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I am writing to ask that you and your colleagues on the City Council not vote to support Agenda Item # 10 on the 17 December Council agenda as it is written. I ask this for the following reasons:

1) The recommendation does not adequately describe why additional resources are needed for traffic control services during special events, when – to this date – there has been no stated request for such supplementary services. Without explicit explanation, one is left to assume that increasing pressures of crowd control, the need for increased surveillance activities, staff shortages, a rising crime rate, or the like are the reason for the request. As I have every confidence in the Pasadena Police Department, I have no doubt that Chief Sanchez would readily supply this information, which would be of considerable importance to Pasadena residents as they consider the reasonableness of this recommendation.

2) The Fiscal Impact statement is inadequate. While it says that traffic control services have already been budgeted for in the Rose Parade, Post Parade and Rose Bowl Game accounts, it does not say what dollar amounts have been budgeted. The absence of this information does not allow Pasadena residents to determine what of the requested \$200,000 will remain to be spent and from what future special event budgets it is anticipated that any remaining balance of the \$200,000 – if spent – would be recovered.

3) As you might imagine, the City Council's decision to enable the RBOC to extend an invitation to an NFL team to play in the Rose Bowl, has raised considerable concerns amongst a significant number of Pasadena residents. The wording of this recommendation – asking for authorization of two, optional one-year extensions of the Apex Group contract– leaves open the possibility that the services to be provided under the contract could possibly be employed during a time when an NFL team could be playing in the Rose Bowl. Because Pasadena residents have been repeatedly assured that the bringing of an NFL team to the Rose Bowl would not place any additional financial burden on the City for police services - including traffic control - I ask that any motion to approve this recommendation not provide for any Apex Group contract extensions or – alternatively – that any

extension option exercised state that no Apex Group provided services would be utilized during any NFL game in the Rose Bowl at anytime in the future.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

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