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From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Flores, Valerie; Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Martinez, Ruben; Novelo, Lilia; Reese, Latasha; Robles, Sandra
Subject: FW: My support of City of Pasadena COVID-19 support in the form of utility incentives/rebates

From: Dan Alle
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:15:11 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: cityclerk
Subject: RE: My support of City of Pasadena COVID-19 support in the form of utility incentives/rebates

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Dear City Clerk's Office: My name is Dan Alle and my wife, Julie Alle, are the owners of Redstone Commercial Real Estate in Pasadena. We have been working in the commercial real estate business in this city for the past thirty years. We strongly support City of Pasadena passing utility incentives and rebates for Landlords and businesses. The current Federal stimulus package does not address any relief to Landlords that are feeling the strain of reduced rents, free rent and deferred rent that they need to provide Tenants in the Pasadena Office Market. Please pass this critical relief package for Landlords and Businesses so they can make it through this challenging financial period and thrive when the virus subsides and businesses reopen. Please call me with any questions at 626-483-6358.

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From: Vincent DeRosa <vince6070@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please read for Mayor and City Council Meeting tonight re: COVID-19 Convention Center Hospital

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Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

We have been advised the City Council is voting tonight to convert Pasadena Convention Center into a COVID-19 hospital treatment facility.

As a resident of the close surrounding area (Marengo, Cordova & Arroyo Parkway Streets) myself and local residents are **extremely concerned** for the following reasons:

1. Our immediate area will be exposed to the virus at exponentially higher levels than this COVID-19 virus than we already are.
2. There is no public plan we have been made aware to mitigate exposure to healthy residents in the immediate area.
3. Metro Rail Riders will likely continue to travel by foot to and from the Convention Center on our streets as they do now for events at the Convention Center and Civic Auditorium, we will be exposed to the COVID-19 Virus at a level much higher than ever before.
4. Delivery Trucks, Ambulances with infected patients, etc. will likely utilize the loading convention center docks on Marengo south of Green, again added exposure for what is now known as an airborne virus to travel. This COVID-19 virus is spread in an airborne agent, as such it likely may travel by shifting wind conditions in all directions as far as possible as City Hall exposing our Police, City Hall, etc.
5. Current Convention Center employees will likely continue to be parking on our local streets to avoid paying for parking in the Convention Center Parking areas, then walking back and forth on our immediate streets, it is a logical expectation that Health Care Workers, citizens infected with the virus, visitors of the sick will do the same possibly putting our residents in peril.
6. These workers historically at times have been extremely insensitive to our immediate area, they litter, spit, urinate and defecate in secluded areas, we are concerned many will do the same and as residents we are exposed.
7. LA County Health has recommended the use of Face Masks, gloves and protective gear when outside the home. This is not being enforced on any level, citizens are in grocery markets, outside of their residents demonstrating no real recommended precautions whatsoever. The Rose Bowl is a perfect example of the inability of local enforcement being

unable to safely enforce even simple social distancing, how will this be enforced on our streets directly in front of our homes?

As local residents we urge the City Council not to approve this temporary COVID-19 Treatment facility until a complete Public Safety Review and Plan is developed to protect our current citizens. It is not fair **AND EXTREMELY UNSAFE** to bring this life threatening disease into our immediate community without making 100% certain our current residents are safe at all times if such a facility is approved.

As law abiding, tax paying & voting citizens we do not believe such a plan can be concurrently developed while the hospital facility is under construction. **1st things 1st, PUBLIC SAFETY IS PRIMARY AND MUST BE TREATED TOP PRIORITY BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE.**

We are all in this together, we want to help all who need medical assistance, however not at the expense of our own health and personal welfare.

Please feel free to contact me at any time as **these are only initial concerns we have and are NOT LIMITED TO THE EXTREME EXPOSURES SUCH A DECISIONAL IMPACT COULD HAVE AND THE POSSIBLE LETHAL RELATED RESULTS.**

Thank you,

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Dear Mayor Tornek and Members of the Pasadena City Council,

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I realize that we are all facing a crisis with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, and I applaud your proposal to adapt the Conference Center for hospital use to help accommodate patients in this emergency.

I do have a concern about the use of the undergrounding surtax fund to aid citizens and business owners in this emergency. While large business owners and hotels are certainly suffering financial setbacks at this time, they will also be paying markedly lower utility bills, as most of them are closed or operating at low capacity. Moreover, many of them are national chains, with operations and assets throughout the country, not just in Pasadena. Residential users, however, will likely have higher utility bills during this crisis because they are staying at home, and they clearly deserve a break. Certain businesses, such as groceries, gas stations, and others that are still legally operating for the benefit of the community, as well as medical facilities also deserve a break. I hope the Council will take these facts into consideration in their decision on this proposal to eliminate the surtax for the next 6 months and rebate the surtax from the past 24 months.

I echo Tom Seifert's concerns on this subject as well. It seems that the city government is determined to shut down the entire undergrounding project, whereas I think that it actually should be accelerated. The loss of \$1 million from the fund (the portion not reimbursed by insurance following the recent embezzlement scandal) plus the City's inability to advance undergrounding projects in a timely manner, thereby losing value in the fund due to inflation, does not inspire confidence in the City's ability to manage this project. A proposal in June 2019 to suspend collection of the surtax for 3 years was not approved by the Council because of citizen opposition.

Once we are past this crisis, I hope that the City will provide strong leadership to realize the undergrounding of power lines in a timely and efficient manner to improve the safety and beauty of Pasadena.

Sincerely,
Ann Scheid

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