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Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 2:22 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Council Meeting 4/23 Bridge Barriers

Mayor and Council Members,

I am hopeful you will decide on a design with minimal change to the Bridge. Perhaps, if the City would just go back to the original plan of a continuation of the Arroyo and forget the nonsense of a Park with bathroom and play area...load it with trees it would not be necessary to change the look of the Bridge at all. Just think since this was presented in 2013 imagine if trees had been planted at that time. Cameras that are monitored would help police arrive in time to negotiate. Marci Solway



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April 23, 2018

Mayor Terry Tornek and Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

RE: Support for Colorado Street Bridge Recommendations

Dear Mayor Tornek and Council Members:

On behalf of Pasadena Heritage, I am writing to express our support for the work of the Colorado Street Bridge Task Force and the Public Works Department to address the serious concern about suicides on the Colorado Street Bridge.

We have been pleased to have representatives serving on the Task Force at the invitation of Public Works Director Ara Maloyan. Claire Bogaard, Pasadena Heritage Board Member; Chris Peck, architect and engineer, member of the Pasadena Heritage Advisory Council; and myself as Executive Director, have all been active participants in the process of analyzing options to prevent suicide attempts. We have been very pleased, along with city staff and other Task Force members, with the public participation and consensus building that have occurred in the two public meetings held for interested residents.

At this point in time, after careful review and analysis of as many options as could be identified, a taller vertical barrier (fence) has clearly emerged as the best option with the greatest chance of success. Other interventions can also be helpful, including improved signage, trees planted below the bridge, and perhaps technological features on which more study is needed. The logical next step is to hire professional expertise to explore the actual architectural and engineering design of fencing alternatives to provide the necessary deterrence while impacting the original design and architectural features of the bridge to the least extent possible.

As members of the Task Force who also care deeply about the historic character of the landmark bridge, Chris, Claire and I have discussed possible concepts to provide a starting point for future design study. We recently presented these ideas to Mr. Maloyan to assist in getting the process underway.

Pasadena Heritage hopes you will find tonight's presentation informative and helpful, and that the Council will approve a CIP budget item to fund professional design services. In our view, any suicide prevention project – which the council has recognized as important and urgent -- cannot proceed without this next critical step, nor can cost estimates for actual construction of such a project be developed.

Sincerely yours,

Susan N. Mossman, Executive Director
and Task Force Members Claire Bogaard and Chris Peck

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