

## **Jomsky, Mark**

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**From:** rjfleischner@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 22, 2018 10:39 AM  
**To:** Tornek, Terry; Mermell, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy; Dock, Fred; cityclerk; Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** More of my tax \$\$ for another study on lane reductions?

Honorable Mayor, City Council People, et al,

Excuse me but, you want to raise sales tax by .075 because you cannot sustain maintenance of city infrastructure at the existing rate yet you STILL see fit to continue paying consultants for "improvements" that are not necessary?

I'll keep this short and sweet in terms that you can understand. I am not in favor of a tax increase. I am especially not in favor of supporting your pet projects—ie, "Road Diets". I realize that this mandate has trickled down from above and that certain funding is wrapped up in its compliance but--NO!!!

If you can't sustain existing pensions, you shouldn't be squandering \$\$ on consultants to justify reducing auto traffic lanes.

PS While I appreciate having transportation options and would love the streets to be absolutely, completely safe for all those that utilize them, projects like Spacebank--which is going to add 550 housing units to an already busy corridor that will be affected by your "Road Diets" does not help your position.

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**From:** jseadream@aol.com  
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**Subject:** Police Contract and Complete Streets Funding

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

7/23/18

I would like to express my concerns on two items for tonight's City Council Meeting. As I am unable to attend, and usually would speak, I am writing this letter.

The first item is that of the unresolved contract for the Police Department. As I have two friends on the force and am from a family of police members, I know the difficulties they face every day. I also know that our department is understaffed at this time and will continue to be so with budget cuts. I am concerned about their morale and the turnover of officers who come and go due to pay issues. Our city has such a fine reputation as a place to visit and attend outstanding events. It is with the help of the Police that this is possible. I am encouraging you to take care of this issue tonight in an expedient manner.

The second item I would like to address is #6, the funding for "Complete Streets" consultants. I am opposed to this funding. I am in disbelief at the amount of time and money that has been spent on the many projects in the city that are not in the best interest of "all" citizens, or for their safety. Los Angeles and other cities have had more accidents and deaths due to "road diets" and lane reductions. Citizens in cities like, Silver Lake, are extremely unhappy as their neighborhoods and roads have been affected in such a negative manner and they see accidents increase. Ninety nine percent of the people I talk to about the lane reduction on Orange Grove and other streets, are strongly opposed and also in disbelief. I have spoken with many cyclists who are against these proposals. I'm not sure who or what is benefitting from these proposals, and yet it is not the overall population of Pasadena. Safety is an important issue and these proposals are not addressing this concern, but in many cases making it worse.

I appreciate all that you do and the time you put into making this city the beautiful place that it is. I am counting on you to do what is best for all the people of Pasadena.

I would like this on the public record.

Respectfully,

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## Irahta, Alba

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**From:** flduerr@gmail.com  
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Regarding Council Agenda Item #6 Complete Streets -Toole Design Group funding

Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

I am a resident of Pasadena and I am not in favor of the proposed funding for another consultant study of Complete Streets -Toole Design Group, LLC. and ask the Mayor and City Council to reject this funding.

I am in favor of Safe Streets but believe these can best achieved by letting the traffic engineer's study and correct where most accidents occur, at the intersections (Pasadena DOT data). It is the purposeful creation of congestion through lane reductions and Completes Streets ideologies that is causing unsafe streets as the latest studies show.

The political focus on Complete Streets programs designed to emphasize walking, cycling and public transport fails to recognize Pasadena's unique growth and position as a Commuter City, providing jobs and workers throughout the LA Basin. Complete Streets is allowing City complete streets advocacy groups to grab essential transportation corridors that should be shared proportionally. The small amount of bike traffic present in the City does not suggest that arterial roads should be converted for cycle use when the City already has very little used bikeways. Yes, there should be a bike network, but not using the major arterial roads.

The political direction to make a City more village-like is not an appropriate direction for the Department of Transportation (DOT) in a region where most people work elsewhere and out-of-city commuters fill most of the jobs in Pasadena.

The city's own DOT website supports projects that states: "Pasadena has set forth a Guiding Principle that this will be a City where people can circulate without cars. This Complete Streets approach requires a close look at our most vulnerable road users, pedestrians and bicyclists. Through the Safer Streets Pasadena initiative, we are working to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on our streets."

No one disagrees with elimination of safety problems, but why the focus on such a small percentage of other road users? The thought that a majority of people can function without cars is a

fantasy, especially when considering anyone who is not fit, not under 30's, or not able to walk or carry bags over long distances.

This expenditure is small, but wasting money on consultants when the City is requesting an additional  $\frac{3}{4}$  percent sales tax increase in Pasadena is not a prudent use of funds by the Council, especially when the City budget is in the red. The City is already experienced what the Livable Orange Grove consultants delivered and their data was refuted by the residents.

I urge you to reject funding of the Complete Streets - Toole Design Group LLC contract.

Thank you,  
Frank Duerr  
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Please add this letter to the public record.