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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council,

I applaud the City's special joint meeting in terms of thinking about the kids and early childhood education as well as crime prevention. This is a good start and a step in the right direction. I would like to say that we need to think much bigger and also address the structures within Pasadena and PUSD that allow for economic inequality.

Jobs for parents is also a critical factor in student success. There remain few African American teachers and administrators at PUSD as well as very few African American consultants, social workers, bankers, business owners, fire persons, police officers, architects, engineers, union labor, attorneys, shall I go on?... in Pasadena.

If we are really serious about crime prevention through education and job training, then we need \$1 Billion that can be paid back to investors over a long-term bond (20 to 30 years). Are we not spending over \$100 million per year on police to chase the symptoms (growing 10% each year which will be \$1.5 billion in 30 years)? If we really want to support the police, then we will really address the root causes of crime as opposed to throwing pennies at prevention and wishing for success.

I agree wholeheartedly with this smarter approach to crime prevention, but what is being proposed is woefully short. It is just time to visit the guardrails in society that exclude certain types of people from jobs that pay a living wage. It is time to commit to making sure that every child goes to college or a job after graduating from PUSD.

Best,

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