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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: I moved to Pasadena and I have left! NO KHP Hotel

From: Leigh Adams [<mailto:leighlaughing@icloud.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 8:23 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

Subject: I moved to Pasadena and I have left! NO KHP Hotel

Dear Councilmembers, I am concerned that the KHP Hotel project is WRONG for Pasadena.

I moved to Pasadena because of the aesthetics of the city, the abundance of the trees and open space. I moved out of Pasadena as I saw the open spaces disappearing and the trees coming down. I continued to work in Pasadena but chose to live in Altadena where the open spaces have stayed open.

In the last ten years of hyper development in the city of Pasadena, I have stopped shopping in Old Town, avoid traveling through Pasadena as much as possible due to the traffic and other than a late night grocery shopping at Ralph's or Von's, I don't buy anything in Pasadena although I still work in Pasadena.

What is happening? Why are the open spaces disappearing and the trees being removed?

The KHP Hotel is poorly designed and will consume the green space that provides the garden setting of our Civic Center. Also, it will destroy trees, diminish the memorial to the Robinson brothers, and disregard the values of our Civic Center--civility, virtue, public engagement, and open space.

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We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
--Winston Churchill

Leigh Adams

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From: Andreas Aebi [mailto:andreaaeabi@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 10:37 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

Dear City Council,

I do not understand why we have to revisit this issue all over again - it seemed to me your vote on April 3 showed clearly that the majority of the council and the vast majority of those attending that meeting were against this obviously poorly designed project. Shades of the "wonderful" Plaza all over again.

Please DO NOT approve the Economic Subsidy Report and DO NOT grant any Public Subsidy of any kind to KHP Pasadena III, LLC to help finance their hotel project.

I totally agree with the statements below:

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Thank you for keeping the look and feel of the city in mind!

Joan and Andreas Aebi
2027 Las Lunas Street
Pasadena, CA 91107

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Petrea Burchard <pb@petreaburchard.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: YWCA Kimpton Hotel Project

Dear Mayor and Council,

The YWCA Kimpton Hotel Project once seemed like a good possibility. But \$30 million in subsidies makes it a no go. If we actually have \$30 million to spare, we need it for other things.

Every day, I hear sirens and helicopters in my neighborhood. There have been so many break-ins and thefts that we are afraid to leave our house unguarded. We could use \$ for our police department.

Every day, I see homeless people begging at every other corner. We could use \$ to help them.

Every day, children go hungry in Pasadena. Teachers spend their own money for school supplies. Ex-cons need help getting their lives together. There are so many better ways to spend \$30 million.

If someone wants to renovate the YWCA and make it a hotel, that's great. They're going to make a lot of money. Are they going to pay back that \$30 million?

Pasadena can come up with something better.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,
Petrea Burchard Sandel
Craftsman Heights

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From: L Barlow [mailto:barlow.co@att.net]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 10:45 AM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

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The YWCA/KHP Hotel project, as the Council acknowledged on April 3rd, has grown worse and worse and is a bad deal for the city with or without the Subsidy. The city cannot afford to subsidize wealthy developers at the expense of public space and the character of the historic civic center. That's a sellout. Especially with a design that's so poorly executed and conceived, and which will not produce any kind of substantive economic benefit after all the project expenses and developer profit suck the finances out of it.

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Not only that, but a comprehensive civic office/PUSD media program/university mixed use project could provide far more stability in revenue and benefit to the community. That's because the costs to simply rehab the existing structure would be far less than this KHP proposal requires, which is a massive upgrade in quality to the building in order to appeal to the high-end transient clientele that it anticipates. How does THAT contribute to the community? Not at all.

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From: Suz Bee [<mailto:suzb@ymail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:40 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

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Dear City Council, please DO NOT approve the Economic Subsidy Report and DO NOT grant any Public Subsidy of any kind to KHP Pasadena III, LLC to help finance their hotel project. Do not fill up our public lands with more commercial developments that add to crowding and conjection.

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Sincerely,

Suzanne Barber

Over 50yr resident of Pasadena

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Therese Brummel <theresegbrum@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 5:13 PM
To: McAustin, Margaret; Morales, Margo; Jomsky, Mark; Mermell, Steve
Subject: YWCA

Dear Council Member McAustin,

I have learned that the current project for rehabilitation of the historic YWCA in our Civic Center by Kimpton hotel is projected to cost this city **30 million dollars** in subsidies and would include a huge, out-of-proportion structure that would obscure our gem, City Hall, and take away **public open space** that belongs to the citizens.
The rehabilitation of the building alone would cost us **between 8 and 12 million**. This math does not work.

The question on my mind is how much does the City of Pasadena spend on renting office space which could be housed in the refurbished YWCA?

Another question is does our hotel occupancy rate justify so many more rooms year round?

And a final question is: Is it true that Kimpton can sell the building in 5 years if it is not profitable and then we are stuck with this white elephant?

64% increase in cost since Kimpton was selected? Yes, I agree with Council Member Hampton. "Sounds like a bait-and-switch".

Let's scrap this plan and rethink. Has it been considered to put to a public vote a City Tax or Bond measure to pay for this rehab and keep our Civic Center as it was envisioned?.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Pasadena.

Sincerely,
Therese Brummel

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From: David Cutter [mailto:dcutter@aceweb.com]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:02 AM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

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Thank you

David Cutter
Pianist
Pasadena, CA
Free Ebook "Artistry: How We Keep Piano Students From Quitting"

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From: Susan Campisi [mailto:susancampisi@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 7:09 PM
To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org
Subject: Save our Civic Center's garden setting & virtues. NO KHP Hotel

Dear Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers,

At an Eco-Breakfast meeting on Friday, I (along with 20 attendees from local environmental and progressive organizations) was alarmed to learn the history and details of the KHP plan for the Civic Center.

We were all quite shocked to learn that the latest design of the hotel would usurp onto the public space of the Civic Center, completely changing the beautiful and visionary character of this public space, as well as destroying more than 30 trees and encroaching upon the Robinson memorial.

Stu Schechter, one of the artists who created the Robinson Memorial, writes this about the sculpture*:

"A goal of the project was to evoke an appreciation of their contributions beyond the athletic sphere. Jackie looks toward the east, past City Hall, where he made his mark breaking the color barrier in professional baseball and became a successful businessman. Mack looks directly at the front doors of City Hall where he spent his life after the Olympics working directly for the city in many capacities.

From afar the heads are perceived as traditional likenesses. As one draws nearer, however, it becomes apparent that text and bas relief imagery are embedded in their hair, allowing multiple allusions to their accomplishments in politics and community service, as well as sports."

The KHP plan as currently designed desecrates the character of this symbolic public art, disrespecting the legacy of these two historic Pasadena heroes.

As if this design plan isn't egregious enough, the economics of the project amount to a public subsidy to KHP. That doesn't make sense! The way the plan has changed over time sounds like a bait-and-switch to me. Clearly the project is a bad deal for the city and community.

I want to thank Councilmember Gordo for his foresight in pushing for a pause to this plan and commend those who supported that pause. I wholeheartedly agree with Councilmember Gordo's guest commentary opinion in the SGV Tribune (<http://www.sgvtribune.com/opinion/20170519/in-civic-center-pasadena-must-protect-its-unique-sense-of-place-guest-commentary>), in which he eloquently states:

"Thanks to the sacrifice and vision of Pasadena leaders like Mayor Thum, we've inherited a civic jewel. And we've done a very good job over time of keeping faith with their confidence in future generations.

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We have made Pasadena a desirable place to live, work and play by honoring our traditions and taking the same deliberative care to preserve the character of our residential neighborhoods.

We can't let short-term economic expediency of the city or developers dictate the long-term look, feel and use of the city, especially its most famous public space."

Thank you, Councilmember Gordo, for being a voice of reason.

I stand with the Pasadena Civic Center Coalition in calling for the following:

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Susan Campisi
PEAs Eco-Breakfast Planning Team | Transition Pasadena

*Pasadena Robinson Memorial, SandCart Studio,
<http://www.sandcartstudio.com/Sculpture/HandS/PRM/prmIndex.html>

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From: Phyllis Chambers-Emmons [<mailto:auntififi@mac.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 8:21 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

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XOXO--

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From: Mandy Elion [<mailto:mandy@elion.org>]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 12:35 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

Dear City Council,

I am OPPOSED to providing Public Subsidy to this LLC - They are already getting a great deal from Pasadena!

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mandy elion : 626.807.7220 :

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From: Cynthia Frederick [mailto:fargosmom1@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 1:10 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

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The YWCA/KHP Hotel project, is a terrible deal for the city, costs us too much money, takes over too much public space and sets the wrong tone for our Civic Center. No amount of tweaking by the Design Commission will fix the poor design.

Private developers have no place making plans that reshape our city, when those plans primarily focus only on their own gains at the expense of Pasadena citizens. Preserve our public spaces and cultural heritage, don't sell it out.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Frederick

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From: Sharon Higuera [<mailto:sharonghm@aol.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 11:21 AM

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We are lacking much green space in the downtown area. Please keep out beautiful grass and trees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sharon Higuera

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From: Mary Hayden [<mailto:maryhaydenphd@gmail.com>]

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Thank you,

Mary Hayden, PhD
194 Sequoia Drive
Pasadena, CA 91105

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From: Karla Berglund Hughes [<mailto:musability@sbcglobal.net>]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 3:08 AM

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Dear City Council,

As a longtime Pasadena native, I strongly believe our city can do much better for our citizens regarding the Civic Center. In addition to the crafted paragraph below requesting the REJECTION of the YWCA/KHP project, I would like to see that our Pasadena Disability Commission is given a serious opportunity to heavily weigh in on the longterm impact(s) of whatever is being designed or planned within our community. Often, companies design to satisfy only the required ADA accommodations, and even at that, they often fall far short. Don't we want people with disabilities to hold meaningful jobs and to have business access to our Civic Center area that goes beyond the shortcomings of the ADA? Wouldn't it be wonderful if the City of Pasadena took design seriously enough to include ALL people who work and live in our community by engaging on a regular basis with our Pasadena Disability Commission?

Here is a case in point; the reduction of sidewalk and park space all around our city's buildings that is currently happening right now. It is difficult enough for wheelchair users and for people who use walkers to navigate around our city's sidewalks and aging parks. This challenge is especially apparent in the Old Town Shopping areas and in the Playhouse District, where we are forced to compete with negligent restaurant owners who constantly infringe on disability access (on a daily basis) with their outside tables and chairs. Confronting managers and irate customers (if they are asked to move at all) is not something we particularly enjoy doing, and many of us would rather go home than to have to police businesses on compliance. Perhaps, you may be simply unaware that our restaurants take up more and more sidewalk space every year (despite city guidelines or regulations). These infringements on sidewalk space is becoming a serious safety risk factor for our disability community, perhaps even a legal liability for the city. Through this letter, I hope the council can see just how ALARMING it is to the disability community whenever sidewalk and park space is severely cut, or even entirely eliminated. Sadly, it is not unusual to see our city's wheelchair users risk their very lives navigating on our city's streets because of unnecessary blocked access. It is equally frustrating for wheelchair users, and walker-users, alike to have to attempt getting through our overcrowded sidewalks because of poor planning. This leaves us with the perplexing responsibility of trying to figure out a way to safely navigate whatever city maze we have to go through next in order to do conduct our business. When our city's leaders, planners and designers eliminate navigational space, the message to the disability community is that we are the 'usual after-thought' with a city that continues to hold strong Ableist's views. Are you sure you really want to convey that negative message to us through this poorly designed and disastrous KHP Hotel project?

Please DO NOT approve the Economic Subsidy Report and DO NOT grant any Public Subsidy of any kind to KHP Pasadena III, LLC to help finance their hotel project. The YWCA/KHP Hotel project, as the Council acknowledged on April 3rd, has grown worse and worse and is a bad deal for the city with or without the Subsidy. The hotel is poorly designed and is not worthy of our magnificent Civic Center. No amount of tweaking by the Design Commission will fix the poor design because its fundamental orientation, footprint, and massing are flawed. Please modify and approve the staff recommendation #3 to find a new solution, but one that first and foremost, focuses on the Civic Center, of which the rehabilitation of the YWCA Building is only one aspect, and begins with a robust public process. There should also be engagement of a professional urban land use planning firm with expertise in urban civic centers and historic preservation so together with

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Sincerely,

Karla Berglund Hughes

Iraheta, Alba

Subject: FW: Julia Morgan YWCA Building

From: Molly Kennington [mailto:themoll@dslexreme.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:45 PM
To: 'tornek@cityofpasadena.net'; 'smadison@cityofpasadena.net'
Cc: 'mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net'
Subject: Julia Morgan YWCA Building

Mayor Tornek and Councilman Madison,

The best alternative for the Julia Morgan YWCA is rehabilitation with funding from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This alternative should have been chosen five years ago when the first discussions about the building were undertaken by the city.

I have not seen any estimate of what, if any, costs the city would incur in securing a grant for this purpose. The building could be converted into a museum or offer office space to cover its maintenance.

With 7+ new large hotels going up all over the city (in addition to the ones already here,) the city has not made a good argument for the necessity of another hotel in our beloved civic center.

If the council decides to move ahead with this hotel, I can assure you that I will not be able to vote for either of you in the next municipal elections.

I can assure you that a vast majority of the members of my homeowners association feel as I do, as do most of our neighbors.

Your votes will not be forgotten and this issue will reverberate among Pasadena citizens for years to come.

I am asking that Mark Jomsky enter this email into the public record.

Thank you,

Molly Kennington

355 South Los Robles Avenue

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Blair Miller <blairmiller1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Andy Wilson
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: YWCA / KHP Hotel Project

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing regarding Recommendation Number 2 of Item #14 on the May 22 agenda. I recommend you that you do not approve the Economic Development Subsidy Report for the YWCA / KHP Hotel Project.

Identifying a financial source for the preservation of this historic resource is a huge challenge, especially given Pasadena's current budget woes. Part of my work for the City of Los Angeles is handling adaptive re-use projects, so I am well aware that trade-offs may need to be made.

However, this is no longer a good deal for Pasadena. It is time to look at other options that are compatible with the Civic Center and meet our long term needs, such as using the space for City offices. This could be financed through a public-private partnership, such as was used in Long Beach to finance their civic center development.

Whatever project goes forward in this vital location, it must be an excellent addition to our Civic Center. If you do decide to go forward with the hotel, I strongly recommend a smaller hotel that can fit within the setback, the angled facade, and the height shown at the last Design Commission hearing for the project by Stefanos Polyzoides. I am not opposed to adding new construction onto the YWCA and I am not opposed to a limited encroachment into the existing open space, but the hotel as proposed is too large to fit within that envelope.

There is a term in economics called the "Sunk Cost Fallacy", which is when people continue an endeavor beyond the time that it makes economic sense, as a result of previously invested time, money or effort (Arkes & Blumer, 1985).

It is time for Pasadena to take a deep breath and start over.

Sincerely,

Blair Miller

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Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Save our Civic Center's garden setting & virtues. NO KHP Hotel

From: Ray de Mesa [<mailto:ray@raydemesa.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 8:59 AM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

Subject: Save our Civic Center's garden setting & virtues. NO KHP Hotel

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to
NOT approve the Economic Subsidy Report and
to

NOT grant any Public Subsidy of any kind to KHP Pasadena III, LLC to help finance their hotel project.

KHP Hotel project is
wrong
for
our city

The project is
poorly designed and will consume the green space that provides the garden setting of our Civic Center. Also, it will destroy trees, diminish the memorial to the Robinson brothers, and disregard the values of our Civic Center—civility, virtue, public engagement, and open space.

The YWCA/KHP Hotel project, as the Council acknowledged on April 3rd, has grown worse and worse and is a bad deal for the city with or without the Subsidy.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Ray de Mesa
Pasadena resident and constituent

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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

From: gary matus [<mailto:g.matus@sbcglobal.net>]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 8:07 AM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

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Your neighbor

Gary Matus

265 N. San Rafael Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91105

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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: NO to KIMPTON; NO to the City subsidizing corporations to do business in the Civic Center or anywhere else

From: Virginia J. Macaspac [<mailto:vmacaspac@icloud.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:17 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Masuda, Gene; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy
Cc: cityclerk
Subject: NO to KIMPTON; NO to the City subsidizing corporations to do business in the Civic Center or anywhere else

Mayor: ttornek@cityofpasadena.net
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District 4: gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net
District 5: vgordo@cityofpasadena.net
District 6: smadison@cityofpasadena.net
District 7: awilson@cityofpasadena.net

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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

From: veronica mosqueda [<mailto:vergm18@me.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 3:41 AM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

Dear City Council,

As a long time resident of Pasadena, I oppose the KHP Project completely. Please preserve the open space around city hall and respect the wishes of the residents.

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Veronica Mosqueda

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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

-----Original Message-----

From: Newell [mailto:mnewell1@att.net]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:49 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel

From: Mail.Jennipha.com [<mailto:jn@jennipha.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 9:11 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; Pasadena Civic Center Coalition

Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel

Dear City Council,

We have cut back on so many amazing programs that really helps members of the community.

Please DO NOT approve the Economic Subsidy Report
and

DO NOT grant any Public Subsidy of any kind to KHP Pasadena III, LLC to help finance their hotel project.

The YWCA/KHP Hotel project, as the Council acknowledged on April 3rd, has grown worse and worse and is a bad deal for the city with or without the Subsidy.

The hotel is poorly designed, Your ripping out the Sister Cities tree and is not worthy of our magnificent Civic Center.

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Lynda Obershaw <lynzilla52@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 9:19 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: The Old YWCA

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing this note to you to express my opposition to the development of the site where the former YWCA stands. I also plan on being present at the City Council meeting tomorrow.

I would ask, please, that you add my letter here to the official record for the meeting tomorrow.

Thank you very much,

Lynda Obershaw (Resident/Homeowner)
330 East Cordova Street, # 167
Pasadena
91101

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel !!!!!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: jill [mailto:polsby@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 12:23 PM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy

Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel !!!!!!!

Dear City Council;

Please DO NOT approve any form of subsidy for the KHP Project.

Why should we have to pay some company to destroy our Civic Center with a poorly thought out project that we are then funding. Why do we have to give up the parkland leading up to the City Hall. Why do we have to have an ugly building with its back facing the City Hall. Why? This needs to be thoroughly thought through and it hasn't been.

Please vote NO on any subsidy for the KHP Project.

Jill and Dick Polsby

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Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

-----Original Message-----

From: Britta Piotrowski [<mailto:brittapiotrowski@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 6:30 PM
To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org
Subject: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

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Sent from my iPhone

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Wesley Reutimann <wesleyreutimann@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 10:25 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment: Agenda Item #14 (YWCA) of 5/22/2017 Agenda

Forgot to CC you.

Thanks,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Wesley Reutimann <wesleyreutimann@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 21, 2017 at 10:16 PM
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item #14 (YWCA) of 5/22/2017 Agenda
To: "Madison, Steve" <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>, Terry Tornek <ttornek@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: Takako Suzuki <tsuzuki@cityofpasadena.net>, Kristin Chew Reutimann <kristin.reutimann@gmail.com>

Good evening Steve and Terry,

On behalf of the Reutimann household, I am submitting the following request that the City Council NOT approve the Economic Development Subsidy Report for the YWCA / KHP Hotel Project.

As you are well aware, the deal originally presented to the City of Pasadena by the applicant has changed dramatically, so much so that it is no longer a good deal for the City. A partial list of problems with the currently proposed project include:

- Out-of-scale massing vis-a-vis City Hall
- Sub-par design for the new structure
- Destruction of the Sister City garden
- Increasing level of subsidies requested, with no guarantee that further public support for a private project will be demanded if approved

We recognized staff and Council have invested a considerable amount of time on this project and proposal, making it harder to change course at this time. However, if our Metro Board Chair John Fasana can turn against a project he championed for literally decades (the 710 Freeway "Gap" Closure) after realizing it was no longer realistic financially, I have hope that you too will see that the latest iteration of the Kimpton/YWCA project is over-priced, out-of-scale, and inconsistent with the standards of development the City should require for one of its most historically- and culturally-sensitive sites: the Pasadena Civic Center.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

-Wes, Kristin and Jasper Reutimann

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city, takes over too much public open space and is an invasive addition to the Civic Center. The City Council *must rescind its prior approvals of the Project*, and commence a community-driven planning process to identify (a) preferred use(s) for the YWCA Building and (b) its historic preservation within the context of the Civic Center National Register Historic District.

Sincerely,

Marsha V. Rood

MARSHA V. ROOD, FAICP

generated by any private hotel project in Pasadena without requiring any public subsidies. In fact, the hotel market is robust in Pasadena and may effect the both the calculation of Project benefits and the viability of the Project over time. *This Project must not be subsidized.*

2. The City Council *must reject* the recommendation regarding a new "Competitive Selection Process" seeking proposals for the future "rehabilitation and redevelopment" of the YWCA building. The process outlined in the staff report is *exactly* the same process the City has followed that has exhibited (a) lack of transparency; (b) lack of citizen involvement in the beginning of the process; (c) City staff predisposition and advocacy of one solution; (d) loss of trust in City staff, and (e) a changing or "morphing" of goals and objectives established at the outset to suit various iterations of the Project. All of these factors have led to a disastrous result. This all could have been avoided by greater attention to established City plans and governmental rules and regulations, and by involving the citizens of Pasadena in decisions that involve City-owned property in the Civic Center, the heart of the City.

APPROVE A CITIZEN-BASED PLANNING PROCESS:

Instead of the process as recommended by City staff in Agenda Report Recommendation #3, the planning process must include:

- a. A review of all application State and Municipal rules and regulations governing with the sale/lease of City-owned all Property and all adopted City plans and implementation programs and projects pertaining to the Civic Center;
- b. A robust, community outreach process to fully engage citizens in visioning and planning for the "YWCA" block in the heart of the Civic Center, including uses; this citizen process must be professionally facilitated and supported by a professional urban land use planning and urban design firm with expertise in historic preservation and the reuse of historic buildings;
- c. A prioritization of the Civic Center as a whole, including the rehabilitation of the historic YWCA building, the public open spaces at Holly and Garfield, and the approaches to City Hall, and
- d. A set of recommendations to the City Council for a plan and "agenda for action" for revitalizing the YWCA Building within the context of the Civic Center.

In conclusion, the Project with its proposed public subsidy is a bad deal for the

MARSHA V. ROOD, FAICP
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May 22, 2017
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c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net

Honorable Mayor Terry Tornek
Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Subject: Agenda Item #14, May 22, 2017 City Council Meeting: Discussion of the Future Development of the YWCA Building Located at 78 N. Marengo Avenue.

Honorable Mayor Tornek and Members of the City Council:

The Civic Center is the symbol for the people of Pasadena's commitment to civic participation and engagement. It also is an important expression of the City Beautiful Movement's contribution to Pasadena's sense of place and to the ideal that a beautiful city can be a prosperous one. A city beauty combines beauty, which is beyond value, with efficiency and economic health, which pays off in measurable ways. *In the final analysis, any part of the Civic Center should be the end result of the people of Pasadena.*

REJECT RECOMMENDED ACTIONS IN THE AGENDA REPORT:

In view of the principles laid down 100 years ago by the founders of the City Beautiful Movement in Pasadena as set forth in the "Bennett Plan", overwhelming approved by Pasadena voters in 1923. Based on these principles, I recommend that the City Council take the following actions:

1. The City Council *must reject* the Economic Development Subsidy Report for the YWCA/KHP Hotel Project ("Project") as inadequate. The Report's analysis regarding the amount of subsidy required for the Project's financial feasibility as well as the expected benefits derived from the Project is deeply flawed, leading to erroneous results. The Report's estimated amount of Project subsidy in today's dollars is \$6.4 million. However, the Report's analysis does not include the costs of the YWCA Building (\$8.3M) and an estimated Fair Market Value of the open space/parkland at Garfield and Holly (\$10M - \$15M), resulting in a more accurate subsidy estimate of over \$30 million. Also, the overall Project benefit estimates of approximately \$30 million could be

Jomsky, Mark

From: Duncan Sinclair <duncan_sinclair@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: YWCA property

Dear Mr Jomsky,

Please place the email I sent to Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Gordo in the official record for tonight's meeting, thank you.

Duncan Sinclair

Begin forwarded message:

From: Duncan Sinclair <duncan_sinclair@mac.com>
Date: May 18, 2017 5:25:39 PM
To: ttornek@cityofpasadena.net, Victor Gordo <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: Vannia De La Cuba <VDeLaCuba@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: YWCA property

Dear Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Gordo,

I'm very hopeful that at Monday's council meeting, you will finally put the proposed Kimpton hotel proposal to rest, so that we can come up with a much more appropriate use for the YWCA property.

Thank you.

Duncan Sinclair
812 E Mountain St, Pasadena.

Jomsky, Mark

From: Teresa Salerno <tsalerno@emcsd.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 10:06 PM
To: Masuda, Gene
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Kimpton

Dear Councilman Mauda,

The Julia Morgan YWCA/Kimpton Hotel project should be completely rethought. Please consider what the residents want, it's our city. The current plan will have tragic consequences. Do you want this monstrosity and destruction to be your legacy?

I hope you will reconsider.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teresa Salerno

PLEASE PLACE EMAIL IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD, THANK YOU.

Jomsky, Mark

From: B Sword <bjsword@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:58 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: May 22, Council discussion of the future development of YWCA

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

If there is time to add the below letter to the Council distribution for tonight's meeting, I would appreciate it. Thanks.

Dear Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers:

I urge the Council to reject the request for additional subsidies for the YWCA/KHP project, and to look for a new solution which will not allow for the ceding of public space to a private enterprise.

Our City Hall is the one place before all others, that I take new visitors to Pasadena. As part of the Civic Center, it is not like any other location in the City. Those other areas might not be harmed by out-sized development, but the Civic Center holds a position of immense importance, culturally and architecturally, to Pasadena residents.

I applaud the Council for pausing to take another look at possible plans to preserve the YWCA building. The YWCA/KHP proposal, if approved, may result in the "Plaza Pasadena" of the future: a symbol to lack of respect for the historical importance and beauty of the Civic Center.

Sincerely,
Betty Sword
Pasadena, 30-year resident

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: NO public subsidy for KHP Hotel, Need a new solution that enhances our Civic Center

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From: Samuel R. Snodgrass [<mailto:bobsnodgrass@mac.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 12:45 PM
To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org
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Don't forget that Pasadena has a serious parking problem. Don't waive the parking requirements for any future construction.

Thank you
Bob Snodgrass
Pasadena 91103

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From: cityclerk
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From: Arnold Siegel [mailto:arnold.siegel@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:53 AM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

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Furthermore, no amount of tweaking by the Design Commission will fix the poor design because its fundamental orientation, footprint, and massing are flawed.

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Arnold Siegel
(Former chair of Pasadena Heritage)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Creighton Turner [<mailto:creigt@aol.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 11:41 AM

To: Kennedy, John; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Tornek, Terry; cityclerk; McAustin, Margaret; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; action@savepasadenaciviccenter.org

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Please keep Pasadena beautiful. We did not move here to be surrounded by condos, more traffic, tight resources, and too many people. We love the traditions of Pasadena, its green areas, many trees, low density and mainly two story buildings. Listen to the public. You are in office to be responsive to our majority wishes.

Vote down this poorly thought out hotel concept which intrudes on our beautiful one of a kind civic center and spectacular City Hall. Do not vote this project in. This is not something than can be undone. Did you take this concept back to the public after a "hold" was put on it? I thought not.

Do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Susan & Creighton Turner

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Janet Whaley <janet1860@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 7:42 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; Kennedy, John
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: YWCA/Kimpton Hotel Project

Dear Mayor Tornek, Councilman Kennedy and City Clerk Jomsky:

I wanted to submit my comments in opposition to providing the developers of the Kimpton Hotel project any additional City subsidies to undertake this project.

While initially well intentioned, this project has garnered much citizen opposition (with good reason), and is no longer the optimum solution to save the Julia Morgan YWCA building.

Please give this project a restart, so that we can evaluate and select the best possible way to save and reuse this historic building in a manner that is compatible with the City's original intentions. Let's honor what those voters passed the bond issue for in 1923, and keep our City Beautiful plan intact.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this issue at Monday's Council meeting.

Janet Whaley
1143 N. Los Robles Avenue

Sent from my iPhone

The City has a once in a lifetime opportunity to consolidate and streamline operations in the YWCA building while improving access to services, protecting a cultural asset, and fulfilling the vision of the beautiful Civic Center.

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Thank you for taking the additional time to review of the YWCA Kimpton project. I do not support the Kimpton Hotel project or the economic subsidy under review at the May 22 Council meeting. The project simply is not feasible, and lack of public support, potential encroachment on Open Space, and the one-time opportunity to consolidate City offices in the YWCA are additional reasons to reconsider the project.

The best option for both the City and the community is to use the YWCA as City offices. This would provide an opportunity to consolidate and streamline essential services adjacent to City hall so they would be more accessible for citizens – using a cultural resource that can be enjoyed by *all* members of the public.

The City is the best tenant for the YWCA for the following reasons:

- 1) **Location, Location, Location!** – Located adjacent to City Hall, the City can achieve operational efficiencies by concentrating services in the Civic Center. Plus, citizens could open a new PWP account, get a business license, and pay a parking ticket all in one trip!
- 2) **Use of Existing Footprint** – Since the City is a Not for Profit entity there is no need to build additional space to hit a “return” target. Recouping the initial investment and reducing occupancy costs are the only targets which can be achieved in the existing 42,000 sf building.
- 3) **Slam Dunk!** – Streamlining City offices further could allow for restoration of the historic pool and gymnasium which would provide recreational opportunities for Downtown residents and a location for City public meetings.

The City should engage an experienced consultant to perform a space, operational, and real estate analysis considering the following:

- Only those offices that benefit from being adjacent to City hall would be relocated – PWP, Fire, and DOT totaling 52,289 sf.
- Instead of 3 separate reception desks, kitchens, copy rooms, and related equipment, the offices would be *consolidated* thereby reducing the total square footage required.
- With reduced square footage, parking can be provided on-site and in adjacent City lots – no new construction needed.
- The overall cost should be slightly more than rehabilitation estimates and the City could consider innovative public-private or non-profit financing partnerships that have been used in Long Beach for the Civic Center and State of California Deukmejian Courthouse projects.

Pasadena is known for its beautiful civic center, high level of city services, innovation, and unique cultural resources. Let's create a long-term plan for the Civic Center based on these strengths while making services and resources more accessible to general public.

Thank you for your consideration,

Felicia Williams, District 2 Resident

Jomsky, Mark

From: Marion K. White <Marion.White@kp.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 11:10 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; NewsDesk@PasadenaNowMagazine.com; editor@pasadenanow.com; letters.star-news@sgvn.com; journal@PasadenaJournal.com; andrec@pasadenaweekly.com; events@coloradoblvd.net
Subject: Civic Center/KHP/Kimpton YWCA Project
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Tornek and City of Pasadena Council Members.

I am shocked to see that reconsideration of the massive hotel and additional public subsidy proposed for our Civic Center is already on the May 22 City Council agenda – so soon after Council agreed to “pause” and consider whether this project is in the best interests of the citizens of Pasadena and in the best interests of the City of Pasadena from a financial standpoint, as well as the best use of an important historical asset.

Was that vote just for show, because a key City Council district election was just around the corner? Was it a vote to simply give the appearance of more thoughtful consideration, when a back-room deal agreeing to all the parking and financial subsidies was already being finalized with the developer? I am extremely disappointed in the lack of transparency and public involvement in this entire process. I have lived in Pasadena for over 45 years, and have always been proud of our City and our elected officials. This is not the Pasadena way, and it's indicative of the disturbing trend residents are seeing with the very ill-suited and poor development projects going on throughout our beautiful city.

I urge you to do your job. Put our city, and the citizens of Pasadena, first. Do not give away our parkland to a private developer to build a massive hotel. Don't give away millions of dollars in massive subsidies and parking to a private developer. Do not forever ruin the gracious parkland setting for our world-renowned City Hall and the culturally significant Robinson Memorial. This space is in the heart of the Civic Center and must be used for civic, educational, and cultural uses open to all Pasadena residents and visitors. Staff and City Council need to “start over,” and it needs to be a legitimate start over – not just going through the motions.

I request that this communication be made a part of the public record and published at all future meetings regarding the KHP/Kimpton/YWCA project.

Sincerely,

Marion K. White
1000 Cordova St.
Pasadena, CA 91106

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Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Stop the Kimpton Hotel Plan and Save the Civic Center

From: Fried Wilson [<mailto:friedwilson@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; Wilson, Andy; cityclerk
Cc: Gordo, Victor; Pasadena Civic Center Coalition
Subject: Stop the Kimpton Hotel Plan and Save the Civic Center

May 21, 2017

The Honorable Mayor Tornek and Council Member Wilson:

I am writing to you in response to the Kimpton Hotel project which will again be considered at the City Council meeting on May 23. I find it incredible and disheartening that the city would consider giving a massive \$30 million subsidy to a developer for a hotel project; particularly one which includes the gift of city-owned land that is directly across from City Hall.

Giving away public park land, destroying the integrity of the Jackie Robinson Memorial and ruining the views of our iconic city hall doesn't seem to be a very logical or cost-effective way to bring a so called "boutique hotel" to Pasadena in addition to a massive subsidy to the developer. That is why I have joined my neighbors in supporting the Pasadena Civic Center Coalition and their efforts to save our Civic Center.

At one time it may have seemed desirable to repurpose the old YWCA as a boutique hotel, but this project has become a Frankenstein monster with 185 rooms, six stories and major encroachment onto city property as well as a reported \$30 million in subsidies to the developer. It is time to pause and to reconsider whether this is really the best use for the Julia Morgan YWCA. There is no point in my saying anymore as to why I am against this project. I share the views that Council Member Victor Gordo expressed so eloquently in his guest column on May 17 in the *Pasadena Star-News*.

I commend Council Member Wilson for his vote at the April 3rd Council Meeting to send the motion back to staff for further consideration. I hope that the Mayor and members of the City Council will see that this hotel plan is not in the best interests of the citizens of Pasadena and will vote no on more subsidies for this ill-conceived development.

Sincerely,

Fried Wilson
1000 Cordova Street #201
Pasadena, CA 91106

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From: patti wellsmc [mailto:pwellsmc@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 6:51 PM

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If real estate is Not Real Money, there are many citizens who would love a place to live.

This whole mess is an insult to Pasadenans.

Where is this idea coming from?

Maybe we should stop paying taxes.

Keep our Civic Center as something to be proud of.

Patricia Wells McMillan

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From: G And J Waters [mailto:da4waters@sbcglobal.net]

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Councilman Masuda, you have done an excellent job representing us in East Pasadena and supporting sensible and sustainable development that benefits the citizens of Pasadena. This hotel is neither sensible, sustainable nor beneficial. It disrespects the original YMCA building, destroys the footprint of the Civic Center green space, and exploits the taxpayers of Pasadena. Please vote no.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Waters

Sent from my iPhone

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