

# CULVER CITY LIVING

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## A MESSAGE FROM CITY COUNCIL



By the time this letter appears in Culver City Living, the community will have exercised its most important local democratic prerogative - to vote for new or continuing City Councilmembers.

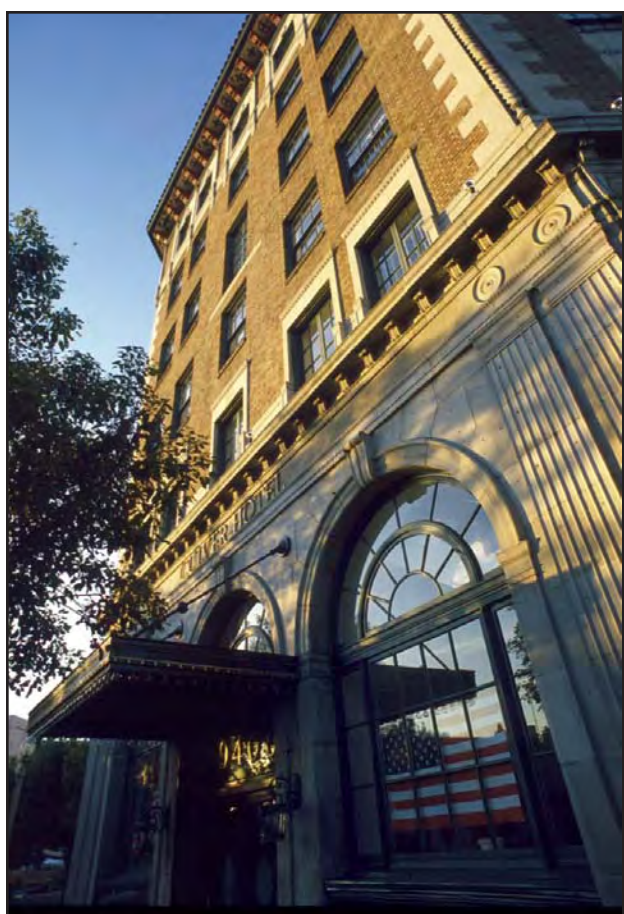
On April 26th, the City Council will have been sworn in and a new Mayor will be seated for the upcoming year. The entire City Council congratulates all those who participate in the electoral process, and we thank the City Clerk's office and their volunteer poll workers for their hard work in conducting the election.

We also want to acknowledge and thank outgoing City Councilmember, Gary Silbiger, who will be leaving office after 8 years. Gary has been an outspoken proponent of community participation. We welcome our public to be active in whatever methods you may choose - by attending meetings, joining city committees, engaging in volunteer services, participating in cultural or leisure events, or by patronizing our local businesses. It takes all sorts of citizens, in a wide variety of roles to make up a modern urban city. We think Culver City is as strong as it is today thanks to the people who have to do business and live here. We appreciate you all.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will note that the City Council has appointed P. Lamont Ewell as Interim City Manager while we recruit for a new City Manager. Mr. Ewell will be leading the City Council and staff through a challenging budget development process in May and June. The City Council will be doing its best to balance our budget resources with the desire to maintain the quality of core services that our residents have come to expect. There is no doubt that this is a difficult time in our state and nation, so we appreciate Mr. Ewell's willingness to apply his significant talents in managing this process.

The City Council wishes each of you a great summer. We hope to see you around town and will look forward to receiving your input and ideas. It is our privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,  
Mayor and The City Council



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



I appreciate the opportunity to serve the City of Culver City. This City has a reputation for offering high quality programs and services to the community. However, it has become increasingly difficult for Culver City, like many cities, to provide a high level of service during these tough economic times.

There are four common indicators of the major challenges facing government: (1) the Federal government has a projected deficit of \$1.56 trillion for fiscal year 2009-2010; (2) the State Controller of California recently projected a \$20 to \$25 billion deficit for the next several years; (3) the unemployment rate in California for February was 12.5%, and it is expected to remain in double digits for the remainder of 2010; and (4) our City's projected revenues continue to decline, and our expenditures continue to outpace available revenue in this unprecedented economy. While there are signs of a modest recovery in the economy, because of our unique circumstances, California's road out of recession is one of the most difficult in the nation. This dire budget crisis is very real for Culver City.

As you may know, the City Council appointed me as Interim City Manager on April 1, 2010. Working together with City staff, my main goal is to prepare a budget plan to address the multimillion dollar deficit the City will experience in this fiscal year (which ends on June 30, 2010). Currently, deficits are also projected for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 (which begins on July 1, 2010) and for 2011-2012.

The path forward is not going to be easy due to several challenges that will need to be addressed. For the continued long-term fiscal health of the City, the City Council will be faced with significant and difficult decisions as they consider the budget in May and June, including service and budget reductions. Some services we provide now may be provided in a different way or may no longer be provided. This may also result in a reduction in the workforce.

The City appreciates suggestions received from the community. If you have ideas, feel free to forward them to the City Council via email at [city.council@culvercity.org](mailto:city.council@culvercity.org) or by putting your suggestions in our suggestion box at City Hall, located on the City Clerk's public counter. I encourage you to learn more about the issues we are facing by reviewing the budget materials on the City website and by attending City Council meetings. Please visit the City's website ([www.culvercity.org](http://www.culvercity.org)) and look for upcoming advertisements of the dates for the City Council's budget hearings to be held in May and June. Especially in these very difficult economic times, the City Council wants to hear from you! Your City staff is committed to addressing these budget issues while striving to meet your service expectations.

Sincerely,  
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