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Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Pasadena
100 Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Support: Council Item Number 7, "Authorization to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. for a total not-to-exceed of \$8,000,000 for radio communications equipment and accessories."

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of the members of the Pasadena Firefighters Association, Local 809, we strongly support the recommendation to improve and upgrade current radio communications equipment and accessories.

PFFA 809 has long recognized and communicated to the City the urgency of replacing existing radios as soon as possible. The ability to communicate within the Fire Department and with other first responders is paramount in any emergency. Not only is it nearly impossible to perform our jobs with defective radios, it is dangerous for first responders and the public.

Furthermore, we are appreciative that within the report, the Department of Information Technology recognizes that "issuance of Fire portable radios will be the first priority as these radios are the oldest in the fleet." We wholeheartedly agree and look forward to an immediate implementation.

We thank the Department of Information Technology, the City Manager and the Council for your continued appreciation of the needs of the public and our department.

Thank you

Scott Austin
President, PFA 809

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