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From: Ricardo Cortez <r >
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:30 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pat Amsbry District 5 Council Member

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I first met Amsbry and his family back in 2004. He is a wonderful friend and a phenomenal neighbor. My family and I, support him in this wonderful journey he will take on. Mr. Amsbry, is an incredible asset to our community. I know he would do an incredible job in district five and for all Pasadena residence. If you have any questions regarding this email, please don't hesitate to contact me at my personal cellphone (626) 252-5023. Thank you for your time.
Respectfully,
Ricardo Cortez.

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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on February 4, 2021 about Agenda Item 3

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Reid Leslie			Street, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I have known Pat Amsbry for more than more than 15 years, since our children started pre-school together. We were Cub Scout leaders together and then members of the Board of Governors of Altadena Town and Country Club. Pat is a person of the highest integrity. He is smart, thoughtful and hard working. I believe he would make a wonderful City Council member. He would represent all of the citizens of his district and helped Pasadena to a brighter future. I recommend Pat without reservation.

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From: Robert Kamins <.....>
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Subject: VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL, REPRESENTING DISTRICT 5

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Honorable Victor Gordo, Mayor, City of Pasadena
Members of the City Council, City of Pasadena

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Counsel Members,

I proudly write today in support of Mr. Patrick "Pat" Amsbry's candidacy for the City Council vacancy representing District 5. Over the past eight years, I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know Pat on two community boards including the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center (RBAC). Never ceasing to amaze, Pat truly represents the best of Pasadena, an individual continually motivated to improve our community through tireless volunteerism, heart, energy, time, and philanthropy. Quite simply, Pat is among the best dedicated citizen servants that I have ever met. Whether at the RBAC, the volunteer police force, a created non-profit (with his wife Kate) benefitting Madison Elementary, athletic booster support, or thought-leadership promotion in Civitas (with Pasadena business and civic leaders), Pat leads selflessly and by example.

No doubt Pat's special attributes will benefit Pasadena as the City Councilman for District 5. Pat has continually shown himself to be a bridge-builder developing endearing relationships with people from all walks of life. I have often wondered how he achieves this and settle upon a true character blend motivated by curiosity, pursuit of friendship, goodness, and a true love for Pasadena and its cultural and community institutions. Pat routinely thinks of others and applies his disarming intelligence, humor, entrepreneurialism, persuasion, and marketing talents to improve his chosen causes while continually championing diversity and upward opportunities for all. Still, somehow he finds time to operate multiple successful Pasadena-based businesses creating beneficial economic and training outcomes.

Beyond mere commitment, an effective civil servant must produce results. I wish to highlight first-hand observation of Pat's advancing and inspiring the RBAC to fulfill its mission and potential. Pat is willing to put in elbow grease and make tough decisions, plus re-establish productive stakeholder communication lines with the City, patrons, parents, and the community at-large. He simply has done and influenced others to do amazing things and I have no doubt he will do the same for his District and the City.

Committed, passionate, uniquely personable, creative, and intelligent -- Pat is a Crown City treasure. I therefore strongly recommend Pat Amsbry be appointed to the District 5 vacancy.

Thank you for your consideration and dedicated service to our incredible home, Pasadena.

Mr. Robert A. Kamins
Pasadena Community Member and Property Owner

Martinez, Ruben

From: Patricia Guzman <
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 1:25 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Patrick Amsbry Recommendation Letter

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Dear Council Members, Mayor Victor Gordo and Community Members,

My name is Patricia Guzman and I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Patrick Amsbry for Pasadena's District 5 Council position. I am a teacher and the PTA president at James Madison Elementary with Pasadena Unified School District. I also serve as an alternate school site representative and a member of United Teachers of Pasadena. Furthermore, I am closely involved with NDLO - the *National Day Laborer Organizing Network* and personally know its directors and administrators. Furthermore, I continue to be a staunch advocate for the North-West Pasadena Community.

For the past five years, Patrick Amsbry and his wife have worked tirelessly and very closely with the Madison community as volunteers to improve school attendance, help with school events and activities, recognize and celebrate staff and students, and collaborate with community partners and other schools. Among the many things that Mr. and Mrs. Amsbry have supported Madison Elementary School are:

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- Book Drive (1,000 books every year)
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- Incentives for Students,
- Student/Family Prizes (Attendance focus: students with perfect attendance as well as students with improved attendance)
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- Parent Prizes (gift cards)
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- Supermarket Gift Cards for
- Needy Families
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- Incentives for Teachers
- (gift cards to recognize teachers)
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- Yearly Family Dance
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- Volunteer as Reading Partners
- Reader/Tutor (during in-person learning)
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- Volunteer in Madison Food
- Distribution During the Pandemic
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- Backpacks for Every Madison
- Student (including school supplies)
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- Advocates for Resources
- for Madison Families and Students in Spanish
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- Advocates for Equity of
- Resources in PUSD for Underrepresented Communities
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- Fundraising for Madison
- Elementary to Be Used as Needed by Students
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- Sharing the Needs of Our
- Community with Community Partners to Encourage their Support (Aquatics Center Experience for Madison families)
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I have personally observed Mr. and Mrs. Amsbry going far above and beyond any expectations to support the Madison Community with the above mentioned contributions and especially food and supplies distribution during COVID-19 pandemic. They have truly become an integral part of the community and of the proud Madison Family.

I unequivocally believe that Mr. Amsbry will make an excellent representative for District 5, not because he has helped and supported us here at Madison, but rather helped us at Madison but rather because he has the experience and passion necessary to work with people effectively. Through his many actions Mr. Amsbry has shown that he works collaboratively with the community to bring about constructive change for the betterment of the City of Pasadena. Mr. Amsbry is extremely knowledgeable of culturally relevant issues that impact the Latinex and African-American cultures here in Pasadena and he is committed to his calling. As such, I know that Mr. Amsbry will work in partnership with the city and its representatives to help all the members of our community.

“Use your head to organize people, but use your heart to move people ...” is the maxim by which our community works to bring about effective and impacting change. I believe that as a council member, Mr. Amsbry will advocate for our community to better our lives and ways to bring more resources to our most vulnerable families. Community building always requires a united effort and Mr. Amsbry has the experiences, qualifications, and the heart to make that happen.

Sincerely,
Patricia Guzman

Martinez, Ruben

From: Joan Aarestad <
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 1:51 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support of Patrick Amsbury for District 5

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I am President of the East Arroyo Resident's Association and have lived near the Rose Bowl since 1987. I have worked closely with Patrick in his position with the Aquatics Center on issues relating to the stakeholders and their use of the ArroyoSeco including the Rose Bowl Stadium.

It is a complex set of issues which deeply affect the finances of the City moving forward. I have spent many hours with Patrick discussing the topic and working on meaningful strategies. He listens and responds to even difficult issues in ways that I think will benefit the operation of the City Council.

Tho I am aware that there is an issue of lack of representation of women on the Council, gender should not be the motivating force behind an appointment of this nature. Instead, it must be the "right" candidate whether woman or man.

Neither of the female candidates have had enough of a public profile regarding City issues for me to have any idea of their qualifications, their work habits or temperament.

This is in sharp contrast to my interaction with Felicia Williams who has impressed me with being the right person to represent her district.

Particularly with the intense work ahead, I feel that the Council should select someone with a proven track record.

Anyone will be free to challenge Patrick the next time around and demonstrate why he or she may be a better candidate.

I would very much look forward to working with Patrick and other City Council members to blaze a bright new path for the City of Pasadena. Several of you already know my interests so it it time to start making it happen.

We have so much potential as a community and I already know Patrick is on board with deep thinking, collaboration and congeniality.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: District 5 City Council Position
Attachments: mime-attachment

From: Bill Thomson <bill.thomson@cityofpasadena.net>
Date: February 4, 2021 at 1:52:06 PM PST
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: William Thomson <william.thomson@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: **District 5 City Council Position**

Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to support the appointment of Pat Amsbry to fill the vacant District 5 Council seat.

The business of running the City through the work of the Council is complex, and requires a person with a certain temperament and specific skills and talents. I feel confident making these judgements after having served as Mayor of our great City and on this same Council for 16 years. In making the best selection, one must consider an applicant's business experience; ability to listen to and understand different points of view; examine important issues from all sides; solicit and be open to receiving feedback; have a deep commitment to the constituents and the community; be a consensus builder and not be reluctant to make tough (and often unpopular) decisions, when they are in the best interest of the common good.

I know Pat very well, and I know that he has these qualities. In my service with him on the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center Board, he has demonstrated humility and the ability and willingness to make corrections when needed. He has a passion for the work he undertakes, an openness for feedback, and a commitment to the community he serves.

In closing, I give you my strong recommendation for Pat as a City Council Member. As someone who has served on the City Council, I know what it takes to be a successful Council Member, and I am confident that Pat possesses the temperament, ethics, passion and commitment to service, and the ability to work collaboratively with his fellow Council Members for his District and for the betterment of the entire City of Pasadena.

If there are any questions, please contact me, and I will be ready to help.

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Name: Chipper Pastron **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I would like to add my voice of support of Pat Amsbry being given the opportunity to represent district 5 as its City Council representative. Having bought my first home in the city of Pasadena in district 5 and living there for over a decade I have a great affinity for this district and know Pat would represent it well.

Additionally as a business owner it and property owner in the city of Pasadena for over 35 years I know Pat would represent the city as a whole and the concerns of us small business owners very well. I look forward to seeing Mr Amsbry become our newest Pasadena city council member

Thank you

Chipper Pastron

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Novelo, Lilia

From: Noemi Montaño [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 3:23 PM
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Public Comment for Special City Council Meeting
February 4, 2021

Dear City Council and Mayor Gordo,

It is my pleasure to share with you the ways in which Patrick Amsbry, candidate for Pasadena City Council District 5 position, is a part of the Madison Elementary School community. Mr. Amsbry became involved as a community volunteer with our Madison Reading Partners program four years ago. For the past four years Mr. Amsbry has looked for ways to improve the lives of underserved children and families in our community. From sponsoring book drives to build home libraries to providing resources for field trips and other fun events for our students and families, Mr. Amsbry has given his time and resources to help our students learn and grow. He has built relationships with families in the community and continues to find new ways to serve.

During these past few months of the pandemic, Mr. Amsbry has volunteered at food distribution centers and provided backpacks and school supplies for needy families, while continuing to sponsor student attendance incentive programs at our school. He continues to be moved by social justice issues and the need for access in equity of underserved families.

Through this journey of friendship with our neighborhood families he has seen that he can help Pasadena District 5 families even more through a position on the Pasadena City Council. I know that he will be able to do this because he is committed to help improve the lives of our community. Mr. Amsbry has experience as part of the corporate world and as a business owner. He is a collaborative problem solver that can work with others of diverse backgrounds to meet common goals. I have full confidence that his passion for serving others will bring solutions to the many challenges currently faced.

Sincerely,

Noemi Orduna, Principal
Madison Elementary School
Pasadena, California

Martinez, Ruben

From: Vivian Rescalvo < >
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 4:56 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pat Amsbry for Council District 5

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I have known Pat for many years and he is a very compassionate, civic minded, active community member. Pat would make an excellent City Council member. Fair-minded, even keeled and respectful of view points, Pat is the type of individual who works well with people and would bring about consensus while putting the needs of the community first.

Pat and his family are longtime members and residents of Pasadena. He is committed to making Pasadena a better place to live for all individuals.

I highly recommend Pat Amsbry for City Council!

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