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Good afternoon,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting of the Pasadena City Council, however I did want to express the support of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce for your Finance Department's effort to encourage City Departments to seek bids from local Pasadena businesses before procuring work or supplies from companies outside of the city borders. This effort will support our local business community and our economy, probably save the city some money and return some resources to the city in the form of taxes and fees from those local businesses. Further, the city effort will bolster the confidence our businesses have in the city and provide a tangible example to the private sector that qualified firms and competitive prices can be found among our local businesses.

I also want to let you know that the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce appreciates the effort you and your staff have put into creating a workable city budget in these difficult economic times. We look to the city for leadership and are pleased that you are providing an example of financial stewardship at this time. We also appreciate that you did not turn to easily increased revenue sources from either your commercial or residential sectors to finance your budget. Instead you chose to take a more difficult, but more sustainable path, to create a budget that can lead to long-term financial stability for the City. We recognize that difficult decisions have been made, and are prepared to support you in the decisions you will make to balance the city budget.

Thank you and good luck.

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