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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022 12:07 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; Wilson, Andy  
**Subject:** Affinity Project (Planned Development #39)

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Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and the Pasadena City Council:

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Thank you very much.

Kurt Webster

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**From:** Saeed Jaffer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022 1:47 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; Wilson, Andy  
**Subject:** Affinity Project (Planned Development #39)

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