

## Courier Endorses Incumbents Bosse and Gold for City Council

FROM THE PUBLISHERS

After much consideration and thorough examination of the candidates' platforms, voting records, philosophies and suggested programs, the Beverly Hills Courier has decided to endorse the incumbents, Lili Bosse and Julian Gold, M.D., in the March 3 City Council election.

The Courier sat down individually on Jan. 17 with four of the five candidates running for the two open Council seats. Councilwoman Lili Bosse, Councilman Julian Gold, Commissioner Lori Greene Gordon and technologist Robin Rowe participated in the session. The fifth candidate, Rabbi Sidney Green, was unavailable due to a death in his family. However, the Courier met previously with Rabbi Green to learn about his positions and goals.

We asked the candidates a series of questions designed to elicit their views and vision for Beverly Hills.

As we begin this next exciting decade for Beverly Hills, we believe that the City has the potential to provide our residential and business communities the greatest

opportunity for sustainability and growth. Bosse and Gold are the candidates to lead the City at this time.

Bosse's tenure on the City Council and two terms as Mayor included popular initiatives such as "Walk with the Mayor" and

"BOLD." The latter stemmed from a direct request from the business community to ignite a more robust nighttime scene in Beverly Hills at a time when competition from neighboring malls was intensifying.

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Hon. Lili Bosse



Hon. Julian Gold, M.D.

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"BOLD is about recognizing that the world is evolving and that we need to be at the forefront with vision and hope and heart," Bosse told the Courier.

When Bosse was asked to characterize the challenges facing the City, she saw it as a chance to find positive opportunities. "My philosophy is to say 'yes' first. Then figure it out and get it done, together. An example is the subway that's coming into Beverly Hills. We're working together with the businesses, with the residents and with MTA to really try and mitigate the issues so that they don't in any way negatively affect living here, visiting here or working here. I do think having a subway in our City ultimately will be fabulous for us. But the key element, we must feel safe. We have to have Beverly Hills police overseeing our subway stations," said Bosse.

In thinking as a visionary for the health and well-being of our City, Bosse also plans to introduce a new emergency preparedness program entitled "Just in Case."

Gold's work on the City Council has been shaped in great part by his distinguished medical career. A practicing anesthesiologist for 40 years, Dr. Gold spearheaded the Stroke Mobile, Stop the Bleed and Nurse Practitioner programs to benefit the residents of Beverly Hills.

Gold said, "I think all City Council members will say that the health and safety of

the community is our first job and that is true. There are at least three significant new programs we've created within our fire paramedic departments, which speaks specifically to the health and on some level the safety of our residents. I have lots of other ideas about how to expand," said Gold.

Bosse and Gold bring to the Council enormous depth of experience and institutional knowledge.

Bosse and Gold have a deep awareness and understanding of what the job entails.

Bosse and Gold have consistent track records that we can count on.

Bosse and Gold approach decision-making after seasoned and reasoned analysis.

Bosse and Gold understand the concepts of change, growth and what the residential and business communities need.

Exciting opportunities are being offered to Beverly Hills every day. And with these opportunities come challenges. We must have leaders who are equipped to find solutions in order to win for the community, and who will navigate the path forward to where our City deserves to be.

Councilmembers Lili Bosse and Julian Gold are those leaders.

LISA BLOCH AND JOHN BENDHEIM

*This endorsement will not preclude fair and objective news coverage of each candidate going forward.*