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AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS; APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SALVATION ARMY HOPE CENTER PROJECT

Dear Mayor Tornek, Vice Mayor Hampton and Members of the City Council:

I am a long-time resident of Northeast Pasadena. I strongly urge the Council to vote to authorize the award of 65 project-based vouchers for the Salvation Army's Hope Center Project and 69 project-based vouchers for the Heritage Square South Project. I also strongly urge the Council to approve amendments to the loan agreement with the Salvation Army for the Hope Center Project.

This City is in desperate need of permanent supportive housing for our over 500 homeless neighbors. These two projects will provide both housing and supportive services for these neighbors. *Housing solves homelessness*. In addition, the Salvation Army will continue to provide basic social services on the first floor of the Hope Center, including through a food pantry where clients can choose their own groceries.

These projects will help to make a dent in our unhoused population. And while these projects are under construction, please consider transitional housing options like tiny homes, trailers and safe parking programs to protect our homeless neighbors from COVID-19 and to provide a safe environment for them. Thank you for your consideration.

Sonja K. Berndt.

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