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Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and Members of the Pasadena City Council,

As the Chair of the Pasadena Public Library Commission but more important as a 20+ year resident of the City of Pasadena, I was like most quite shocked when informed that Pasadena's iconic Central Library would be closed indefinitely.

I noticed that as part of this evening's agenda was approval of the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. While looking through the different documents, I did notice that Attachment B makes reference to an unfunded line item for "Central Library Restoration". I realize that at the moment there are still many unknowns regarding the solution to bringing the Central Library back online but this unfunded mandate should be an opportunity to fund some kind of analysis for what it will cost to restore the Central Library.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. This citizen of the great City of Pasadena knows that the leadership of the City Council will do whatever is necessary to reopen the Central Library.

Respectfully,

Robert Karatsu

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To: Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo; City Councilmembers Hampton, Masuda, Kennedy, Williams, Rivas, Madison, and Wilson; City Clerk Mark Jomsky

From: Arroyo Seco Foundation, Ken Kules, Laura Solomon, and Morey Wolfson

Date: May 10, 2021

Subject: **Item #9**
[Public hearing: City Manager's recommended fiscal year 2022 – 2026 capital improvement program budget and adoption of fiscal year 2022- 2026 - Arroyo Seco Canyon Project Item 1040]

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We submit this as a supplement to our May 3 communication. Based on a PWP assumption of pumping cost, we have calculated a new return on investment (ROI) of 31 years for the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project (ASCP).

The Council's deliberation on this budget item was rescheduled from May 3 to May 10, 2021. This provided an opportunity to **supplement** our May 3 communication with this **new ROI**.

Our earlier ROI estimate of 22 years was based on the presumption of a cost of \$200 AF for PWP to pump groundwater from the Raymond Basin. We rounded up a PWP-cited figure of \$178 AF to \$200 AF, assuming a modest increase. The \$178 AF figure was from a PWP presentation to the Municipal Services Committee on December 16, 2019 [p.2], regarding authorizing agreements with MWD.

This supplemental communication estimates an ROI of 31 years using a cost of \$500 AF to pump groundwater from the Raymond Basin. The source for the \$500 AF is from the PWP document "Recharging Our Groundwater," dated November 19, 2019.

For the sake of brevity and to avoid repetition, we did not include the calculations in this supplemental correspondence. To see the details on how the analyses were conducted, see our May 3, 2021 communication to the Council, or contact moreywolfson@aol.com.

Consistent with our earlier communication, we recommend that the Council -

- Direct the Department of Water and Power to end any further work on the \$14 million ASCP.
- Reject the ASCP as a financially unsound investment due to the length of time to yield a return, and due to the minimal size of any potential annual benefit once an ROI is achieved.
- Adopt a City policy that protects the Arroyo Seco stream, so it naturally percolates water in to the basin.
- Direct that any funds in the Department's ASCP account be transferred to water efficiency and water conservation accounts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Council with this information.

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