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Hello Members of the City Council and PUSD Board of Education,

As an active member of the Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families, and the leader of a thriving non-profit organization serving children in this community, I want to reinforce what you will hear today about the needs of children and youth in Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre. The Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena has been in almost constant **in-person** operation since the beginning of Covid-19, and we are witnessing first-hand the impact the pandemic is having on kids.

We are doing all we can to address the academic obstacles they are facing – from lack of wifi, challenges with staying attentive on Zoom-type calls, and more. We are partnering with experts to help us navigate the mental health issues that are appearing. But most of all we are providing a safe place for kids to be, and offering a strong sense of belonging, adults who care, and fun.

Thank you all for doing your best to keep kids' mounting needs a priority as this incredible chapter in our history continues to play out. We are all in this together, and be assured that the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena is ALL IN for all kids!

Best,

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