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Subject: Jackie Robinson Community Center Upgrades

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Good Sunday afternoon Justin.
Hopefully you are enjoying your Sunday.

This email is to follow up and get some clarification on the ongoing issue of upgrades and repairs for the Jackie Robinson Center prior to its 50th anniversary in 2024.

The Pasadena Community Coalition/JRCC Advisory Committee have the current understanding of your support as follows:

1. You are in agreement that the JRCC is in disrepair and in need of immediate attention to bring it into compliance with basic health and safety accountability including cleanliness, floor, ceiling, wall and overall wear and tear upgrades.
2. Roof and facade of the building are in need of upgrade including clearer and more attractive signage appropriate for the ICONIC CENTER FIRST open 49 + years ago.
3. That you will immediately work with Public Works to start on appropriate repairs and work with other city staff and council to allocate the appropriate funds for the much needed upgrades.
4. As an ancillary issue you were informed of the leadership issues over the past few years and the need for a retooling JRC especially a return to the many programs that were a routine part of the Centers programs. Superintendent Kari Bell has been in the vanguard of reestablishing programs (kudos). But lack of support from the city to provide adequate staffing, technology and funding could cut short this progress. The community needs your support here.
5. Three things converge in 2024 the 50th anniversary of the Jackie Robinson Center, the 42nd(Jackies number) Black History Parade and Jackie's 105th anniversary. As council-member district #3 the community is sure that you will champion to the council, city manager and staff for the

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all of the tools needed to make these convergence of events a monumental celebration for Jackie, District #3 and the entire community of Pasadena.

6. It was disturbing that on the 50th (actually Jackie Robinson day April 15th anniversary of Jackie's breaking into the major leagues) Pasadena was the only city that did not have any significant event at city hall, any real media events or if I recall correctly not even a mention at city Council.

John would have never allowed this to pass without some fanfare. We must honor our AA heroes especially the most famous person to ever come from Pasadena.

We look forward to your response. We will share with appropriate councilmembers and staff.

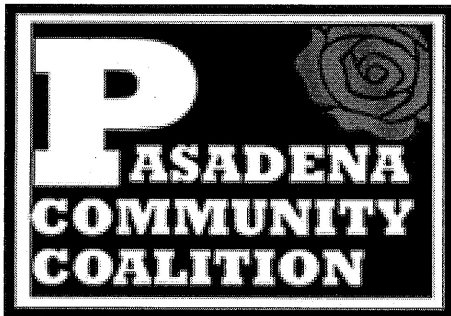
Best,

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