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Comments:

I strongly support the recommendation that Pasadena rejoin the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

While policy differences led to Pasadena's withdrawal, there are compelling reasons outlined in the staff report for Pasadena to be an active leader with the other 30 cities and the County in working collaboratively on vital issues affecting the entire San Gabriel Valley. On such concerns as housing, homelessness, public works and transportation, Pasadena should be coordinating local policies and programs with our neighbors to the north, south and east and combining our voice as strong advocates to County, regional and State agencies and office holders.

The challenges and opportunities facing Pasadena (e.g., climate change, economic recovery, housing affordability, public health and public safety) do not end at our city borders. While it is regrettable that the short-sighted decision to withdraw requires us to now pay dues for the time that has elapsed, the payments are an investment in a stronger voice for the two million people in the San Gabriel Valley. As a volunteer with the COG, I know the elected officials and staff welcome Pasadena's renewed participation. I urge the Council to approve Item 31.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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