



City Manager Kevin Woodhouse contributed a column to the *Pacifica Tribune* to connect with local residents and keep Pacificans informed on issues that are of current interest in the City of Pacifica. Below is the submission for the October 9, 2019 edition of the *Pacifica Tribune*, which provides updates on several key City endeavors.

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This column focuses on several important updates – the City’s bond rating improvement, completion of another important Local Coastal Land Use Plan milestone, and the Unhoused in Pacifica Task Force. While there are many more and exciting updates to provide, due to space limitations here, I encourage you to sign up for the weekly Connect With Pacifica e-newsletter through the City Manager’s page on the City’s website. It’s a quick and easy way to learn about important updates, meeting and event announcements, and other City-related news items.

Recently I had the opportunity, and the responsibility, together with Assistant City Manager Lorenzo Hines and the City’s bond financing team, to present before the Standard and Poors (S&P) Ratings board concerning the refinancing of pension obligation bonds authorized by the City Council that will save Pacifica approximately \$1.5 million over the next nine years. While sitting high up in a San Francisco skyscraper overlooking the Bay Bridge, we had the opportunity to tell Pacifica’s story of continuing improvement in its financial and management practices and policies combined with the exciting planning and infrastructure projects the City is undertaking. The story, backed by the facts, was crisp and clear. I’m pleased to report that S&P raised its long-term and underlying rating to AA+ from AA on the pension obligation bonds, and to AA from AA- on the existing Certificates of Participation! These improved ratings will help achieve more financial savings in the upcoming bond refinancing. The City Council and I, and the financing team, are proud to represent Pacifica in this positive light!

In another notable milestone, the City Council is one step closer to adopting an updated Local Coastal Land Use Plan (LCP). After almost a decade of effort to update the LCP, and most recently a rigorous process during 2018 and into 2019 with dozens of community meetings and hundreds of sets of comments from the public regarding sea level rise adaptation policies and land use designations, the Council authorized a Consultation Draft of the LCP to be submitted for Coastal Commission *staff-level* review. Before this authorization, the Council approved additional clarifying language to the draft emphasizing the importance of strategies such as sea walls to protect existing infrastructure and development in Pacifica. Next steps before the Council’s final adoption of the LCP include Coastal Commission staff review and comment, a 30-day public review period, as well as public hearings with the Planning Commission and then the City Council. Once adopted, the LCP will be submitted to the Coastal Commission for final certification.

A final update worth noting is that the community-based Unhoused in Pacifica Task Force, which is tackling the complexity of homelessness issues in Pacifica, focusing on the vehicularly-housed, has announced that it has created a blog site where it has posted summary notes from its meetings to date: <https://uptaskforce.wordpress.com/>. It also has set up an e-mail account at uptaskforce@gmail.com for questions and feedback. As covered in their meeting notes, they are engaged in research into many aspects of this challenge, and are planning for upcoming public meetings. They have volunteered for a difficult undertaking, and I know the City Council and I, as well as the Pacifica Resource Center and Executive Director Anita Rees, are grateful for and respectful of their efforts.
