



Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Early Education Center Ad Hoc Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Council Chamber
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

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**Thursday, March 7, 2024
4:00 PM**

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AGENDA

- 1) Public Comment
 - a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

- 2) Early Childhood Center Survey

3) Continued Discussion of The City of Beverly Hills and BHUSD Exploratory Collaboration of an Early Childhood Center

4) Adjournment


Huma Ahmed
City Clerk

Posted: March 1, 2024

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 7, 2024

To: BHUSD City Council Liaisons Mayor Julian Gold, M. D. &
Councilmember Lili Bosse

From: Patty Acuña, Assistant Director of Community Services
Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services

Subject: Early Childhood Center Survey

Attachments: Survey

INTRODUCTION

On Friday, January 26, 2024, BHUSD City Council Liaisons Mayor Julian Gold and Councilmember Lili Bosse met with Beverly Hills Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Michael Bregy and BHUSD School Board Members, Mary Wells and Noah Margo. BHUSD Superintendent Dr. Bregy presented a power point presentation that consisted of details regarding the timeline of moving Hawthorne Elementary to the newly renovated El Rodeo Elementary school for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Discussion consisted of future plans for the BHUSD District office to move to the vacated Hawthorne site as well as future opportunities for both the district and City to utilize the site. A map of the Hawthorne campus was shared and provided a proposed clear delineation of the campus space that the City could retain for use to expand existing preschool classes and space to develop additional early childhood classes.

Further discussions will be required to assess the remaining areas of the campus that have the possibilities for future collaboration between the City and the District.

DISCUSSION

It was recommended at the Liaison meeting by Mayor Gold and Councilmember Bosse to conduct a survey in order to ensure the community needs are being planned for. The area proposed by BHUSD is where the City's current two preschool classes are housed and currently has age-appropriate classrooms, restrooms, and play structure. Having additional age-appropriate space provides the city with multiple opportunities to expand the early education division of our programming.

At the recommendation of the Liaisons the Community Services Department worked with a third-party vendor to create a survey seeking feedback on needs specific to early education, childcare and other programmatic interests that are currently not being met.

March 7, 2024:

The online survey was developed in partnership with BHUSD and made available to the public for two weeks from February 15 through March 1, 2024. The survey has been sent via email to over 9,000 families including those in our current preschool programs, on our preschool waitlist, all BHUSD families as well as through our partnerships with our youth sports organizations. In addition, the City also created QR code flyers that community members could scan and complete the survey. These flyers were located in the Children's Area of the Beverly Hills Public Library, Roxbury Community Center and the Farmer's Market. Social media posts and a press release to both the Beverly Hills Courier and Beverly Hills Weekly also provided extended outreach.

At the time this report was written and posted the survey was still open and the final results have yet to be compiled and assembled for presenting. Staff will provide a presentation outlining the results of the survey and provide for discussion on next steps.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item serves as information on the results of the survey. Currently there is no fiscal impact, should the direction be to expand the number of preschool classrooms offered a fiscal analysis will be required for both staffing and operational costs.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council Liaisons/BHUSD Committee review and recommend next steps for the implementation or expansion of additional programs related to the early childhood center.

Stephanie Harris,
Director of Community Services

Approved By

Attachment 1



The continued and increased need for preschool, TK and afterschool programming has shown that the collaborative work between the City and BHUSD is a necessity as they jointly search for additional space.

The Beverly Hills Unified School District will be reopening the El Rodeo Elementary School campus for the 2024-2025 school year. Hawthorne school will be moving TK - 5 grades to El Rodeo and leaving the Hawthorne campus open for a proposed Early Childhood Center. The City's current preschool program will remain at the repurposed Hawthorne Campus. The Horace Mann campus will house special education preschool taught by BHUSD and a new City preschool classroom will be opened.

An Early Childhood Center could create additional classrooms, Parent & Me programming, potential daycare opportunities and more.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey to best deliver early childhood and afterschool programming.

* 1. Do you live in the City of Beverly Hills?

Yes

No

* 2. If so, what part of the City do you live in?

90210

90211

90212

Provide other zip code.

Other Zip Code

* 3. Do you have child(ren) preparing to enter into preschool, TK or Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year? (pick all that apply)

- Preschool
- TK
- Kindergarten
- Other (please specify)

* 4. If yes, what are their age(s)? (pick all that apply)

- 0-2 years old
- 3-4 years old
- 4-5 years old
- Other (please specify)

* 5.

The City currently offers educational-based preschool which focuses on classroom fundamentals. Play-based preschool curriculum focuses on outdoor, independent, and discovery-based learning. In this context, do you prefer the City focus on developing early childhood education spaces that are more:

- Play-based
- Educational-based
- A mixture of both

* 6.

The Hawthorne campus will continue to house the City's preschool program. A portion of the proposed campus is also scheduled to be used for future early childhood programs. In this context:

What types of early childhood classes and programs would you like to see offered at the Hawthorne campus?

* 7.

Hawthorne Elementary School is being proposed as an Early Childhood Center. What categories of program offerings would you like to see offered. In addition to your suggestions on the last question, please check ALL the following programs that you are interested in.

- Day Care
- Parent & Me Classes
- Sports
- Interactive Learning

* 8.

If you have an interest in early childhood classes and programs at the Hawthorne campus, are there times of the day you prefer these be offered? (pick all that apply)

- 8am-10am
- 10am-Noon
- Noon-2pm
- 2pm-4pm
- After 4pm

9.

As described above, the Hawthorne campus will be used for several ongoing and new programs in the immediate future. Are there other needs and programs you would like provided at the Hawthorne campus (if feasible)?

10. Do you have any other input you would like to provide?