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Hello Council members,

My name is Neftali Del Rio a native community member of Pasadena.

I would like to submit a comment on today's agenda item #6.

As we return to "normal" after the pandemic, I feel the pandemic gave us time to reflect on the importance of our Health. We understand a little more on keeping ourselves healthy but also others. With that being said in the past our city budget has neglected our public health department. I would like to comment that our upcoming budget for next year include more funding into our public health system. We have our own public health department that needs our city budget to help finance it. These finances can be repurposed from our police overtime budget because they use plenty of overtime payment.

Sincerely,  
Neftali

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**From:** Phyllis Chestang < >  
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**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT RE:CITY OF PASADENA/CITY COUNCIL MAY 17, 2021 MEETING/AGENDA ITEM #6

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**I, Phyllis Chestang, a small women owned certified business advisory firm and founder/ operator, 501c3, Second Wind am in favor of continuing and expanding the following in your proposed Operating Budget a mentioned on AR6, Attachment B, Section 1, page 2:**

**Eviction moratorium, rate relief for power electric customers, food bank, pantries funding over \$11 Mil, plus staff support, grab and go lunches, over 150,000, Great Plates, et al:**

- Adopting an eviction moratorium for residential and commercial tenants;
- Rebating over \$11 million in Underground Utility Surtax charges to Pasadena V Power electric customers and providing six months of rate relief;
- Providing over \$1.7 million in funding and over 2,500 hours of direct staff support local food banks, pantries and feeding programs;
- Coordinating the distribution of over 150,000 "grab and go" lunches to supplement PUSD feeding efforts at seven schools on weekends;
- Adopting an ordinance restricting commissions charged by third party food delivery services to protect local restaurants and consumers from gouging;
- Participating in the State's Great Plates Delivered program which provided 170 restaurant-delivered meals to 367 Pasadena seniors throughout the duration of the program;

In addition, due to the issues re: City of Pasadena internal controls, appointing a Risk Manager, is also highly recommended with funding from county, state or federal as stated on Page 10, paragraph 2 in the current Fiscal Year.

establishment of a Risk Manager position. Unfortunately, due to the recent economic downturn, the position, along with several others, was eliminated from the budget for cost-savings. Nevertheless, the underlying need for such a position along with the consolidation of various risk-management functions remains as vital as ever. As the economic situation has stabilized, staff believes it is an appropriate time to re-establish the position in the City.

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