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This ten-year \$10 million contract should be re-examined. This contract comes just a few months after residents of Villa Park and Northwest Pasadena were begging City Manager Steve Mermel over Zoom to help them gain access to the \$2 trillion in clean energy infrastructure spending for jobs that the Biden administration was proposing and he responded that "those were union jobs and if you were not in the union, the City cannot do anything to help."

Why in the world can the city not train residents to help with the Rose Bowl game activities and Rose Parade? Most of the law enforcement services deal with traffic. The city can create a division of unarmed Dignity Officers that work the rosebowl events in addition to providing social work services to the unhoused in addition to counseling and mental health.

Requesting and approving a \$10 million contract for undefined and dubious law enforcement services shows that the City council is not paying attention to detail on how we spend our money. After bailing out the Rosebowl for its bond debt, why are we providing supplemental law enforcement for Rosebowl games. What exactly is supplemental law enforcement anyway? Why can we not have local residents provide supplemental law enforcement? (I have NEVER seen any law enforcement office do anything beside traffic control at any of these events.)

We need to re-examine the role of police in public safety. The root cause of crime is severe poverty. We must find a way for our citizens to become employed. Otherwise, we are creating an environment that festers poverty-driven crime, homelessness and stressors within our community.

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