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Lester J. Friedman Takes Oath as Mayor of Beverly Hills *Sharona R. Nazarian, PsyD Named Vice Mayor*



Beverly Hills, CA – Lester J. Friedman was elected Mayor of Beverly Hills at the City Council’s reorganization meeting on Tuesday evening. He succeeds Julian A. Gold, MD who completed his third and final term on the City Council.

“I am deeply grateful to once again serve our community,” said Mayor Friedman. “Maintaining the safety and security of our community is a top priority, while preparing for the excitement of the 2028 Olympics and other world events will lead to some productive conversations. The year ahead will certainly be one filled with meaningful commitments that will enhance the quality of life for everyone living in and visiting Beverly Hills.”

Mayor Friedman was first elected to the Beverly Hills City Council in 2017 and served as Mayor during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Previously, he served on the Beverly

Hills Traffic and Parking Commission from 2011 through 2017 and served as its Chair in 2015. Professionally, Mayor Friedman is an attorney.

In addition, Sharona R. Nazarian, PsyD was named Vice Mayor by the City Council.

Vice Mayor Nazarian, who was first elected in 2022, previously served as a Beverly Hills Public Works Commissioner and was a past Chair of the Beverly Hills Human Relations Commission.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor serve one-year terms and are selected by their City Council colleagues at the annual reorganization meeting.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, Councilmember Lili Bosse completed her third and final term and new Councilmembers Craig A. Corman and Mary N. Wells took the oath of office.

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