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Honorable Members of the City Council City of Pasadena C/o Mr. Mark Jomsky, City Clerk mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net

Honorable Council:

Subject: WPRA Request for Hearing <u>Continuance</u> to Allow Adequate Time for Public Input General Plan Update 2015, City Council Hearing scheduled for Monday August 17, 2015

I have been authorized by the Board of Directors of the West Pasadena Residents' Association (WPRA) to urge a continuance until September of the public hearing scheduled Monday August 17 to address the review and adoption of the 2015 update of the City's General Plan.

The update of the 2004 Plan by preparation of this new General Plan has been a long and soon-to-be-consummated effort by your City staff, neighborhood organizations like ours, residents, and businesses. All those involved are to be commended, as the final work-product is a thorough meld of professional work and community input.

The General Plan is of critical importance to all neighborhoods in Pasadena. Residents have waited patiently seven long years for drafting of the Plan and EIR process to be completed. The final version of this massive and complex document was just released to the public in July, during the height of the vacation season.

Seven years of effort should not receive final hearing when a huge percentage of Pasadena residents are on vacation. We urge you to please reschedule the agenda item for the General Plan to a date after Labor Day, to allow our neighborhood to properly participate.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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