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The Honorable Bill Bogaard
Mayor
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Street, Room 237
Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

Over the past 2 and ½ years, it has been a pleasure to serve as an At-Large appointee to the Pasadena Transportation Advisory Commission, the last six months as Chairman.

It is with great regret that I must resign as a Commissioner, effective March 12th.

When my wife Luisa and I purchased our home here in Pasadena four years ago, we had the feeling that we would never leave. We found a gem of a home in the Historic Highlands. As DINKS (Double Income, No Kids), we thought that our quaint little home would serve us well. Unfortunately, with the birth of my daughter Melina and son Joaquin, we are unable to make due in our small home.


Luisa and I had been searching throughout Pasadena for six months to find the right place to continue raising our children. We had even made two offers on homes but due to the competitive nature of real estate in Pasadena, we decided to look elsewhere. We (fortunately & unfortunately) finally found a great house in the historic district of Whittier, adjacent to Whittier College.

Undoubtedly, this WILL be a great year for Pasadena. Many projects are beginning to come to fruition. One of these projects, the Gold Line, will surely add to the City's already great character. But most important, the attitude of the City has changed. An increased sense of pride has taken hold. (Must be why home prices are skyrocketing!) The City has made great strides in the years we have lived here. As I read in a recent newspaper article, I am in complete agreement with the opinion that you and your leadership are the reasons behind this movement.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for the generous opportunity to serve this City as a commissioner. I will never forget the experience. I appreciate yours and the rest of the Council's faith in me to serve. Also, I want to remind you to thank and congratulate an incredible Transportation staff led by Joyce Amerson. Like you, they are true professionals who care deeply about Pasadena.

I will notify you shortly of our new address. Once again, thank you and God Bless.

Regards,


Victor Franco, Jr.

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