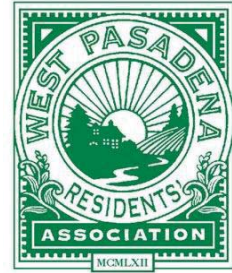


## UPDATED VERSION



June 14, 2018

Dear Mayor Tornek, City Council Members, Mr. Mermell and Mr. Reyes:

The West Pasadena Residents' Association has been participating within the YWCA/Civic Center development process since (and before) we presented our first policy letter to City Council on August 1, 2016. At that time, we encouraged a smaller structure with a deeper Garfield Avenue setback.

Since then, we have participated in the Civic Center Task Force through its various meetings and through that process, we expanded our policy about the Civic Center Plaza area. The WPRA considers City Hall to be a monumental work of art and no other structures should compete with it in scale, height or importance of place; nor should any new buildings encroach upon City Hall or crowd its setting in order to maintain its current open space sightlines and visual impact. With that in mind, the WPRA recommends the following list of preferred design plan:

1. The Julia Morgan YWCA building must be rehabilitated according to the Secretary of Interior standards.
2. The Civic Center Plaza area must be completed as a symmetrical and integrated whole. New building facades on the north and south corners of Holly Street and Garfield Avenue should be symmetrical and complementary in shape and height, responding to the proportions of City Hall to create a sense of coherence and harmony.
3. All new buildings should be stylistically compatible with City Hall.
4. All new buildings adjacent to Garfield Avenue, facing City Hall, should be no higher than four stories or 46 feet high.
5. No new structures should be built on the grassy open spaces that currently exist opposite City Hall. The 107-foot setback extending west from the Garfield Avenue curbs must remain a parklike setting.
6. Regarding the use of the Civic Center buildings: Try to keep the Civic Center "civic."

The WPRA urges the City Council to take these design recommendations under serious consideration. Our Civic Center Plaza and the open spaces around it must stay as they are – wide and deep expanses allowing the means to step away from our striking domed edifice and take in its total majestic tableau.

Thank you for considering our point of view.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Beal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Beal  
President  
West Pasadena Residents' Association

The WPRA is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in southwest Pasadena. We represent 7,000 households, including 1,000 paid members.