



## CHATSWORTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT INC.

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## FOURTH QUARTER NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

### REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BID

On December 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. the Annual Stakeholders Meeting was held. Nominations for the 2024 BID Board were taken and by unanimous consent the following people were elected to the BID Board:

Nicolas Montaña, Julie Lewis, Renay Grace Rodriguez, and Laura Lichter are all returning Board members. Todd Drootin of Deadly Was Records and Ingrid Palomar of the Hair Style Designs were added as new Board members bringing the number of voting members to five. Renay Grace Rodriguez will return to the BID Board as the Administrator handling the administrative services for the Board.

### RETURN TO LIVE MEETINGS

We encourage all board meetings to voice their ideas and opinions. Our upcoming meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month. However, for the month of January our meeting will be held on January 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at My Creative outlet located at 21758 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311. The meetings will also be broadcast via Zoom. See the website for links.

### BID Funding Challenges and the Path Forward

We find ourselves at a crucial juncture as the Chatsworth Business Improvement District (BID) continues to confront a significant funding challenge for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. The revenue collected by the City of Los Angeles for BID Assessments has fallen short, amounting to less than 63% of the anticipated fees. This persistent shortfall has severely impacted our ability to fund new initiatives and maintain ongoing projects.

Our financial constraints have resulted in a narrowed focus, prioritizing essential services such as security detail and some street landscaping. Unfortunately, this means that several planned improvements and beautification projects for the corridor have been placed on hold.

To navigate through these challenging times and revitalize our beloved district, we urge all stakeholders to address outstanding payments. Your prompt action and support are vital in enabling us to meet our collective goals of enhancing and beautifying the Chatsworth corridor.

We remain committed to fostering a thriving business environment in Chatsworth. By working together and fulfilling our financial responsibilities, we can overcome these challenges and unlock the full potential of our district.

### 2024

#### Board of Directors

**Nick Montaña**

*Los Toros Mexican Rest.*

**Julie Lewis**

*Real Tandem LLC*

President

**R. Grace Rodriguez**

*Law Offices*

Administrator

**Laura Lichter**

*Spunky Rose*

Vice President

**Todd Drootin**

*Deadly Wax*

**Ingrid Castro**

*M's Hair Design*

**STREETSCAPE/LANDSCAPING** This initiative marks a significant step in our ongoing efforts to enhance the aesthetic appeal and functionality of our business corridor. The conversion process will occur gradually, and we encourage all community members to observe and appreciate the evolving landscape.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Volunteers Cleaning Communities, and specifically to Jill Mathers and Don Olsen, for their unwavering dedication and collaboration. This partnership exemplifies the power of community engagement in creating positive change. At this time our garbage bins have been converted to planters and will continue to be maintained by VCC.

### **SECURITY PATROL – AET SECURITY SERVICES**

Both the Security Patrol Program and Business Watch Program has continued this year the afternoon and evening/night-time patrol. If you are interested in the Security reports give us a call and we can email them to you. Note there have been numerous reports of graffiti and transients along Devonshire Street. AET Security has been reporting to *Anti-Graffiti.LACity.org* and in most cases the graffiti is removed within 24-48 hours. Reports can be found on our website. The A.E.T Security Services Group continues to be very successful in making Chatsworth a safer place to work and do business. If you want to get a hold of A.E.T Security Services Group, please contact them at 818-564-0205.

**We invite you to join us at our board meetings.**

**Come and contribute your input and help us improve the Chatsworth Business Corridor.**

2024 – Zoom Meeting ID: 843 4035 4684

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