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As a local resident who cares about the quality of the air we breathe and the future of our climate, I urge the Council to delay adoption of Agenda Item 8.

The transportation sector is the main source of local air pollution in the City of Pasadena, which lies within one of the most pollution-burdened air basins in the United States. High rates of asthma and other respiratory illnesses, as well as cognitive impairments, some cancers, and even obesity have all been linked to exposure to high levels of air pollution. In addition, the transportation sector - primarily on-road individual and commercial vehicles - is responsible for over half of all GHG emissions in the state of California when one accounts for emissions related to the extraction, processing, and distribution of oil.

The City can help accelerate the adoption of cleaner vehicles by leading by example. Please delay the proposed purchase of almost \$700,000 in fuel-inefficient vehicles and ask staff to review existing and soon-to-be-available near and zero emission vehicles. At a minimum, there are a number hybrid SUV and pickup options in 2021. If the City can wait a few more months, Pasadena could be one of the first cities in the region to purchase all-electric pickup trucks such as the Ford F-150, which is already taking orders.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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