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**From:** nancy g <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 4:00 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse

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Martha Shenkenberg is a bright,compassionate, and passionate candidate. I would strongly endorse her having worked closely for 20 plus years . She is one of the most organized,detailed person I know, who always drives toward positive outcomes. Pasadena would benefit from her presence

Nancy Gibbs, MD

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**From:** CAROLINA CARO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 3:56 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Support for Martha Shenkenberg District 5

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this note in support of Martha Shenkenberg for city council of District 5. I am a resident of the district at 623 E Orange Grove in Pasadena.

I'm supporting Martha because I have seen first hand how she is as a volunteer through her role as board chair of LP. Martha dedicates so much time to the community and is so passionate that sometimes you forget she also works at Kaiser. That's because she gives so much of her time to help others. When others don't step up, she'll take on that load as well!

She's also brilliant and brings solutions to complicated issues. I think her experience as a consultant would really serve this role well.

But mostly, Martha loves her Pasadena community and we would be blessed to have her representing the residents of district 5.

Thank you!

**Carolina Caro** MS MBA PCC (she/ her/ hers)  
Leadership Coach | DEI Consultant | Speaker | Facilitator

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**From:** David Aguilar <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 4:57 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Endorsement of Martha Shenkenberg - Pasadena City Council District 5

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Hello,

I'm writing to support Martha Shenkenberg for Pasadena City Council. I live at 623 E. Orange Grove Blvd and I'm a resident of district 5.

I've gotten to know Martha over the past few years and have been both moved and impressed by her generosity to serve her community through her volunteer position as Leadership Pasadena Board Chair as well as her ability to balance this with her everyday workload at Kaiser. Martha is a natural leader who puts the needs of others first and shines as an example of what service to the community can be.

She's a talented problem solver, solid communicator and never shies away from taking on elaborate projects with several moving parts. But more than anything else, Martha displays her love for her community wherever she goes and whatever she's working on.

As a longtime resident of Pasadena, I would feel privileged to have Martha representing my district on city council.

Thank you for your time.  
-David

**David Aguilar**

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**From:** Alma Apodaca <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 5:40 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Support for Martha Shenkenberg's City Council appointment

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The City and Martha's district would be well-served if Martha was appointed. I have known Martha for 20+ years and we both served on the Board of Directors Leadership Pasadena. Martha is tireless in her pursuit of excellence and she would be an asset to any team. She is strategic thinker who knows how to execute and implement on any project.

I support Martha without reservation.

Regards,

Alma Apodaca  
Past Chair & Co-Chair Leadership Pasadena  
Leadership Pasadena graduate 2001

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**From:** Deb Raupp < >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 7:08 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** Martha Shenkenberg  
**Subject:** Support of Martha Shenkenberg to fill open City Council position.

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I'm writing to strongly support Martha Shenkenberg to fill the open City Council position.

I've known Martha over 20 years and have been impressed with her commitment to our City during that time. We met through Leadership Pasadena while I was chairing the organization. Martha went through the very first LP class and was an enthusiastic, generous supporter from the start. She continued her support of Leadership Pasadena for two decades, serving as its Chair for several years and spreading knowledge of our city to many participants during that time.

Martha has been active in her neighborhood association as well as the Pasadena Neighborhood Network. She donates her time through her church to several efforts intended to grow young women and to help people in financial need. Martha is generous with her time and energy.

In addition, Martha adds an organizational awareness due to her consulting role in a large, health care organization. She understands how large systems work which can help to understand Pasadena's needs from a global perspective.

Martha offers the City Council a number of talents and abilities including: her generous spirit, her knowledge of large scale organizations, her commitment to Pasadena's neighborhood associations, and her understanding of how our City works.

I support Martha unequivocally for this role. She will serve our City well!

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**From:** Kaya Plansker  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 7:30 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Re: Martha Shenkenberg

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to voice my support for Martha Shenkenberg as appointed city council member for District 5 replacing Mayor Gordo. In my research and direct replies to my questions, I see her interest in the community's representation and advocacy as genuine. In a time of crisis exacerbated by the inequitable hardships compounded by COVID-19, it is reassuring to me to see her ideas about community health and city supports. Her background as a community leader is evident in her instinct to solve problems partly through partnerships. I believe that collaborative spirit will make her an asset to the council as it endeavors to make decisions around complex issues that come with considering multiple perspectives and navigating economic, cultural, and societal factors.

Her mix of professional and community organizational roles feel right for the times. While I respect the backgrounds of the other candidates, I think Martha's background is an opportunity to capitalize on by appointing her (and her voice/experience) to the council.

Thank you for hearing and considering my opinion. I am a resident of District 6, a parent, a leader of a Pasadena business, and an actively engaged citizen.

Best,  
Kaya

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Kaya (Haig) Plansker

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**From:** greg apodaca <[greg.apodaca@leadershippasadena.org](mailto:greg.apodaca@leadershippasadena.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 7:32 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Support for Martha Shenkenberg who is running for Council District 5

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Greetings,

I'm writing in support of Martha Shenkenberg who has applied to fill the council vacancy in District 5.

I have known Martha for 25 years. We have volunteered together in Pasadena and we both have invested much of our adult lives serving our community in one way or another.

In Pasadena, as I was starting Leadership Pasadena (LP) in the mid-1990's Martha provided her consulting expertise to perform a "time study" to estimate the number of hours I was working to launch the organization. As you may know, starting an organization from a dream requires the person leading the way to wear many hats and work innumerable hours while resources are thin and there is little money for staff.

Martha's expertise and her time-study report to the LP board of directors was instrumental in helping them realize that what little funding we had should be invested in additional staff to help share the work load. Her work saved me from burning out as we worked so hard to grow the organization, and recently LP celebrated 20 years of training leaders for our community. Martha has been an active volunteer for LP after she graduated with the first class in 1999. In later years, she served as an LP board member and also as board chairperson.

I know Martha has been heavily involved in serving Pasadena through her church, in starting the STARS tutoring program for youth, and as a mentor for youth outside of STARS.

I have the highest regard for Martha as a person, a volunteer, and a fellow community leader. I heartily recommend that Martha be chosen to represent District 5. Please feel free to call me to further discuss Martha's qualifications at

Greg Apodaca  
Founding Executive Director  
Vision Holder and Process Champion  
Leadership Pasadena

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**From:** Elizabeth Dever < >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 8:32 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** mshenkenberg@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Supporting Martha Shenkenberg for Council District 5

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Dear City of Pasadena Staff and Council Members:

I wholeheartedly support Martha Shenkenberg as a new Council Member for Council District 5. I first met Ms. Shenkenberg in 2013 when I participated in Leadership Pasadena (Class of 2014). Through her involvement in Leadership Pasadena, as a participant and a board member, she has proven her dedication to improving the City of Pasadena one leader at a time.

She also is a longtime resident of Pasadena and she works in Pasadena. Her work experience at Kaiser Permanente and as a consultant demonstrate that she will be able to navigate the complexities of City Government. Ms. Shenkenberg is approachable and easy to talk to - she will actively listen to and be an advocate for all of her constituents.

If you would like any additional information, please contact me at ☎ or via email at

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dever

**Elizabeth Dever, MBA**

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**From:** Carol Hernandez <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 8:58 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** City Council District 5 Appointment

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Honorable Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council

Foremost I would like to support a woman for this appointment. There have only been six women on the City Council, Josephine Heckman, Loretta Thompson- Glickmen, Katie Nack, Jacque Robinson, Margaret McAustin, and currently Felicia Williams. With two women seeking this appointment, the Council has an historic opportunity to have two women serving concurrently on the City Council.

Considering this opportunity, I am supporting Martha Shenkenberg for this Council seat. Her involvement in the community has been diverse. Her leadership in many organizations including her church, Leadership Pasadena, Board member of the Orange Heights Neighborhood Association, and Pasadena Neighborhood Network has been considerable. I have known Martha for many years and believe her knowledge and ability to get to the heart of a problem and to resolve issues is one of her strengths. In addition, her experience as a nurse and work at Kaiser Permanente will be an asset to the Council particularly at this time in the age of Covid-19.

Sincerely,

Carol Hunt Hernandez

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**From:** T Sacco <[tsacco@pasadena.gov](mailto:tsacco@pasadena.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 10:37 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** In support of Martha Shenkenberg

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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly support Martha Shenkenberg for the city council position. I met her in 1996 when we helped Jill Shook start the STARS tutoring program and mentored and tutored kids in Pasadena. Martha has also been involved in Leadership Pasadena and many other volunteer activities. She has strong communication and business skills in her work to improve the health care system's service to its members. Martha would be a huge asset to the City Council in representing and advocating for District 5 residents.

Sincerely,  
Tanja Sacco

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**From:** cindy clark-schnuelle <c'  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2021 8:11 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Comments on vacant District 5 seat

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I am a resident of Pasadena and District 5. I completely support Martha Shenkenberg to fill the vacant District 5 seat.

Martha has deep community service experience as well as business and management skills. She understands the diversity of the District 5 and is, in my opinion, the person best qualified and suited to sit on the Pasadena City Council.

Best regards,

Cindy Clark-Schnuelle  
District 5 resident

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**From:** Elise Pomerance <  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2021 11:13 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Supporting Martha Shenkenberg for District 5 City Council

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Hello - I'm writing in support of Martha Shenkenberg for City Council for District 5. She is a devoted and long-time Pasadenian who cares very much about her community. She is a lovely person and will do an outstanding job. Many thanks.

Elise Pomerance

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**From:** Chris Robertson <c  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2021 2:49 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** mshenkenberg@yahoo.com; Chris Robertson; lrobertson@goehnercpas.com  
**Subject:** Martha Shenkenberg - District 5 City Council

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To whom it may concern,

I have known **Martha Shenkenberg** as a friend and neighbor for over twenty years and during that time she has proven to be knowledgeable, hard working, and diligent. Martha's devotion to our community, her professional leadership and tireless contributions to various civic organizations make her supremely qualified to represent the residents of District 5.

I wholeheartedly support Martha Shenkenberg bid for the District 5 seat and urge swift appointment.

Sincerely,

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**Chris Robertson**  
Robertson Commercial  
Lic. 01793221

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2021 4:42 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** G William Birrell  
**Subject:** Martha Shenkenberg

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I have know Martha since we were at Graduate Business School together in the 1980's. I know her to be one of the most committed, generous and conscientious people I have ever known.

She has served every community she has ever been involved with - from her family to our class at school, to volunteering to apply her nursing background to help with the pandemic surge.

If there is anyone who will tirelessly dedicate herself to improving the Pasadena residents quality of life, it is Martha Shenkenberg.

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