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Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:49 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Gordo, Victor; De La Cuba, Vannia
Subject: May 20 Jt Finance/Council, correspondence re: Item C

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Hi, Mark,
Please distribute the message below for Monday's Jt. meeting. Thanks!

Betty Sword

Date: May 18, 2019
To: Mayor Tornek and City Council
CC: Mark Jomsky <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
RE: May 20, Joint Finance Committee/City Council
2020 Proposed Operating Budget, Human Services and Recreation

I am writing to request that the Council approve a full-time Human Services and Recreation Site Coordinator for Washington Park.

The park had a full-time position for a number of years beginning in the mid 1990's. That presence helped to make the park a livelier, safer, and more welcoming place for community members of all ages. Previously the park had gotten a reputation for a variety of problems that resulted in lack of use. The hiring of a fulltime Recreation Coordinator came after the surrounding community, City, and Police had worked to improve the park's safety and infrastructure. What followed was a decade or more of increased community use and improvements.

After the full-time individual retired, the position was not filled and the park began to slip backwards again.

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It is extremely difficult to change negative impressions once people develop them. The City and Human Services and Recreation Department need to make a commitment to sustained support of Washington Park through a full-time position.

Sincerely,

Betty Sword, Friends of Washington Park
1155 Heather Square
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Martinez, Ruben

Subject: FW: Human Services and Recreation Operating Budget

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Pepi and Joe" <pepi1655@att.net>
Date: May 20, 2019 at 2:19:19 PM PDT
To: <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Human Services and Recreation Operating Budget

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Mayor Tornek and City Council Members,

Though we can't be there for today's discussion of the Human Services and Recreation Operation Budget, we would like to reiterate our opinion that it is very important to all the users of Washington Park that we add a full-time recreation coordinator to support recreational activities and oversee users at Washington Park.

Joe and Pepi Feinblatt