



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** January 7, 2014

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Therese Kosterman, Public Information Manager

**Subject:** Request from Mayor Mirisch to consider declaring April 24 as “Beverly Hills Independence Day”

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution approving the April 24, 1923 special election.
2. Minutes approving results of the April 24, 1923 special election
3. Photo of “Celluloid” sculpture

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**INTRODUCTION**

On April 24, 1923 the City of Beverly Hills voted 507-337 to maintain its status as an independent city, rather than be annexed to the City of Los Angeles. The report transmits a request by Mayor Mirisch for City Council to declare April 24 as Beverly Hills Independence Day on an annual basis.

**DISCUSSION**

In the early 1920s, the Los Angeles area was growing rapidly and some small cities were concerned about finding an adequate source of quality water to sustain growth. Many small cities in the Los Angeles area, including Beverly Hills, were faced with the choice to become part of Los Angeles or remain independent jurisdictions. The Beverly Hills City trustees called a special election for April 24, 1923.

Annexation was supported by the Beverly Hills Utility Company, which was concerned about adequacy of the local water supply from two Coldwater Cañon wells. Annexation supporters left bottles of sulfur-smelling water on the doorsteps of every home in Beverly

Hills with a label that read: "Warning. Drink sparingly of this water as it has laxative qualities."

Prominent residents Mary Pickford, Will Rogers, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Harold Lloyd, Rudolph Valentino, Tom Mix, Fred Niblo and Conrad Nagle mobilized local voters against the annexation plan, and it was defeated 507 to 337.

The following year, the city voted for \$400,000 in bonds to purchase the water system from the Beverly Hills Utilities Company and drill additional wells.

Ultimately, many areas voted to become part of Los Angeles, including the San Fernando Valley, Mar Vista, Eagle Rock, Venice, Watts and Hollywood. As a result, the land area of the city of Los Angeles increased tenfold.

In 1959 a sculpture titled "Celluloid," by sculptor Merrell Gage (who also designed the Electric Fountain) was installed at the intersection of Beverly Drive and Olympic Boulevard to honor the eight residents who were credited with leading the successful drive to prevent annexation. The inscription reads: "In tribute to those celebrities of the motion picture industry who worked so valiantly for the preservation of Beverly Hills as a separate municipality."

The Mayor is proposing to designate April 24 as Beverly Hills Independence Day in honor of the residents' historic decision. Recommendations on how to commemorate this milestone in Beverly Hills history are not under consideration at this time.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council review this information and provide direction as appropriate.



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Cheryl Friedling

Approved By

# **Attachment 1**

A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AND SUBMITTING THEREAT THE QUESTION WHETHER THE CITIES OF BEVERLY HILLS AND LOS ANGELES SHALL BE CONSOLIDATED UPON THE CONDITIONS THEREIN SET OUT.

WHEREAS, a certain petition was filed with the Board of Trustees of the City of Beverly Hills on the 26th day of February 1923, in which petition the said Board of Trustees was requested to immediately call a special election for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City of Beverly Hills the question whether the cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles shall be consolidated, and whether the property in the City of Beverly Hills shall, after such consolidation, be subject to taxation at the same rate with the property in said City of Los Angeles to pay the bonded indebtedness of the City of Los Angeles specified in said petition, outstanding at the date of such consolidation or theretofore authorized; and

7° WHEREAS, said Board of Trustees, having heard evidence upon the matter, has found and determined and does hereby find and determine, that said petition is signed by not less than one-fourth in number of the qualified electors of said City of Beverly Hills, as shown by the registration of electors of Los Angeles County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the City of Beverly Hills do resolve, declare and determine as follows:

SECTION 1. That a special election shall be, and the same is, hereby called, to be held in the City of Beverly Hills, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the 24th day of April 1923, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said City of Beverly Hills the following proposition, to wit:

'Shall the cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles be consolidated and the property in the said City of Beverly Hills, after such consolidation, be subject to taxation at the same rate with the property in the City of Los Angeles, to pay the following bonded

indebtedness of the City of Los Angeles, together with interest thereon, for the acquisition, construction, or completion of certain municipal improvements of said City, and the purposes for which said bonded indebtedness was so incurred, or authorized to be incurred, the years in which bonds of said city representing the same were authorized to be issued, the amounts of such indebtedness originally authorized, the amounts of said bonds actually issued and outstanding, and the amounts of such indebtedness heretofore authorized to be represented by bonds hereafter to be issued, together with rates of interest payable thereon semi-annually, are more particularly specified as follows:

"Water Works Bonds" authorized September 7, 1905 in the sum of \$1,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring lands, water rights, rights of way, and other property, and of constructing ditches, canals, tunnels and other water works necessary to provide the City of Los Angeles with a water supply in the Owens River Valley, and bearing interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$862,500 is outstanding.

"Water Works Bonds" authorized June 12, 1907, in the sum of \$23,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring and constructing water works for supplying the City of Los Angeles with water from the Owens River Valley, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$700,000, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum, and the sum of \$16,150,000 bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, is outstanding.

"Electric Plant Bonds" authorized April 19, 1910, in the sum of \$2,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for generating and distributing electricity for supplying the City of Los Angeles with light, heat and power, and bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$2,500,000 is outstanding.

"Harbor Improvement Bonds" authorized April 19, 1910, in the sum of \$3,000,000, for the purpose of constructing docks, wharves and warehouses at Los Angeles Harbor, of opening, improving and maintaining streets and highways to the navigable waters of said harbor, the constructing and maintaining of canals and waterways, and the acquisition of the necessary lands for said improvements, and bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$2,175,000 is outstanding.

"Water Works Bonds" authorized April 15, 1913, in the sum of \$1,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for conducting water of the Los Angeles Aqueduct supply from the end of the Los Angeles Aqueduct in the San Fernando Valley to the City of Los Angeles, and bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$1,150,000 is outstanding.

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"Electric Plant Bonds" authorized May 8, 1914, in the sum of \$6,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for generating and distributing electricity for supplying the City of Los Angeles with light, heat and power, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$5,000,000 bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum is outstanding.

"Harbor Improvement Bonds" authorized May 6, 1919, in the sum of \$4,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and completing general harbor improvements of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$2,250,000 bearing interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, and the sum of \$1,170,000 bearing interest at the rate of five and three-fourths per cent (5¾%) per annum is outstanding; and the sum of \$1,080,000 is authorized and will be represented by bonds hereafter to be issued and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum.

"Electric Plant Bonds" authorized June 3, 1919, in the sum of \$13,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for generating and distributing electricity for supplying the City of Los Angeles with light, heat and power, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$13,500,000, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum, is outstanding.

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"Public Library Bonds" authorized June 7, 1921, in the sum of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring and constructing a central library and branch libraries, together with the acquisition of the necessary lands therefor, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$487,000 bearing interest at the rate of four and three-fourths per cent ( $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ ) per annum, is outstanding; and the sum of \$2,000,000 is authorized and will be represented by bonds hereafter to be issued and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum:

"Sewage Disposal Bonds" authorized August 29, 1922, in the sum of \$12,000,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing outfall sewers, main sewers, disposal plants and treatment plants for the collection, disposal and purification of sewage from the City of Los Angeles, together with the necessary machinery, apparatus and other property, and the acquisition of the necessary lands and rights of way therefor, and bearing interest at a rate of not to exceed 6% per annum, which bonded indebtedness will be represented by bonds hereafter to be issued and to bear interest at a rate of not to exceed six per cent (6%) per annum:

"Fire Protection Bonds" authorized November 7, 1922, in the sum of \$2,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for providing fire protection within said city, and bearing interest at a rate of not to exceed 6% per annum, which bonded indebtedness will be represented by bonds hereafter to be issued, and to bear interest at a rate of not to exceed six per cent (6%) per annum:

"Water Works Bonds" authorized November 7, 1922, in the sum of \$5,000,000, for the purpose of constructing and completing works, including reservoirs, distributing mains and other works necessary for supplying the City of Los Angeles and its inhabitants with water, and bearing interest at a rate of not to exceed 6% per annum, which bonded indebtedness will be represented by bonds hereafter to be issued, and to bear interest at a rate of not to exceed six per cent (6%) per annum? . . . . . NO.

SECTION 2. That the polls at such special election shall be opened at 6 o'clock of the morning of said day of election and shall be kept open until 7 o'clock of the afternoon of said day, when said polls shall be declared closed, except as provided in section 1164 of the Political Code of the State of California.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be given by publication for four successive weeks next preceeding said election in the Beverly Hills News, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in said City of Beverly Hills, and hereby designated as the newspaper in which said notice shall be published. Said notice shall distinctly state the proposition to be submitted to the electors of said City of Beverly Hills, the names of the municipal corporations proposed to be consolidated, the date of election, the designation of the voting precincts and polling place, with the direction to the electors to vote upon proposed consolidation as in said notice set forth.

For the purpose of this election, one special election precinct is hereby created, which said special election precinct shall embrace all of the territory within the said City of Beverly Hills and the boundaries of said special election precinct shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of said City of Beverly Hills; that said special election precinct shall be known and designated as "Special Municipal Election Precinct No. 1".

That the polling place for said special municipal election precinct No. 1 shall be in the clerk's office, in the City Hall, on Canon Drive near Burton Way, in the City of Beverly Hills, and the officers of election in said precinct shall be:

Inspector: *Bert J. Ferminiger.*  
 Judge: *M. C. Moore*  
 Judge: *Clare S. Frank*

SECTION 4. That upon the ballots to be used at said special election, there shall be printed, in addition to the other matters required by law, the following proposition.

"Shall the Cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles be consolidated and shall the property in the City of Beverly Hills, after such consolidation, be subject to taxation, equally with the property in said City of Los Angeles to pay the following bonded

indebtedness of said City of Los Angeles for the acquisition, construction or completion of certain municipal improvements, together with interest thereon at the rates hereinafter specified, such interest to be payable semi-annually, to wit:

"Water Works Bonds" authorized September 7, 1905, in the sum of \$1,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring lands, water rights, rights of way, and other property, and of constructing ditches, canals, tunnels and other water works necessary to provide the City of Los Angeles with a water supply in the Owens River Valley, and bearing interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$862,000 was outstanding;

"Water Works Bonds" authorized June 12, 1907, in the sum of \$23,000,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing water works for supplying the City of Los Angeles with water from the Owens River Valley, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$760,000 bearing interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum, and the sum of \$16,150,000 bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, is outstanding;

"Electric Plant Bonds" authorized April 19, 1910, in the sum of \$2,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for generating and distributing electricity for supplying the City of Los Angeles with light, heat and power, and bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$2,900,000 is outstanding;

"Harbor Improvement Bonds" authorized April 18, 1910, in the sum of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of constructing docks, wharves and warehouses at Los Angeles Harbor, of opening, improving and maintaining streets and highways to the navigable waters of said harbor, the constructing and maintaining of canals and waterways, and the acquisition of the necessary lands for said improvements, and bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$2,175,000 is outstanding;

"Water Works Bonds" authorized April 15, 1913, in the sum of \$1,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for conducting water of the Los Angeles Aqueduct supply from the end of the Los Angeles Aqueduct in the San Fernando Valley to the City of Los Angeles, and bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$1,150,000 is outstanding;

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"Electric Plant Bonds" authorized May 8, 1914, in the sum of \$6,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for generating and distributing electricity for supplying the City of Los Angeles with light, heat and power, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$5,000,000 bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum is outstanding;

"Harbor Improvement Bonds" authorized May 6, 1919, in the sum of \$4,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and completing general harbor improvements, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$2,250,000 bearing interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, and the sum of \$1,174,000 bearing interest at the rate of five and three-fourths per cent (5¾%) per annum are outstanding; and the sum of \$900,000 is authorized and will be represented by bonds hereafter to be issued and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum;

"Electric Plant Bonds" authorized June 2, 1919, in the sum of \$13,500,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing works for generating and distributing electricity for supplying the City of Los Angeles with light, heat and power; bearing interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum, of which bonded indebtedness the sum of \$13,500,000, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum, is authorized and will be represented by bonds hereafter to be issued and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum;

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No

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SECTION 5. That said election shall be held under the General Election laws of the State of California, and an act of the Legislature of the State of California entitled: "An Act to provide for the consolidation of municipal corporations", approved June 11, 1913, and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Immediately after the first publication of the notice of said special election, the clerk shall mail to the inspector herein named a copy of said notice, with instructions to post the same at or near the polling place of which he is inspector. Said clerk is further instructed to secure from the County Registrar ballot boxes, voting booths, rubber stamps and pads necessary for the proper conduct of said election.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1923.

  
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President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Beverly Hills.

I, John G. Soulay, City Clerk and ex-officio clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Beverly Hills, California, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the Board of Trustees is five and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by said Board of Trustees of the City of Beverly Hills at its regular meeting held on the 12th. day of March 1923, by the following vote:

AYES: MacKinnon, McCartney, Pabst and Spalding.

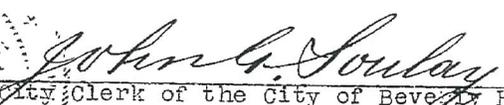
NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hedley

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1923.



  
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City Clerk of the City of Beverly Hills.

# **Attachment 2**

April 30, 1923.

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Beverly Hills, Calif., was called to order at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Chamber in the City Hall by S. M. Spalding, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present: Hedley, MacKinnon, McCartney, Pabst and Spalding.  
Trustees absent: None.

The reading of the minutes of the special meeting of April 27th. 1923, was deferred to the next meeting.

WHEREAS, a special election was regularly and duly called to be held in the City of Beverly Hills on April 24th. 1923, and

WHEREAS, notice of said special election was duly and regularly given as required by law, and

WHEREAS, said special election was duly and regularly held on said 24th. day of April, 1923, and

WHEREAS, this is the first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Beverly Hills, next after the expiration of three days from and after the date of said special election;

The Board did therefore proceed to canvass the returns of said special election, and after having canvassed the said returns the following resolution was regularly introduced and passed:

Moved by Trustee Pabst seconded by Trustee McCartney that the Board of Trustees hereby finds that a special election was duly called to be held in the City of Beverly Hills on April 24th. 1923, that notice thereof was duly given by publications in the Beverly Hills News on March 22nd. and 29th. April 5th., 12th. and 19th. all in 1923, and that said election was duly held on the 24th. day of April 1923, and it is hereby found and declared that the total number of votes cast at said election was 844 and that the proposition in favor of consolidation received 337 votes and that there were 507 votes cast against consolidation, that the proposition in favor of consolidation with Los Angeles did not carry therefore and that the clerk be instructed to make a record of these findings in the minutes of this meeting, and that the proposition as voted upon was as follows:

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Yes	
No	

Ayes: Trustees Hedley, MacKinnon, McCartney, Pabst and Spalding.

Noes: Trustees None.

Absent: Trustees None.

CARRIED.

Mr. Spalding presented copy of a letter dated April 26, 1923, sent by him to Mr. Burton E. Green, regarding the water situation and stated that he had had an interview since with Mr. Green concerning the same who stated they were willing to co-operate in any way with the City in the settlement of the whole matter of water and sewage and they thought it would be much more satisfactory to settle the

whole matter in an amicable way, and in accordance therewith the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Trustee Hedley seconded by Trustee MacKinnon that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to communicate with the Beverly Hills Utilities Company informing them that it is the desire of the Board of Trustees that a certain fourteen inch water line from reservoir No. 1 of the Beverly Hills Utilities Company to the cross water main on Lomitas Avenue be installed by the Utilities Company and such other improvements as may be deemed immediately necessary and that the Trustees covenant and agree that when bonds may be voted for a municipal water system the Beverly Hills Utilities Company shall be compensated for such line and such other improvements as may be deemed necessary by the engineers employed by the Board of Trustees at full cost of such installments plus interest at the rate of five per cent on conveyance of same to said City of Beverly Hills.

Ayes: Trustees Hedley, MacKinnon, McCartney, Pabst and Spalding.  
Noes: Trustees None.  
Absent: Trustees None.

CARRIED.

It was decided that if the City Attorney and the Engineers employed by the City after conference with the Attorneys and Engineers of the Beverly Hills Utilities Company should deem it advisable the hearing before the Railroad Commission now set for the 10th. of May should be continued until the City Engineers and the Beverly Hills Utilities Company Engineers could decide on a feasible plan and price of the water system that could be amicably settled upon for the purchase of same by the City and that the engineers together with the City Attorney should decide the length of time necessary for such and extension.

Mr. Spalding, Mr. Pabst and Mr. McCartney were appointed as a committee to look up a suitable site for a City Hall as it was considered best to include all the necessary improvements when a bond issue was called for.

An application from the Pacific Electric Land Company dated April 26, 1923 for extension of permit already granted temporarily, for a period of thirty days, to operate bus service in the City of Beverly Hills, was granted, up to and including May 9th.

Moved by Trustee MacKinnon seconded by Trustee Hedley that Map of Tract #6471 located in the town of Sherman, submitted by the City Engineer with his approval be accepted and that the City Clerk be authorized to endorse the approval of same.

CARRIED.

The following Demands on the Genral Fund (Nos. 4511 to 4558, inclusive (4528 cancelled) on the First National Bank) Having had the approval of the Committee on Finance were read:

Chas. C. Blair	\$ 82.50
Ralph Wagner	70.00
W. W. White	70.00
John Defty	70.00
Maitland Morris	70.00
Geo..H. McBride	70.00
Bert W. Borden	67.50
Estill W. Money	67.50
Grace Johnson	45.50
Otis Fitzgerald	48.00
Frank Dodd	44.00
Fred Henkel	40.00
Wm. Bowers	63.00
R. L. White	48.00
Robt. Wright	48.00
Chas. Figgins	48.00
W. McMyles	16.00
J. W. Cundiff	44.00
Harry J. Sunner	44.00
Chas. Bernardo	16.00
Frank Rodriguez	44.00
R. Marquez	44.00
F. G. Finkle	500.00
Bert J. Firminger	10.00

Carried fwd. \$1670.00

	Brought Fwd.	\$1670.00 .
M. C. Moore		10.00
Clare L. Funk		10.00
Fred Henkel		20.00
Chas. C. Blair		82.50
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Ralph Wagner		70.00
W. W. White		70.00
John Defty		70.00
Maitland Morris		70.00
Geo. H. McBride		70.00
Bert W. Borden		67.50
Estill W. Money		67.50
C. B. Duncan		200.00
Salisbury & Bradshaw		50.00
J. G. Soulay		80.00
J. G. Soulay		20.00
Albert E. Quinn		100.00
J. G. Soulay		70.00
Gus E. Akin		100.00
Paul, E. Schwab		125.00
J. G. Soulay		10.00
Grace Johnson		45.50
William H. Gaines		39.00
		<u>3267.00</u>

Moved by Trustee McCartney seconded by Trustee MacKinnon that the Demands be allowed and the Warrants for same be drawn on the General Fund and the payment of all Demands herein above set forth is hereby ratified and confirmed:

Ayes: Trustees Hedley, MacKinnon, McCartney, Pabst and Spalding.  
 Noes: Trustees None.  
 Absent: Trustees None.

CARRIED.

A request from the Registrar of Voters, dated April 27, 1923, for a map of the City showing street numbers etc. for the purpose of establishing voting precincts, was presented and referred to the City Engineer to attend to the same.

A request from The Glason Map Company for a map of the City showing how the streets are numbered, was referred to the City Engineer to attend to.

There being no other business upon motion duly made and carried the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*J. G. Soulay*  
 City Clerk.

Passed and approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1923.

*Wm P. Hedley*  
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 President Board of Trustees.

# **Attachment 3**

