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Altadena Resident/Pasadena Volunteer  
Member of Victory Bible Church, Pasadena  
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former longtime Resident (over 63 years) of Pasadena



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former candidate for Pasadena City Council

Former City of Pasadena Chair Commission on the Status of Women

Community Volunteer

Resident of Pasadena 91104, District 4

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Charles (Chuck) Pulliam

Pasadena Resident District 1, 91104

Director of Man Cave Conference - Nov. 12

Former Executive, Southern California Gas Company/Sempra Energy

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PUSD Parent and School Volunteer

Member MEN of FAME

Community Volunteer

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To our leaders in the Pasadena Government,

I would like to voice my concern for two issues currently being discussed in Pasadena.

First, I would like to strongly encourage the City of Pasadena to allow religious institutions to build affordable housing on their property. Please take steps soon to allow this to happen, especially to address the need to support the strength of the African American community in Pasadena.

Second, I would strongly encourage our leaders to allocate a much larger percentage of the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to benefit the marginalized and disproportionately impacted in our City. This is a great opportunity to easily increase funding for housing and other services for our less wealthy residents who were impacted by the pandemic.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Sincerely,

David and Tracy Erickson

Pasadena, CA 91106

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District 2

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**To:** 'mailto:correspondence@cityofpasadena.net'  
**Cc:** malebou@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** ARPA

Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

I am asking you to reject the staff's recommendations regarding the \$26 million received through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA").

These recommendations are unfair to our community by completely disregarding Congress' intent that these funds be used for programs that lift up our poor and marginalized residents. Please:

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2. Instruct City staff to organize a whole-day forum or several workshops where community members and experts can provide valuable input on how these funds should be used to ensure a strong, equitable recovery.

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I am among those who believe you should reject the staff recommendations and be request a fairer proposal for our community.

Thank you.

Boualem Bousseloub  
Pasadena Resident District 3, 91103  
Pasadena Sister Cities Chair Dakar Senegal Sub-Committee  
Member of Man Cave Conference - Nov. 12  
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