewide EV adoption goals. The Ordinance requires:

a) New single-family developments must include 1 EV ready space per unit (including the breaker);

b) For new multifamily developments, 10% of parking spaces must be equipped with EV chargers, 20% must be EV-ready (fully wired, including breakers, to support future EV charger installation); and the remaining 70% must be equipped with conduit or raceway to facilitate future wiring to support EV charger installations.

c) For new hotels/motels and non-residential developments, 10% of parking spaces must be equipped with EV chargers and 30% must be raceway/conduit equipped. At office parking facilities, an additional 20% of spaces must be EV ready.

Ordinance Number 2634 (CCS) was adopted on April 28, 2020, and shall become effective 30 days after its submission to the California Building Standards Commission.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Week of May 4, 2020

Annual Water Main Replacement Project
For the week of May 4, the contractor will begin installing new water main on Pico Blvd. between Lincoln Blvd. and 12th Court. Traffic in the eastbound direction will be reduced to one lane on Pico Blvd. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at (310) 458-8721, x2620.

Advanced Traffic Management System, Phase 5 Project
For the week of May 4, this project will upgrade the traffic signal equipment at four locations and install fiber optic cables along Montana Ave and 26th St.; The project will provide transit priority along the corridor, allow for real-time remote monitoring and management of the traffic signals, provide public Wi-Fi along the corridor, and connect the San Vicente Reservoir and the Montana Avenue Branch Library to the City's network. We appreciate your patience during the project, to provide this safety improvement and public enhancements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jay Dinkins at (310) 458-8291.

Fire Station #1 Construction Project
For the week of May 4, construction will continue throughout the project area located at 1377 7th Street which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the east side of 7th Street just north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Sidewalk and parking lane will continue to be closed all day/night through the month. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at (310) 434-2675..

Annual Wastewater Main Project
For the week of May 4, sewer main repair work will be taking place in the Prospect Ct Alley between Marine St and Sunset Ave. Please contact Saad Malim at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

City Yards Modernization Project
For the week of May 4, construction will impact the project area located at 2500 Michigan Ave, which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the north side of Delaware Ave just east of 24th St. Please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at (310) 434-2675 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

Storm Drain & Drainage Improvements Project
For the week of May 4, there is no planned work for this project. Please contact Saad Malim at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

Annual Paving, Snap Parking, & Beach Parking Project
For the week of May 4, bike striping will take place on Broadway from 16th St to 21st St , weather permitting. Please contact Jason Hoang at (310) 458-2201 x5385 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

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now," Lauer said. "A lot of things — like graduation and prom and the other senior activities — are really tentative as far as I know. So I've I'm trying to talk to friends and stuff about general things that we can focus on as students."

Lauer added the spirit week was definitely a nice way to boost morale and distract families from the daily stresses of life that are now multiplied by the pandemic.

"We will be discussing elementary and middle school promotional ideas in the coming weeks," because principals are determined to make graduation a positive and memorable experience for graduating seniors despite the challenging circumstances presented by Covid-19, Drati said. "I have a son graduating high school this year, too, so I feel the pain that families are feeling over this situation. We especially want our seniors to know that your principals and I have been discussing options regularly and our minds are on celebrating your success and achievements in the coming months."

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Los Angeles Girl Scouts support others through donations

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) is donating 18,240 packages of Girl Scout cookies to Los Angeles Unified School District in support of the district's Grab & Go program to help feed those who are food insecure. Packages will be distributed a Grab & Go centers starting May 1. Another 17,800 packages are going to the Red Cross in New York, in support of a sister council and its similar program in that region of the country. Overall, the nonprofit is donating more than 163,000 Girl Scout cookie packages to organizations battling food insecurity.

The donations are through the organization's Gift of Caring program, where Girl Scouts encourage cookie customers to gift a purchase to community partners. In addition to new recipients LAUSD and the Red Cross, donations are also delivered to the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, Goodwill of Southern California, Blue Star Mothers, Operation Gratitude, and Bob Hope USO.

The addition of Los Angeles Unified this year was motivated by the great need among children and families in Greater Los Angeles whose access to food has been limited by Safer at Home orders. Girl Scouts has a history of championing the idea of youth helping youth; supporting Los Angeles Unified's Grab & Go program easily aligned.

The global pandemic has also impacted and interrupted the cookie season of several Girl Scout councils across the nation, including Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York. GSGLA transferred some of its Gift of Caring purchases to the New York council, which then gifted the nearly 18,000 packages-on GSGLA's behalf – to its local Red Cross chapter. The Red Cross plans to distribute the donation to COVID-19 first responders, food banks, and much-needed blood donors.

"Considering what we are all facing right now, it's a simple act to include Girl Scout cookies in a Grab & Go meal for a hungry family or to a first-responder in New York," said GSGLA CEO Theresa Edy-Kiene of her donation to one of the states hit hardest by the pandemic. "Sometimes, it's acts of comfort that are needed most, and we hope that this gift reminds each recipient that life can be sweet – even when it's hard – and that there is comfort in even simple gestures."

Los Angeles Unified plans to include the cookies in meals available at its 63 Grab & Go Food Service Centers at school sites across the district, where students, their families, and anyone else in need of a nutritious meal can receive two meals per person, per day.

"This crisis is a stark reminder of the safety net public schools provide to the students and families they serve," Los Angeles Unified Superintendent Austin Beutner said. "As a fan of Thin Mints myself, I know this special treat will bring smiles to many children. I'm grateful for the tireless efforts of my colleagues, the many volunteers and generous donors like the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles for their support in these relief efforts."

The Grab & Go food program recently hit a milestone – since it began in March, the program has served 10 million meals to those in need. Nearly 80% of Los Angeles Unified students live in households in poverty, and these relief efforts have helped more people than any other effort in the country, according to a news release from the district.

Carla Barrera-Ortiz, director of partnerships and grants for Los Angeles Unified, said she was touched to learn the local Girl Scouts council wanted to donate 1,520 cases of cookies to families in need of food.

As a child whose family emigrated from Mexico, Barrera-Ortiz didn't speak much English when she arrived in the U.S., but her Girl Scout troop leader was bilingual, and the troop became a safe space for her and her sister.

"I can't say enough about what I learned through the Girl Scouts," she said.

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Asia Cruise Survivor Takes COVID-19 Antibody Test

We pull in front of the lab and the sign reads, "COVID-19 IgG and IgM Rapid Antibody Screen." My husband Dan and I believe we may have been infected with the Coronavirus while on one of those ill-fated Asian cruises everyone heard about during the month of February when the pandemic first began.

I pop my head in the open doorway. "Good morning." I greet the lab technician at the front desk, my words are muffled behind my war-torn N95 mask.

"Come in." The lab tech beckons me. "You're timing is perfect." I'm a walk-in this morning for the COVID-19 antibody test at a lab in Santa Fe Springs, California. I tell the technician that we were in contact with someone in Asia who tested positive for the virus. He hands me a clipboard of paperwork to fill out and I take it back to the seclusion of our car.

Dan and I believe there is a high probability we were infected with the virus because we were at the epicenter of the outbreak in Asia when the virus was seeding travelers from all around the world.

After two weeks adrift at sea, we boarded a very unromantic Valentine's Day flight from Cambodia where the Holland America ms Westerdam was docked to Kuala Lumpur. That evening a woman from our flight tested positive for the coronavirus which resulted in a halt of all flights for us remaining six Westerdam passengers.

The six of us were literally trapped in the airport, sleeping on the floor, until we either tested negative and given written permission to leave the country or tested positive and placed in a 14-day quarantine to battle the virus. Three days later we were escorted by armed agents to a make-shift medical tent erected solely for us in the basement of the airport. The nose and throat swabs collected by a medical team in full personal protective equipment, which looked like a scene from the movie "Outbreak," took eight-hours to be analyzed and returned with a negative result. We immediately boarded a flight home with written clearance from the Minister of Health.

Once we arrived in the U.S., we were placed in home quarantine for two weeks and branded with the Scarlet Letter "C" for Coronavirus. We weren't surprised by the hysteria and paranoia surrounding us. The second day of our dream cruise, all Asian ports denied us entry for the same fear. Even our own country wouldn't provide a safe harbor for us to dock in Guam.

Today we are sheltering in our car at the lab in Santa Fe Springs awaiting our antibody results. "What if we're positive?" I toss the question to Dan.

"I guess, if we're positive, then that means we contracted the virus either on the ship or traveling home," he says.

If I was found positive for having had COVID-19 and recovered; though, I could volunteer or donate my blood and plasma. Dan and I could also visit his mother who has been isolated at her memory care facility.

"What if we are negative for antibodies?" I ask Dan.

"If it's a negative, then I guess we have been doing a good job at protecting ourselves from contracting the virus and we need to keep doing what we're doing."

His thinking is pragmatic, but part of me wants the test to come back negative for selfish reasons. A negative result would help to clear our name. When we returned to the U.S. there was skepticism behind the negative test results with us and other Westerdam passengers in Asia, and many so-called friends and neighbors purposely avoided and shunned us from the community.

Part of me would like to be able to thumb my nose at them, over my face mask of course, and say, "See, I told you we weren't infected, but you treated us like pariah." The irony is that now everyone is a suspected carrier.

The female nurse walks through the open glass door of the testing center and toward our car with our results. I snap my mask back into place and step out of the car to greet her. She points to the check mark on the paper and says, "You both are negative for COVID-19 antibodies. You may have come into contact with someone who tested positive for the virus, but you did not contract the virus yourself."

Two weeks after this test Dan's mother passed away. We never got the chance to visit and say goodbye.

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Lions Roar

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Lions Roar

While many of our scheduled meetings and service projects have been cancelled, the Santa Monica Lions Club has been far from idle. This past month, we have kept in touch through email and held a board meeting via conference call. It was a learning experience for some, but one thing that we quickly discovered was that without so many side conversations going on, meetings are shorter!

This past month we focused on philanthropy as we reviewed the grant requests we received. We were fortunate to be able to support everyone that applied. Here is a list of recipients and the projects we are grateful to be a part of:

CLARE/MATRIX - To purchase new industrial kitchen equipment to meet their increased need with 150 people added to their programs.

Dot Gelvin Memorial Scholarship Fund – To provide financial assistance to a student enrolled at Santa Monica College.

McKinley Elementary School PTA - To help fund the Hunger Backpack Program which provides children a bag full of breakfast, lunch, and snack food on weekend during the school year.

Meals On Wheels West - Delivering More Than A Meal program for formerly homeless and low-income people living in permanent supportive housing and at risk losing their housing without additional support. Each person receives a hot lunch, light dinner, daily newspaper, fresh produce and wellness check.

Santa Monica Breakfast Club – To coordinate dental hygiene presentations with UCLA dental students for Santa Monica 1st Grade students, with dental hygiene kits given to children.

Santa Monica High School Scholarships - To provide financial assistance to two students graduating with plans to attend college.

Santa Monica History Museum - To replace and update equipment in the Donald Douglas Aircraft interactive gallery in the main lobby.

Santa Monica YMCA – To provide support their free Livestrong Program that provides physical activity for adult cancer survivors.

Step Up On Second – To provide breakfast and dinner for clients from 2nd St and the Transitional Age Youth as part of the vocational training program.

Westside Family Health Center – to support their Strong Start program that provides vision exams for children.

We also supported three of the Lions Clubs International programs, LCI Foundation that provides emergency community funding, the Student Speaker Foundation that provides scholarship money for the Student Speakers Contest and the California Lions Friends In Sight program that provides free eye exams and glasses for people in need.

During these uncertain times, please consider possibly making your own donations to the above organizations. Many of them are either facing increased demand for their services or, as in the case of the SM History Museum, experiencing a loss of funding due to the temporary closure. Please join with the Santa Monica Lions in supporting our community.

With an eye to the future, when we can resume our Lions meetings, remember we now offer evening meetings. Our new meeting schedule will be:

Lunch meeting at 12:15 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month

Dinner meeting at 6 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday of each month

All meetings are held at the Elks Lodge on Pico Blvd. If you are interested please contact Marilynn Schalit at marilynnschalit@yahoo.com or (310) 903-8819 or Yoriko Fisher at yorikofisher@gmail.com or (443) 883-1101 to learn more.

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for the city of Santa Monica to take into account as it gears up to fulfill a state mandate to accommodate nearly 9,000 more units by 2029.

But the regulations the developers designed their projects under failed to produce enough middle-income housing and yielded too much parking, Landres said.

The projects were developed before the city eliminated parking requirements for downtown projects in 2017 and modified affordable housing requirements that incentivized developers to include a very small proportion of extremely low-income units in their projects.

Of the nearly 1,400 apartments that will be added to the area, between 250 and 300 will be deed-restricted affordable units — roughly 20%. (Information on unit mix for some projects is not yet available.) Most will be reserved for extremely low- and very-low income households.

Despite their proximity to the E Line, the projects will contain more than 1,500 parking spaces in underground garages, creating additional capacity for cars in an already congested area. Each parking space adds a significant cost to a project.

Landres said the Lincoln and Colorado developments indicate that the city needs to figure out a way to require developers to include more moderate-income housing and eliminate parking requirements citywide.

"We have to come up with the right income levels for the housing that we want and will be required to produce under the state housing allocation," he said. "What you want to try to do is come up with the right mix of height and density that will yield the housing type you want and the affordable mix that's feasible. It's absolutely a challenge."

WS Communities has 10 developments planned along 7th Street, Colorado Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard. WS is an offshoot of Neil Shekhter's NMS Properties, a prolific and controversial local developer.

Construction is underway on a five-story building with 100 apartments, including 20 affordable apartments, that replaced a Denny's restaurant at 1550 Lincoln Blvd., on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue. The building will contain ground floor commercial space and 232 parking spaces.

WS is also planning a five-story building at 1430 Lincoln Blvd. with 100 market-rate apartments and 296 parking spaces, a four-story building at 1650 Lincoln Blvd. with 90 market-rate and eight affordable units and 205 parking spaces, and a four-story building at 1441 Lincoln Blvd. with 40 apartments. All three buildings will have ground floor commercial space.

The developer is fulfilling the 1430 Lincoln Blvd. project's affordable housing requirement in a 55-unit affordable building for seniors at 711 Colorado Ave. WISE & Healthy Aging will provide services for the building's residents.

At 701 Colorado Ave., WS is planning an eight-story building with 69 apartments, including 11 affordable apartments, and ground floor commercial space. The project includes 84 bicycle parking spaces in lieu of parking for cars.

Directly behind that project, WS is developing another eight-story building at 1543 7th St. with 100 apartments, ground floor retail space and 85 parking spaces. To satisfy the project's affordable housing requirements, WS will construct a 25-unit building across the street at 1514 7th St.

An eight-story building will also rise at 601 Colorado Ave., containing 140 market-rate units, ground floor retail space and 122 parking spaces. The building will satisfy its affordable housing requirement by constructing 35 apartments in a separate building at 1238 7th St.

Down the street at 525 Colorado Ave., WS will build a seven-story building with 40 apartments and ground floor commercial space. No parking spaces for cars are proposed.

Luxury national developer Cypress Equity Investments has three mixed-use projects planned along Lincoln Boulevard between Colorado Avenue and Olympic Boulevard.

The Lincoln Collection, located at 1601-1625 Lincoln Blvd., consists of two five-story adjacent buildings with a combined 280 apartments and ground floor retail space. The project is under construction. The first phase of the project will contain 71 market-rate apartments, 19 affordable apartments and 168 parking spaces.

The Junction, an adjacent four-story building at 1641 Lincoln Blvd. with 66 apartments, including five affordable apartments, was previously being developed by Century West Partners, a subsidiary of Cypress Equity Investments that is now defunct. The project will also include ground floor commercial space and 130 parking spaces.

To the north, Related California is developing a mixed-use project on a site at the corner of Broadway and Lincoln Boulevard, where a Vons grocery store is currently located.

The five-story building at 701 Broadway will include space for a large grocery store on its ground floor, as well as other retail space, and an underground parking garage with 390 spaces. The building will contain 260 apartments, 65 of which will be affordable.

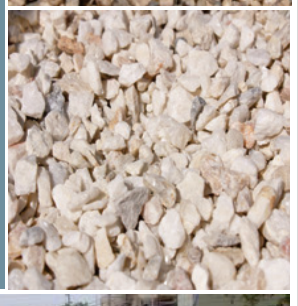
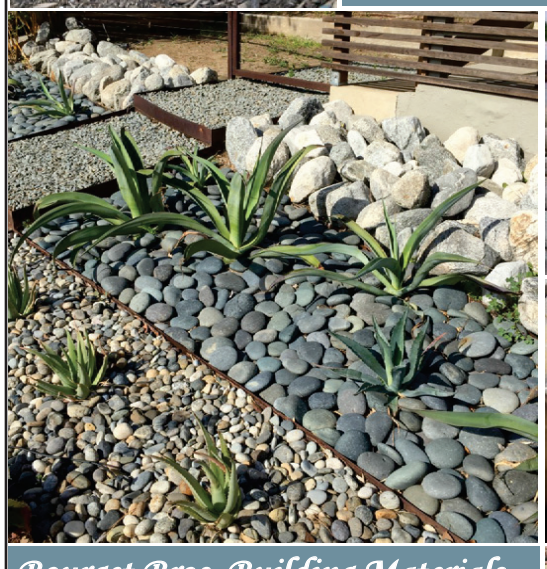
Alhambra-based Grand View Investments is developing a four-story building at 1427 Lincoln Blvd. with 15 apartments, including two affordable apartments, and 13 parking spaces.

Developers did not return requests for comment.

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LA Master Chorale to Pay Musicians Lost Wages in 2019-2020 Season

The Los Angeles Master Chorale has announced that it would compensate singers for lost wages resulting from 2019-20 season concerts canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the Master Chorale will provide 91% of the orchestra musicians' wages, as well as full benefits, lost due to the cancellation of the The Fauré Requiem concert, which was scheduled to take place on March 28 and 29. Additional canceled performances include Come Away to the Skies: A Celebration of Alice Parker and the High School Choir Festival. Rachmaninoff's All-night Vigil, scheduled to take place on June 13 and 14, 2020, has not been canceled as of yet, but musicians will be compensated regardless of whether or not the show will go on as planned.

The Master Chorale is successfully able to provide compensation for the remainder of the 2019-20 season thanks to the contributions of its board of directors, particularly Honorary Director Lillian Pierson Lovelace; Secretary Courtand Palmer, who made a challenge grant to support the musicians; and those directors who responded to the challenge, including Robert Hanisee, Alex Romain, Jennifer Rosenfeld, and Chair Philip A. Swan. The Master Chorale applied and was granted funding from the federal government's CARES Act and Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program.

"We are truly grateful for the unwavering support from our board of directors and our Master Chorale community, who recognize that our artists are vital contributors to the fabric of our choral family," said Jean Davidson, President & CEO. "Combined with federal financial support, we are able to pay our artists as our capacity and resources would allow, which has been our goal from the start. While we are proud to share this good news, we do recognize these are very challenging times, and we hope for a vibrant return to normalcy for the entire artistic community."

"Simply put, the Los Angeles Master Chorale is its artists. Our musicians have set the bar incredibly high for the choral field throughout the entire world," said Grant Gershon, Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director. "During this challenging and unsettled time I am hugely grateful to the Master Chorale board for providing this tangible show of support to these artists who have provided us all with so much beauty. Building upon this foundation, we look forward to the day when we can gather and sing together in real time."

For the time being, the Master Chorale has created two new digital series-Sundays at Seven and Offstage-to share the beautiful and inspiring power of choral music with online audiences, as Angelenos continue to observe stay-at-home orders. Featuring both music and conversation, each of the series offers a welcome opportunity to connect through music during this unprecedented period of self-isolation. Sundays at Seven is made possible by the generosity of American Guild of Musical Artists and American Federation of Musicians Local 47.

Visit https://lamasterchorale.org/ for more information.

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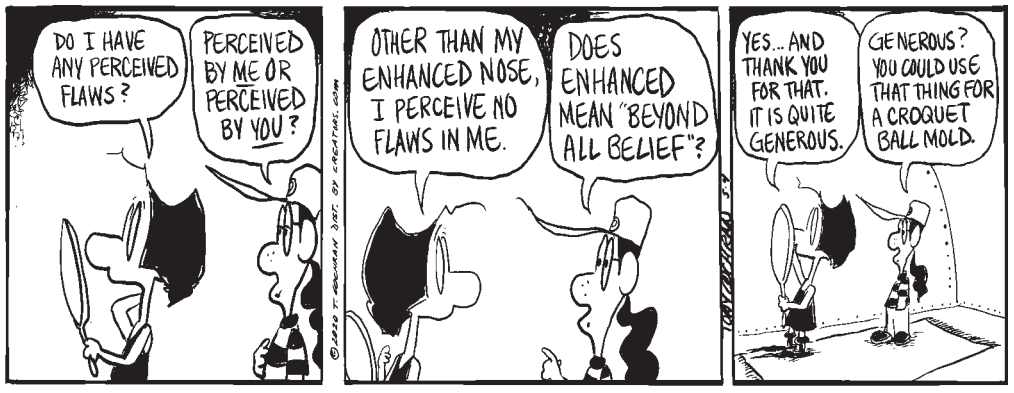
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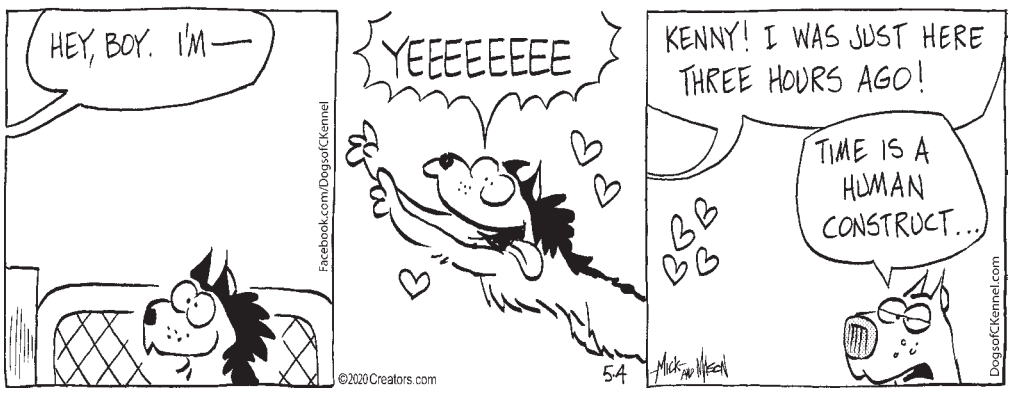
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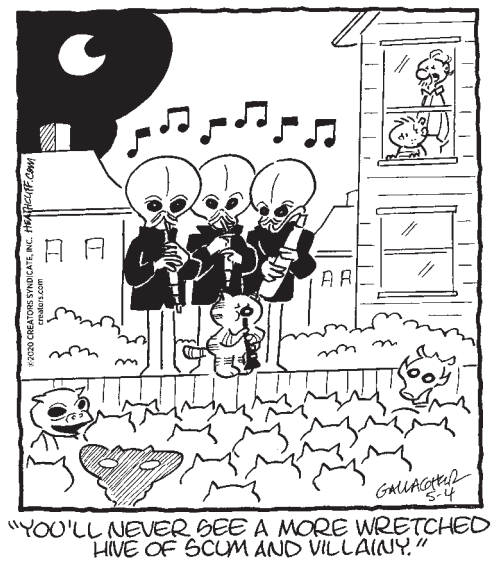
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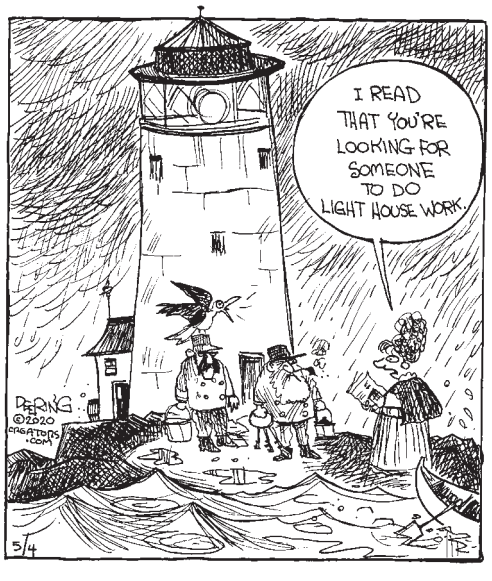
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Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 78.
Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 62.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 64.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 83.

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2020/05/08	Fri	10:33 PM	6.39	H
2020/05/09	Sat	05:45 AM	-1.34	L
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Power#: 20
Jackpot:51 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 04/28
13 19 53 54 63
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 200 M

SuperLotto PLUS
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2 9 15 34 46
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 24 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 04/30
8 16 18 29 37

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Draw Date: 04/30
Evening: 7 0 9
Draw Date: 04/30
Midday: 3 1 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 04/30
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2nd: 2 - LUCKY STAR
3rd: 5 - CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). When playing a game, acting in a play or engaging in any manner of role-play, putting on the character you are assigned can be an enlightening, liberating or, at the very least, "interesting" experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You were going to the experts before, and it was costing you. This day will be an exercise in asking yourself better questions and coming up with answers that surprise you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Hiding isn't always weakness. Rather, it's a very effective evolutionary adaptation used by those at the top and bottom of the food chain alike. It's better to be strategic instead of reactive with this, though.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a day to leave more room for the other person, to take pauses so others can fill in, to ask questions that encourage participation and to invite others to dance by opening your arms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Right now your capacity to handle important things is expanding. Being strong is something you can't always appreciate in the moment, but you'll look back in amazement at some of the things you're doing right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This is no time to abandon what you believe in favor of easier, more convenient options. The movement will only work to create change if enough people participate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's possible for more than one person to talk at the same time, but it is not possible to simultaneously listen to more than one message. Because you need, want and deserve to be heard, you'll choose your moments carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Emily Dickinson defined hope as the "thing with feathers that perches in the soul/ And sings the tune without words/ And never stops at all." You are filled with its song today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can fly anywhere in your mind, so why not use this ability to your own wonder and delight? If you leave it up to the cues around you, this will not happen. Set boundaries around your attention. It is a precious commodity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are those who have a cause and those who have a plight. You've known categories before, though not at the same time, which would be impossible. Plights must be overcome before causes can be taken on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love is the constant. Things happen in relationships to create noise in the mind, but the heart beats on with the rhythm that has always been yours: uncomplicated, consistent, enduring.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Living space has always been important to your well-being though even more so now. You'll be inspired to get into neglected closets and boxes to organize and account for your belongings.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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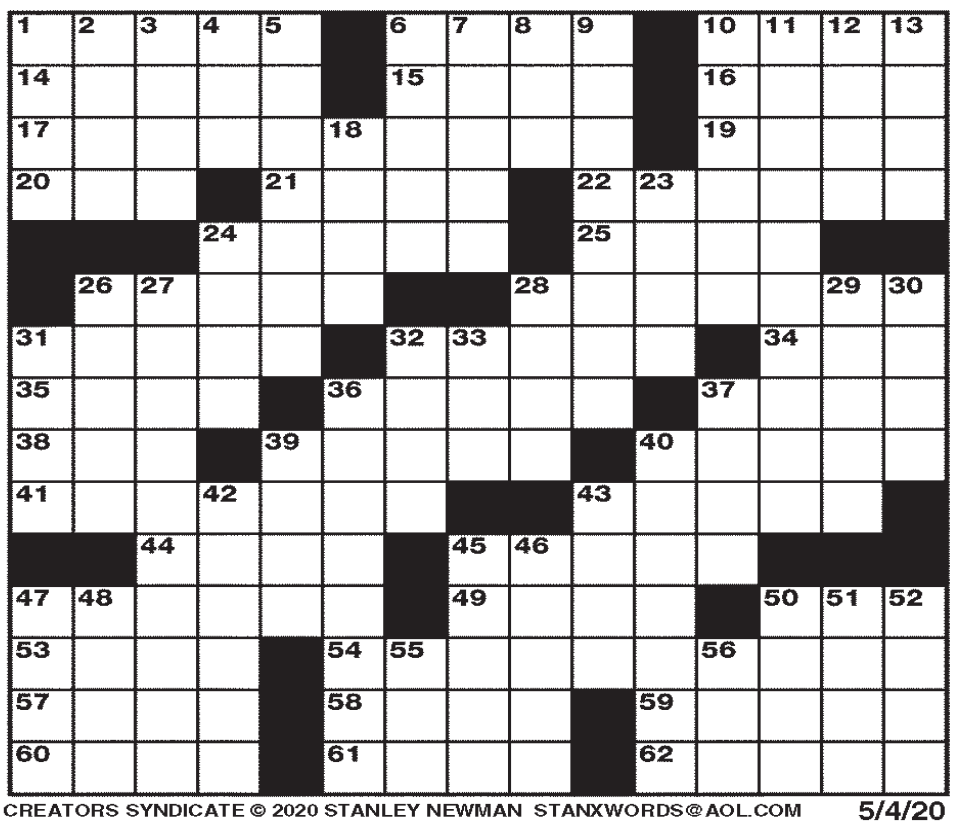
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Telegrapher's __ code
6 Speak unclearly
10 "Don't worry about me"
14 Keep away from
15 Home for a hamster or parakeet
16 Back of the neck
17 Female heads of families
19 Reach across
20 Pub beverage
21 Long, difficult journey
22 Warbling sounds
24 Takes a look at
25 Impolite
26 Alternative to Maytag
28 Processes food in one's stomach
31 Alarm bell sound
32 Gators' cousins
34 Informal assent
35 Peace Prize recipient Wiesel
36 "Here's to you," for one
37 Elm or oak
38 "Dear old" parent
39 Angry
40 Shaped like a circle
41 Everlasting
43 Favors one leg while walking
44 Gas in bright store signs
45 Grand-scale stories
47 Sheets and pillowcases
49 Biblical boat builder
50 Smartphone download, for short
53 And others: Abbr.
54 Baton twirlers in parades
57 Gentle, as petting-zoo animals
58 Much-admired celebrity
59 Sneakers and sandals
60 Kid's snow vehicle
61 Yo-yos and dolls
62 Entice

DOWN
1 Middle of the Three Bears
2 Egg-shaped
3 Repetitive learning
4 "Dear __ or Madam . . ."
5 Correcting, as a manuscript
6 Twisted-in metal fastener
7 Doesn't possess
8 Cry of discomfort
9 Place a limit on
10 Not outdoors
11 Pancake topping
12 Whitish gemstone
13 Boy dolls sold with Barbies
18 Region
23 Floor coverings made of fabric
24 Rooftop wind-direction indicator
26 __ once (suddenly)
27 Identifier that a new bride might keep
28 Amount of medicine
29 Kids older than 12
30 Drove fast
31 Relinquish legally
32 Fuel obtained from mines
33 Maze-running rodent
36 Send, as a broadcast signal
37 Male turkeys
39 Get __ the ground floor
40 Most wealthy
42 Swayed because of dizziness
43 Untruthful one
45 Have fun doing
46 Backyard swimming spots
47 Allows
48 Slanted typeface: Abbr.
50 Molecule part
51 Baby chick's sound
52 Attention-getting whisper
55 "So, without further __ . . ."
56 *Gone With __ Wind*



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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BUDGET

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further layoffs," said interim city manager Lane Dilg. "We grieve with our colleagues who have dedicated themselves to this work whose jobs will be lost."

The plan also includes the creation of a $20 million contingency fund in the event of another coronavirus shutdown and a $1 million economic recovery fund.

Dilg said staff will ask City Council to allocate an additional $2 million in available funding and articulate which services and programs to restore if revenues return in the future. The council has the power to make adjustments to other parts of the plan, she said.

"They could decide that we kept something we should be losing or are losing something we should preserve," Dilg said. With a $448 million unfunded pension liability and flattening revenues, the city was already in trouble financially before the pandemic. Projections showed the city's general fund would be $72 million in the red by the end of the decade.

The effects of the coronavirus shutdown on city revenues have been even more catastrophic. The city relies heavily on tax revenue generated by the city's tourism and hospitality industries, which have ground to a halt during the shutdown and will likely continue to suffer losses when stay-at-home orders are relaxed.

Finance Department Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes said projections show a 14% decrease in sales tax revenue next fiscal year and a similar decrease in the current fiscal year. The city's fiscal years last from July 1 through June 30.

Decavalles-Hughes said hotel taxes are down 21% this fiscal year and are projected to drop 42% next fiscal year.

Parking revenues, including fines, have declined 9% this fiscal year and will fall nearly 22% next fiscal year. During the coronavirus shutdowns, the city has been taking in about 5% to 10% of typical parking revenues, Decavalles-Hughes said.

She said the loss of revenues will create a $48 million general fund deficit between March and June, a $102 million deficit next fiscal year and a $74 million deficit in fiscal year 2021-2022.

If City Council approves the budget cuts as proposed, the balance of the general fund will be nearly $500,000 next fiscal year and slightly more than $2 million the following year, Decavalles-Hughes said.

"Like most cities in the nation, Santa Monica is in uncharted territory," she said. "The impact of this pandemic on our economy is unlike any other natural or man-made disaster."

Dilg said Santa Monica has no assurance of a government bailout, but the city's representatives are advocating state and federal governments to direct aid to smaller cities.

The FEMA reimbursements Santa Monica is eligible for can only be used to cover the cost of work directly addressing COVID-19, Dilg said.

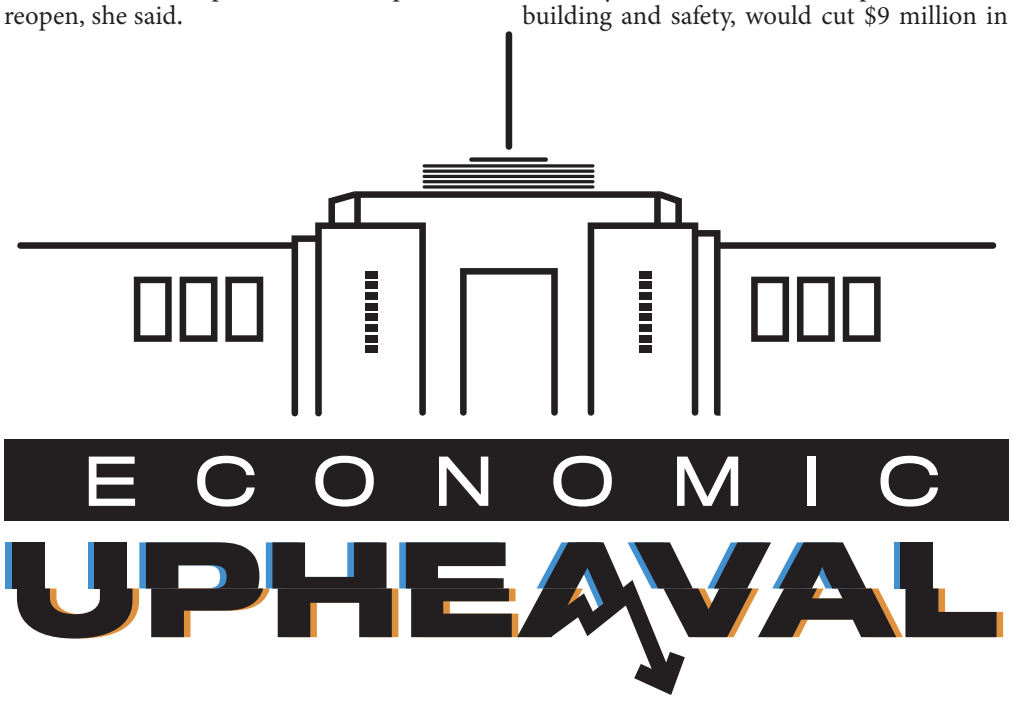
"We have no indication federal aid is coming," she said. "The state has received funds that they can distribute to cities, but there are cities across California with needs, including large cities, and the state needs money too, so we don't have assurance that we would receive money from the state."

Under the proposed plan, the police department would reduce its budget by $3.5 million and eliminate 45 jobs, and the fire department would cut 10 vacant positions and is working on plans to either reduce staff hours or generate revenue that will yield $2.8 million in savings.

One police officer, all school crossing guards and several employees that patrol parks, handle animal control and manage traffic would be laid off. Seven open firefighter and paramedic positions would be left unfilled.

The public library would cut $4.5 million in spending and lay off 65 employees. The library's Fairview and Ocean Park branches would be temporarily closed. Other branches would continue to operate with reduced hours and programming, as well as enhanced physical distancing protocols.

Dilg said the city will scale library services back up and hire more staff when it becomes safe for people to use public facilities and more funding is available. In some circumstances, city employees who were laid off have a right to return to their positions if the positions reopen, she said.



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BUDGET: Cuts include the City's homelessness advisor, the entire Architectural Review Board, 20 bus drivers, the Memorial Park expansion and the Miles Memorial Playhouse. The Annenberg Community Beach House and Santa Monica Swim Center would remain open with reduced hours.

"We won't resume in-person library services at their full capacity for some time until a vaccine is not only present but widely available, and no physical distancing is required," Dilg said.

The new community services department, which will handle recreation, cultural affairs, housing and human services, would cut $11.1 million from its budget and lay off about 95 employees.

The department would close Miles Memorial Playhouse, Camera Obscura Art Lab, eliminate annual city events, and reduce cultural and arts grants.

The Annenberg Community Beach House, Santa Monica Swim Center and Memorial Park would continue to operate with reduced hours and programming. The beach house pool would remain closed through next June.

Youth programs administered by CREST, the Police Activities League and Virginia Avenue Park would continue with physical distancing and reductions in programming.

Organizations that receive human services grants from the department to provide services to the homeless, seniors, youth and other vulnerable groups would see a 12% reduction in their grants. Grantees include The People Concern, Chrysalis, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Wise & Healthy Aging and Family Service of Santa Monica.

"We're hopeful members of our community will make direct contributions to many of these organizations to ensure they can continue to provide services," Dilg said.

Housing programs would be administered by the community services department. The city would eliminate funding for new affordable housing and limit the Preserving Our Diversity (POD) rental assistance program for seniors to 40 participants instead of the additional 250 to 400 it was planning to enroll.

"Affordable housing will remain a priority for the city, but we'll focus more on external grants and funding," Dilg said. "We'll always be looking for more revenue sources, especially because right now people have an increased need for affordable housing."

The new community development department, which will include planning, mobility, economic development, and building and safety, would cut $9 million in spending and nearly 47 jobs.

The Architectural Review Board would be eliminated and replaced with a staff review process, and processing for historic properties and districts would be delayed.

The department would not provide staff support for business districts and would reduce funding allocated to the Santa Monica Pier, including its summer concert series.

The department would reduce public counter hours for parking services, public transportation, planning, and building and safety. It would take longer to process applications, plans and requests, including Vision Zero and bike programs.

Transportation management organization GoSaMo would be dissolved, preferential parking regulations would be put on hold and the city would no longer grant franchises or permits to taxis or pedicabs.

The Safe Routes to School and Take the Friendly Road campaigns would be suspended, although both would maintain an online presence.

Big Blue Bus would cut $16.8 million in ongoing costs and 38.5 positions, including 19.5 bus driver positions. The agency anticipates an infusion of one-time CARES Act funding.

BBB would eliminate four routes and reduce service on almost every other route, with only routes 1, 3 and 7 maintaining their regular schedule on weekdays and weekends, and is planning to start collecting fares again in June. Its ridehailing service for seniors, MODE, would run only during the day on weekdays.

Public Works would cut spending by $21.8 million and lay off 105 employees, reducing the frequency of streets, public facilities and parks maintenance.

The department will postpone or cancel 18 capital projects to preserve $16.2 million in the city's general fund, including plans to expand Memorial Park and the electric vehicle charging network. Other major projects such as the City Yards renovation will be reduced in scope.

The office of sustainability and the environment would eliminate sustainability programs at local schools, Youth Climate Corps and the Sustainable Quality Awards.

The office would cut programs that facilitate the city's single-use plastics ban and green building program. Efforts to achieve carbon neutrality, water self-sufficiency and zero waste would be significantly scaled back and delayed.

Dilg said although the functions of the office will be reduced, other city departments will continue to incorporate sustainability into their work.

"While we won't have an office developing new ordinances or trying to engage in new and innovative policy efforts, we will have expert staff across departments advising city on key sustainability concerns in choices we're making," she said.

The city manager's office would eliminate the offices of wellbeing and performance management, the office of emergency management would be reassigned to the police and fire departments, and scale back the office of communications.

Fifty-three jobs would be eliminated, including the as-needed senior advisor on homelessness position held by Alisa Orduña, leaving the restructured office with just 13 employees.

"Our organization has learned a lot from our (wellbeing and performance management programs) and while we may not be able to run those programs in the current environment, they've become part of our culture," Dilg said.

The city attorney's office would cut $1.8 million in spending and 8.4 positions by prosecuting fewer misdemeanors, focusing on violent conduct and driving under the influence, and taking longer to respond to extensive public records requests.

The finance department would reduce its budget by $2.5 million and cut 15.5 full-time equivalent positions, and the human resources department would cut nearly $900,000 and about five jobs.

The city will suspend its payment on its pension liability next year and make payments to CalPERS, the state pension system, over a 15-year schedule rather than a 13-year schedule.

The city clerk would cut about $250,000 and eliminate 1.5 full-time equivalent positions, and the information services department would eliminate $1.7 million from its budget and lay off 11 employees.

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