

# BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BULLETIN

**WINTER 2021** 

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY CLERK

On behalf of our staff at the Office of the City Clerk, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! Despite the challenges we have had, and no doubt will have in the year ahead, we look forward to continuing to serve and provide assistance to BIDs and their stakeholders. As we venture into a new year, we will work closely with our BID partners and keep them apprised of all the latest news, events, or resources that could help them operate during the COVID-19 crisis and subsequent recovery period.

For the time being, our office will remain closed to the public, as a precautionary measure to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and staff will continue to telecommute and meet with our BID partners remotely. If and when this circumstance begins to change, we will provide an update to our BID partners.

Thank you and stay safe,

Holly L. Wolcott

### **COVID-19 BUSINESS TOOLKIT**

The City of Los Angeles has produced a digital <u>Toolkit for Businesses</u> to guide and assist businesses and workers amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The toolkit contains a variety of useful resources that may be of use to your stakeholders, including:

- Sample signage for businesses currently operating
- County protocols and guidance for industries that are currently operating and for those that are currently closed.

The toolkit also provides a link to <u>L.A. Optimized</u>, a site designed to help small businesses confront the impacts of COVID-19 and other <u>Resources</u> available to businesses, workers, students, immigrants, and other constituencies across the City.

#### COMING SOON: A NEW CITY CLERK WEBSITE

The City Clerk continues to redesign its website, which will improve user navigation and highlight relevant BID-related content. We anticipate a Spring roll out, so please be on the lookout for an alert from our staff announcing the new site. In the meantime, if you would like the site to feature photographs of your BID, please contact our staff at <u>clerk.nbids@lacity.org</u>.

#### FOND FAREWELLS

The past year has brought a lot of change for us all and the BID Division has experienced its fair share. It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of two long-time and admired employees, Rick Scott and Jose Flores.

Rick served as our lead BID Analyst and was instrumental in establishing the City's BID program. Over the course of 21 years, Rick developed and displayed an expertise in BID processes and procedures that few in the City can match.

Jose served as our Special Assessments Supervisor, overseeing the Division's public notice and billing operations, records management, and public inquiries. Like Rick, the expertise Jose cultivated over the course of 13 years was substantial and critical to the BID Division.

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