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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

We at Making Housing and Community Happen want to wish you all the best on Juneteenth!

We also want to affirm our support the staff recommendations for items 1 and 1, authorizing that the city seek additional funding for the work of Friends Indeed and Housing Works. We deeply respect the efforts of these organizations and believe that they deserve extra financial support to help address our City's housing and homelessness crisis.

According the 2021 Homeless Count, 512 people are experiencing homelessness,. According to the California Council of Government's report, over 7,000 Pasadena renter households earn less than \$35,000/year and 70% of them pay more than half their income on rent. They are at risk of eviction and homelessness, as evidenced by the soaring demand for rental assistance reported by Friends Indeed. Over 700 PUSD students are considered homeless.

I therefore urge you to seek this additional funding to support the efforts of these organizations to address this crisis. As people of faith, we believe we must do all we can to ensure that everyone has decent, affordable and secure housing.

Sincerely,

Anthony Manousos and Jill Shook
Co-founders of Making Housing and Community Happen.