

# CORRESPONDENCE

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**Subject:** Agenda Item #14 > SUPPORT Transition to Create an Arroyo Verdugo COG

Dear Mayor and City Council Members -

I am the Chair of Pasadena's Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) - and in that role, I attended the 2/1 meeting of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA). I was present for a variety of reasons, including:

- Follow-up on TAC's recent vote to serve as Pasadena's forum for public participation in the Measure M Participation Plan
- High level of general interest in the management of future Measure M funding resources
- Specific desire to understand the process around timing and prioritization of transportation projects

In that light, Item #14 on Monday's City Council Agenda caught my eye ("Future Participation in the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments").

**I personally believe that the City of Pasadena should begin work to transition the AVCJPA into a separate Council of Governments and urge your support for that alternative.**

- The tri-cities (Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena) reflect a "natural cohort group of peers" for us - quite different than the mix of SGVCOG municipalities - and as a result:
  - We have inherently shared interests and priorities
  - Our governance issues and social challenges carry the same proportionate weight
  - We can share comparable skills sets for solutions development (with regard to staff expertise, project management and administration)
- What's more:
  - Pasadena has greater agreement with the tri-cities on many of the major local issues we are facing (such as opposition to the 710 Tunnel)
  - And, as reflected by our many joint investments, it's clear that our economic interests are more naturally aligned

**Looking to the future, an Arroyo Verdugo COG can provide Pasadena with the greatest value - establishing a body that will most effectively maximize our resources and advocate for our interests.**

Thank you for your consideration,  
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