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To whom it may concern:

Greetings! My name is Sudhir Joshua and I am writing about the homeless situation in Pasadena. The Pasadena Presbyterian Church suggested that I contact you.

I am a retired physician, medical educator, and recent transplant to the state of California. I have lived in a variety of cities throughout the U.S. It surprises me that a fine and beautiful city such as Pasadena does not have a permanent shelter where the homeless may sleep overnight. We, as Americans, take a lot of things for granted. I have done overseas medical mission work and seen the distressing situation that people face. Many in this world do not own a home or car; they do not know where they will get their next meal. Given the wealth of the U.S. and this state, isn't there something more than can be done for the homeless in Pasadena? I am sure that your labors are not easy so I thank you for whatever you can do.

God bless,

Sudhir D. Joshua, M.D.

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From: Lisa Cavelier <lisa.cavelier@bgcpasadena.org>
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Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council:

When Covid-19 hit one year ago and we all found ourselves in the challenging situation of how best to move forward, one of the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena's key partners was the **Pasadena Public Health Department**. I'm writing today to let you know how we feel, one year later, about their service to our community.

From the start, Dr. Goh and her team gave crucial input as we made decisions impacting our members and their families. Along the way, they helped us navigate:

- When and if we could reopen to kids, especially those whose parents were returning to work. We reopened our doors on June 22, 2020 for a truly memorable (*in a good way*) Summer Session. We then opened again for Fall and Winter/Spring 2021 sessions.
- The parameters around having renters utilize our facilities.
- Operations planning for reopening our doors.
- Policy implementation around possible Covid-19 exposures among our staff, kids, and families.
- Getting our team of 30 staff members vaccinated.

We are beyond grateful for the help from Dr. Goh and her team, and we stand with many other community organizations who have likewise benefited from their partnership! The Pasadena Public Health Department is a gem in this community, and we are all blessed by the leadership they have shown during this very difficult chapter.

Best,

Lisa Cavelier

Lisa J. Cavelier
Chief Executive Officer

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