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From: Carl Selkin <carl@selkin.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 11:33 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support letter for Jessica Rivas for Distict 5 Council Seat (February 4, 2020)

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To the members of the Pasadena City Council and Mayor Gordo:

It is my pleasure to write in support of Jessica Rivas to fill the District 5 City Council seat vacated by Mayor Gordo. I have lived at 779 Belvidere Street since 1977 and have been active in our neighborhood, including as an organizer and president of our first neighborhood organization, awkwardly named CLEM for the borders of the area we served Claremont, Lake, El Molino, Mountain. AS the Washington Square Neighborhood Association we continue with active and innovative programs to sustain a positive identity and contribute to the unique spirit of Pasadena.

District 5 is one of the most diverse areas in Pasadena not only in terms of demographics but also in terms of the needs and issues which our councilmember must negotiate. Preservation meets homelessness, development and traffic impact our avenues and streets, young families and the elderly seek security and a wide range of supportive services, and ageing infrastructure needs fresh eyes as well as thoughtful attention to future pressures as we build toward the future,

I know that Jessica Rivas is superbly prepared to respond to these challenges and to be open and responsive to all our neighbors within District 5 and citywide. As a young parent and professional, as a commissioner on the Northwest Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women, as an attorney with a resume that includes work in local, state and federal government, she has the, experience, depth of knowledge and skill at analyzing and negotiating complex issues.

But the scaffolding for all of these particular qualifications is her commitment to the dignity of every individual. Her commitment to those most in need—the homeless, those at risk—embodies this virtue and exemplifies the compassion and care that I hope we all look for in those who represent and speak for us.

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I urge the members of the Pasadena City Council to select Jessica Rivas to continue Victor Gordo's exemplary record in representing District 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Selkin

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Pasadena, 91104

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From: Denise Munro Robb < >
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 8:47 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Wilson, Andy; Thyret, Pam
Subject: Jess Rivas

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Please consider Jess Rivas as the replacement for Mayor Gordo. We believe she is the best candidate. She has the experience and community involvement that we need.

Sincerely,
Denise

Denise Munro Robb, Ph.D.
Associate Professor,
Pierce College; and Joshua's Mommy

"The party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command." George Orwell "1984"

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From: Mark Maier <r >
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 9:02 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Comment on item 3 in Feb. 4 Council meeting

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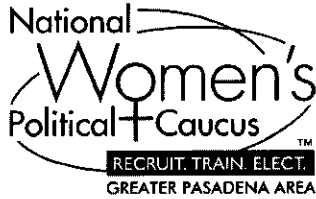
To City Council Members:

As a resident of District 5, I support the selection of Jessica Rivas for the District 5 vacancy. I have reviewed the records of the candidates and I find Ms. Rivas to be the most qualified.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Maier

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The Hon. Felicia Williams
The Hon. John Kennedy
The Hon. Gene Masuda
The Hon. Steve Madison
The Hon. Andy Wilson
Pasadena City Council
100 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Councilmembers,

MISSION

The National Women's Political Caucus recruits, trains & elects progressive, pro-choice women to elected and appointed office in the greater Pasadena area.

As chair of the National Women's Political Caucus for the Greater Pasadena Area, it is my pleasure to write to you in the strongest possible support of the appointment of Jessica Rivas to the vacant seat for District Five.

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Our caucus, led by our Political Action Committee, has considered and interviewed all qualified female candidates in contention for the vacancy, and on Friday, January 29, we formally announced our endorsement of Ms. Rivas. We submit to you that Ms. Rivas is uniquely qualified for this position, and would bring to the City Council an important and much needed perspective. Our membership includes nearly 80 women, the majority of whom are residents of Pasadena, and many of whom have been involved in civic life, government, and public affairs for decades: I am delighted to report that the vote to confirm Ms Rivas' endorsement by this body was unanimous.

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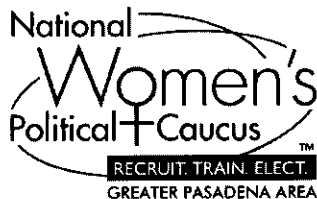
Jessica Rivas has dedicated her career to public service, having served as a deputy attorney general with the California DOJ, and currently as a deputy county counsel with the County of Los Angeles. Ms. Rivas is also a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and serves on the City of Pasadena commissions (currently the Northwest Commission, previously the Commission on the Status of Women). And last but certainly not least, she is a working mother with a small child.

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We are more aware than ever of the many critical challenges facing Pasadena, and this year promises to hold more difficult decisions. In making those hard choices, and in representing the people of Pasadena, we believe that the representation of women on the Council is vital. It is important for our governing bodies to reflect the people they represent; Ms Rivas will add an important perspective to a Council which has had very few women members through the years.



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You will all be familiar with the legions of statistics showing that the economic impact of the pandemic is disproportionately affecting women, and that working mothers in particular are bearing that burden: between February and August of 2020, mothers of children 12 years old and younger lost 2.2 million jobs nationwide compared to 870,000 jobs lost among fathers (via Brookings and Pew). As the Council works to balance the competing needs of many constituencies over the months to come to find the best path forward in these unprecedented times for the City of Pasadena, it is essential that it counts among its numbers some of those most impacted by our current crisis. Our position - held also by the city's Commission on the Status of Women, among others - is that appointing a woman to this vacant seat is vital.

We are convinced that Jessica Rivas' experience, perspective, and values will be a much-needed and critical addition to the Pasadena City Council, and we strongly urge that you vote to appoint her to this vacancy on Thursday, February 4th.

Thank you for your consideration, and with appreciation for your service to the City of Pasadena,

Sincerely,

Dr. Katie Clark
Chair, NWPC-GPA

cc: Office of Mayor Victor Gordo

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From: Pauline Field <Pauline.Field@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 3:11 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Appoint Jessica Rivas to the District 5 Seat!

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Pauline Field, and I am writing in support of Jessica Rivas for the vacant seat in District Five. As a member of the National Women's Political Caucus - Greater Pasadena Area, I believe that it is essential to have a qualified woman in that seat, and Jessica Rivas will bring an important voice to the council.

Sincerely,

Pauline Field

Pasadena, 91104

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tina Fredericks <tfredericks@pasadenaunified.org>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 3:27 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: public comment 2/4/21 : Endorsement of Jess Rivas for Pasadena City Council District 5

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My name is Tina Fredericks. I am a Pasadena resident and recently elected to Pasadena Unified School Board. I've lived with my husband and two daughters in Pasadena for 10 years. The City of Pasadena has an unique opportunity to appoint someone to city council who truly represents the values of our great community. I resoundingly endorse Jess Rivas for City Council District 5. I've worked with Ms. Rivas for many years on several local causes and can attest to her work ethic, integrity, and commitment to our community. We have been leaders on local Boards together and worked together on local campaigns doing "boots on the ground" type work. She knows how to lead and she knows how to put in the "sweat equity". A couple years ago when running for school board was just a fanciful thought, Ms. Rivas was one of the few people who pushed me. Jess is a fantastic role model to inspire more people to value public service and engage in the political process. Most importantly, Ms. Rivas and I are both mothers who want a better future for our children and share the commitment to serving the needs of all residents of Pasadena.

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From: Tamara Silver < >
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 3:26 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Tammy Silver, and I am writing in support of Jessica Rivas for the vacant seat in District Five. As a member of the National Women's Political Caucus - Greater Pasadena Area, I believe that it is essential to have a qualified woman in that seat, and Jessica Rivas will bring an important voice to the council.

Sincerely,

Tammy Silver

Council District 7 resident

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From:
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 11:28 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Gordo, Victor
Subject: Pasadena City District 5 Candidate -- Jessica Rivas

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Mayor Gordo and City Council,

As residents of District 5, we would like to share our support for Jessica Rivas for our next City Council Representative.

She will bring a bright, youthful enthusiasm to her duties as the representative of our district. She understands the issues important to our neighborhoods and the City of Pasadena. She will be an excellent representative of the diverse residents of our district in these difficult and important times.

Please select her to fill the vacancy in District 5.

Thank you,

Pepi and Joe Feinblatt

Pasadena, CA 91104

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From: Mindy Pfeiffer <[redacted]@[redacted].net>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 7:12 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Endorsement for Jessica De Leon for District 5 Councilmember

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are Mindy Pfeiffer and Jordan Vannini, residents in District 5 for 40 years. We are currently Co-Presidents of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association, and it is in that capacity that we first met Jessica De Leon some years ago. At that time she was the Secretary of the neighborhood association, and we quickly became familiar with Ms De Leon's many talents and strong leadership qualities. Jessica De Leon, by virtue of her strong advocacy of neighborhood concerns and other local affairs in District 5, is the ideal candidate to fill the seat left vacant by Mayor Gordo. A quick review of her resume leaves no doubt that she is both highly qualified and deeply committed to the issues that are important to the citizens of District 5, and Pasadena as a whole. We urge you to consider her as the best candidate to fill this vacant seat until the next election. Jessica De Leon will be a powerful voice on behalf of the citizenry of Pasadena, and no doubt will go on to win that seat in the next election. She is the real deal.

Sincerely,

Mindy Pfeiffer
Jordan Vannini
Co-Presidents WSNA

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From: Joshua Finn <
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 12:07 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment in Support of Jessica De Leon for City Council

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Honorable Victor Gordo

Mayor, City of Pasadena

Members of the City Council

City of Pasadena

Mayor Victor Gordo and City Council Members

I am gladly writing in for my support of Jessica Rivas to fill the vacancy of the District 5 city council seat.

As an attorney, a commissioner for the Northwest Commission, an involved neighbor with the Washington Square Neighborhood Association, and as a parent, Mrs. Rivas has the background, experience, and qualifications to best represent our community and all of district 5 for the city of Pasadena.

I ask that members of the Pasadena City Council please select Jessica Rivas as District 5 Council Person.

Thank You
Joshua Finn
Co-Vice President
Washington Square Neighborhood Association

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From: Marna Cornell ·
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 1:38 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Jessica Rivas for Council Seat #5

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Dear City Council,

I highly recommend Jessica Rivas to fill the vacant seat for District 5. I have worked with her on the Status of Women City Commission where I've termed out. Also, I worked with and got to know her in other organizations and community work. She is well qualified when it comes to experience, education, and character.

She has experience in city organizations and volunteer activities. Her training as a lawyer and her past job as deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice and also her present job as deputy county counsel for LA. County uniquely qualify her to deal with both local issues as well as the larger issues we face that require us to work with the state....and even the national government.

Always she was a good listener, thoughtful and willing to do the research necessary to understand the many ramifications of any policy in place or a new recommended policy....She plays well with others... a trait to be valued. She'd be an excellent choice to serve on our City Council.

Sincerely,

Marna Cornell
(presently serving as a City Commissioner on the Senior Commission)

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From: Lorena Yepez Hernandez < > m>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 5:23 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment: District 5 Appointment

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Honorable Mayor Gordo and Council Members:

As a resident of District 5, and active member of our community, I would like to urge you to appoint Jessica Rivas to the Council District 5 vacant seat.

As a young mother of two PUSD students, Latina, long term Pasadena resident, I feel it is important that our Council be representative of its residents. Having a qualified Latina Council Member in an age when equity is under a new light, and we (collectively) are trying to create and support a community that is inclusive, is extremely important. Not only does Mrs. Rivas meet the requisites but she has an impressive resume that speaks for itself. She is more than qualified to fill the position.

I have had the honor to serve on the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women with Mrs. Rivas and know first hand about her commitment for just causes and her willingness to give of her time. Our community needs someone like her.

It is without hesitation that I ask that you please appoint Jessica Rivas as the next District 5 Council Member.

Thank you for your time.

Lorena Yepez Hernandez

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From: Beatriz Vivi Martinez <
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 7:45 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF JESSICA C DE LEON - D5

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Dear Council members and Mayor Gordo,

I would like to ask you to cast your vote for Ms. Jessica C. De Leon to fill D5 seat. I believe one of her most valuable assets would be her ability to understand, relate and represent hispanic residents not only in D5, but the entire city. We, hispanics deserve and ask to be represented in the City Council. We would like Ms.De Leon to be that person.

We hispanics comprise more than a third of the city's population. We are the largest minority in the city. We deserve and want political representation that would mirror the city's ethnic composition.

I have had the pleasure to know Ms. De Leon as a neighbor in D5, and also through our shared civic life in Pasadena. Earlier through her term at the NorthWest Commission, and most recently as fellow Commissioner in the Commission of the Status of Women.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Martinez Sanchez
D5 resident

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From: Sandra B Greenstein < >
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 5:50 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Appoint Jessica Rivas to the District 5 Seat!

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Sandy Greenstein, and I am writing in support of Jessica Rivas for the vacant seat in District Five. As a member of the National Women's Political Caucus - Greater Pasadena Area, I believe that it is essential to have a qualified woman in that seat, and Jessica Rivas will bring an important voice to the council.

Jessica is highly qualified and should be appointed.

Sincerely,

Sandy Greenstein

Pasadena, CA

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Jomsky, Mark

Subject: Jessica Rivas for District 5

From: Jeanette Mann <
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:50:14 PM
To: Williams, Felicia <fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Jessica Rivas for District 5

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Dear Felicia,

I am writing in support of Jessica Rivas for the vacant seat in District Five. Jess has dedicated her professional life to public service as a deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice and as a deputy counsel with Los Angeles County. In addition to her service on the City's Commission on the Status of Women and the Northwest Commission, she has dedicated a great deal of time and energy to supporting local, progressive women candidates, including Tina Fredricks and Sandra Chen Lau.

I believe the Council needs another woman member, especially one who is highly respected in her district and who will give a voice to Latinas and to parents of young children struggling to survive and educate their children during the pandemic and hope you will support her for this position.

Cordially,

Jeanette

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From: Suz B <
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 5:32 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Appoint Jessica Rivas to the District 5 Seat!

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Edda Suzanne Barber and I am writing in support of Jessica Rivas for the vacant seat in District Five. As a member of the National Women's Political Caucus - Greater Pasadena Area, I believe that it is essential to have a qualified woman in that seat. I have heard her speak, and watched her in action and am in awe of her character and abilities.

Sincerely,

Edda Suzanne Barber

Pasadena, CA 91101

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From: Tim & Joanne Wendler <
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 5:39 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Recommendation of Jess Rivas for Council Appointment

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Mayor and Members of the City Council –

As 25-year residents of District 5, we reviewed the qualifications of the four candidates, and concluded that Jess Rivas is the superior candidate. We can attest to the fact that Jess has been active in Pasadena, having served on two city commissions, an officer of our neighborhood association, and in community organizations. She has proven to be someone who carefully weighs community input and data to reach good decisions. We are excited to have another well-qualified woman representing us on the Pasadena City Council. We urge you to appoint Jess Rivas to the City Council.

-Joanne and Tim Wendler
Pasadena, CA 91104

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From: Loretta Mockler <[redacted]@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 5:45 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Appoint Jessica Rivas to the District 5 Seat!

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Loretta Mockler and I am writing in support of Jessica Rivas for the vacant seat in District Five. As a member of the National Women's Political Caucus - Greater Pasadena Area, I believe that it is essential to have a qualified woman in that seat, and Jessica Rivas will bring an important voice to the council.

Sincerely,

Loretta Mockler

Pasadena CA91104

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From: Dianne Philibosian <
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 7:48 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Appoint Jessica Rivas to the District 5 Seat!

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Dianne Philibosian, and I am writing in support of Jessica Rivas for the vacant seat in District Five. As a member of the National Women's Political Caucus - Greater Pasadena Area, I believe that it is essential to have a qualified woman in that seat, and Jessica Rivas will bring an important voice to the council.

She understands her community, listens with empathy and will work for the benefit of the whole city. She is accomplished, competent and has demonstrated service to the community and specifically to Pasadena with commission service.

Sincerely,

Dianne Philibosian

Pasadena 91105

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From: Char Bland < . m>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 8:33 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Appoint Jessica Rivas to the District 5 Seat!

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Dear Councilmembers, My name is Charlotte "Char" Bland , and I am writing in support of Jessica Rivas for the vacant seat in District Five. As a member of the National Women's Political Caucus - Greater Pasadena Area, I believe that it is essential to have a qualified woman in that seat, and Jessica Rivas will bring an important voice to the council. Sincerely, Charlotte "Char" Bland & Pasadena, CA,

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From: Betty Sword < >
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 9:06 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: District 5 Council Seat appointment

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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I urge you to appoint Jessica Rivas to fill the vacant District 5 Council seat. I write as an involved resident of District 5 for the past 32 years, and met Ms. Rivas through our participation in the Washington Square Neighborhood Association.

She will bring an important voice and perspective to the Council, based on her impressive background of community and civic involvement.

Sincerely,

Betty Sword, District 5 resident

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From: Tamara Kohnke <
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 9:19 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Endorsement of Jess Rivas for the District 5 Seat

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my support for Jess Rivas to fill the vacant seat in District Five.

Jess brings excellent qualifications to this role as an attorney and a citizen who has been an active participant in many community organizations for years. Jess and I served on the board of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association together and I always found her to be an intelligent, well-informed and committed board member.

Jess's record of public service and professional experience would be an asset to the City Council and to our community as a whole. I respectfully urge the members of the Pasadena City Council to select Jess Rivas for the vacant District Five seat.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input and for your service to our city.

Sincerely,

Tamara Kohnke
Co-Vice President
Washington Square Neighborhood Association

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From: Ira West <
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 9:24 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Comments on Jessica Rivas, candidate for City Council

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Members of the Pasadena City Council and Mayor Gordo:

As a resident of District 5, I would like to heartily endorse Jess Rivas for appointment to the City Council.

I moved to this diverse and multi-racial district a little over a year ago from District 6, where I owned a condo, and couldn't be happier with the close-knit community here in Washington Square. Representative of that, about a month ago Ms. Rivas met with numerous home owners and renters in the area, introducing herself and letting us know her philosophy of serving the community. She spent a good half hour or more with me at my home, showing her concern for working on issues I mentioned. One such problem is an apparently mentally ill homeless woman who's been "terrorizing" our street for months, stealing packages (she took three from my porch). There are currently no diversion options for such people, while incarceration is not the solution. This is the type of problem that needs input from residents in consultation with their council member, and Ms. Rivas would be perfect as a sounding board and advocate for action.

Ira West

Pasadena 91104

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