



### Greetings,

How we got to mid-year so quick I'll never know. It's almost June and our mail boxes are stuffed with voter information. I hope you fulfill your public duty and vote on election day, June 5th. I've included a FAQ on City sponsored measures in this issue.

In a little more than a month we will celebrate Independence Day and just thinking about it makes me think of BBQ, parades and complaints about fireworks. We're trying something new so please make sure to read about the changes to our Fireworks Ordinance.

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### Welcome New Business



Tuck Pasadena  
1385 E. Washington Blvd.  
Women's Clothes  
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### What's New in District 2



*Margaret M*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy 132nd Birthday Pasadena  
Sunday, June 3, 2018  
1-4 p.m.

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Election Day  
Tuesday, June 5, 2018  
Polls open 7a.m. to 8 p.m.

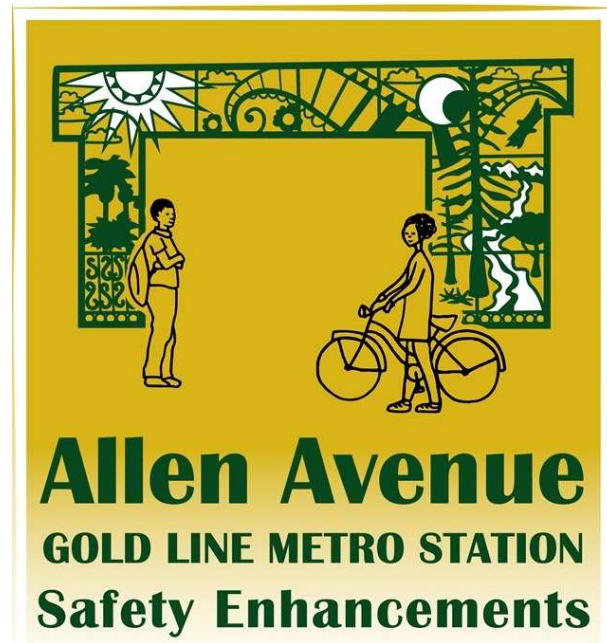
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SR-710 North Public Hearing  
Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
6 - 8 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

North Lake Specific Plan Workshop  
Thursday, June 21, 2018  
6 - 8 p.m.

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### Community Meeting #2

Based on community input, a concept design to improve accessibility and safety along Allen Avenue will be presented:

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018  
6-8 p.m.**

**Santa Catalina Library  
999 E. Washington Blvd.**

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## Special Pasadena Municipal Election 2018 Frequently Asked Questions

There are four City of Pasadena local measures on the upcoming June 5th ballot:

**Measure AA** would shift the City's election dates for municipal officeholders and measures to dates coinciding with statewide elections

**Measure BB** would shift Pasadena Unified School District's School Board officeholder election dates to coincide with statewide General election dates and utilize plurality voting

**Measure CC** would repeal the City's current ban on commercial cannabis (marijuana) businesses to allow a limited number to operate (contingent on passage of Measure DD)

**Measure DD** would levy a business license tax on commercial cannabis (marijuana) businesses of up to \$10/canopy sq. foot and between 4-6% of gross receipts

[Learn More](#) about these measures on the City Clerk's page.

### **Q: Why were Measures AA and BB placed on the ballot?**

A: The City and PUSD have historically conducted their municipal and school elections (for local officeholders and measures) in March -April of odd numbered years. Effective January 2018, the California Voter Participation Rights Act prohibits local jurisdictions from conducting an election on any date other than a statewide election date if past local elections have historically been 25% below the average turnout in recent statewide general elections. If enacted, Measures AA and BB



would simply ensure the City is consistent with new State law and create efficiencies in voting by consolidating these local elections with the State election calendar. Additionally, candidates for the Board of Education would be elected via a "top-finisher, plurality" system rather than a 50%+1 system. The Mayor and City Council would continue to utilize a primary and general election format requiring a 50%+1 majority winner in either the primary election or from the top two candidates in the general election.

**Q: What are Measures CC and DD?**

A: In 2016, California voters enacted Proposition 64 which legalized cannabis cultivation, manufacturing and distribution within a regulated recreational use market. The City of Pasadena currently has a local commercial cannabis ban in place. Following numerous public meetings to get input, Measure CC was placed on the ballot

so voters can decide whether to permit a limited number of retailers, cultivators and testing labs to operate within specific zoning areas (maps available on city website). The adoption of Measure CC is contingent on the passage of Measure DD, which levies a business license tax on these types of new businesses in the City.

**Q: If enacted, will Measure DD generate significant funding for City services?**

A: No. While the intent of Measure DD is to ensure that any new commercial cannabis businesses pay for the right to conduct business in the City as other industries do, the revenues generated by Measure DD are currently only projected to cover the costs of regulating and enforcing the health and safety requirements and impacts of the local cannabis industry. Economic trends related to this new market are in significant flux, so the City is taking a measured, careful approach to its policies and planning



**Fireworks Ordinance Chandes**



This year, Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will have a new tool to combat 4th of July fireworks. City Council fast tracked a new code amendment which will fine or prosecute property owners who "knowingly" allow fireworks to be possessed, sold, used or discharged on their property.

As in other foothill communities, fireworks are illegal in Pasadena due to fire danger and yet each year, our Police and Fire Departments respond to hundreds of calls about people discharging them around 4th of July. Current law requires that Fire or Police staff actually see the person lighting the fireworks or see fireworks in their possession. This has made it difficult to confiscate, fine or prosecute.

With the goal of compliance, the new ordinance is directed at the property owner who may not be the person lighting the fuse. Complaints from the public would be formally relayed to the property owner who would then ensure that tenants comply. Since calls regarding fireworks usually start when neighboring cities start allowing sales, usually late June, the new ordinance will allow our staff to start contacting owners in advance of July 4th.

[Learn More](#)





## Join the Conversation...the Budget Conversation

The City is working hard to maintain the services and programs that make Pasadena a great place to live. The City is committed to continuing to provide the quality-of-life services you expect and deserve. Maintaining our aging infrastructure, protecting quality after-school programs for youth and teens, preserving 911 rapid response and having proper emergency and disaster preparedness are some of the many things that preserve our quality of life. In the last five years alone, Pasadena has lost over \$130 million from state budget cuts. At the same time, we are experiencing increased demand for City services and higher costs of providing services to our community. In the next several years, the City will potentially need to cut millions annually to maintain a balanced budget. As the city looks toward its upcoming 2019 budget planning and adoption, we invite you to share your feedback.

[Learn More](#)




## Stater Bros. Plans To Be Open By Thanksgiving

Stater Bros. is hard at work remodeling the store at Allen and Washington. Their CEO Pete Van Helden brought his team to the Town Hall Meeting earlier in May and answered questions about the store. In case you missed it, here are a few facts about their business model and our new store;

- No loyalty cards or monopoly;
- Human Cashiers--No self-checkout;
- Union Employees;
- Local hiring;
- Emphasis on service and providing foods the community wants;
- On-site Bakery, Sushi Bar, Deli, Floral;
- Top flight butchers;
- Organic produce;
- Organic meats;
- Wider aisles;
- No pharmacy;
- No bank or Starbucks

The existing outdoor recycling center will be removed and recycling will be handled in the store. This will add parking spaces and keep the area neater. Stater Bros. is also soliciting both comments on the store and ideas about what local charitable organization they should give to. Comments can be made on their [website](#).

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