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(Pasadena City Council 100 North Garfield Avenue Pasadena, CA 91101)

Dear Esteemed Members of the Pasadena City Council,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. My name is Nathaniel Parker and I am the affected homeowner of [REDACTED] in our City of Pasadena. As a dedicated tax-paying citizen, residing in the lower Hastings Ranch suburb of Pasadena, California, I wish to bring to your attention a matter of utmost concern regarding an existing open and unattended walkway situated on the southern border of my home.

This walkway has become a source of significant danger as it connects our closed community to the bustling Sierra Madre Blvd, facilitating access to our neighborhood for individuals who may have ill intentions. Over the past years, we have witnessed a rise in various criminal activities, including automobile burglaries, thefts, and even hate-driven verbal assaults, jeopardizing the safety and security of our community members.

I would like to inform you that I previously addressed this issue by writing a letter to the city and Field School, highlighting the dangers posed by this unattended walkway to the safety of their (Field School) students. I was relieved to learn that a gate would be erected to protect these students, demonstrating the positive impact of collective action in securing our neighborhood.

However, regrettably, this walkway has also become a hotspot for racial terrorism, threats, bullying and phone harassment directed at my family by two specific residents. These two Lower Hastings residents have taken leadership positions in keeping the gate open by any means necessary. One, in particular, has relentlessly subjected my family to racist verbal abuse and phone attacks, making our lives unbearable. I have sought the protection of law enforcement in response to these distressing situations. (Throughout this process, this resident has made me very aware of her connections within the council, which have enabled her to intercept and monitor any emails I send to city officials. I have retained proof of her brazen assertion).

It is disheartening to witness how others in our neighborhood who have voiced their concerns and desires to secure our community have been subjected to pressures, bullying, and silencing tactics. The safety and well-being of our families should never be compromised or silenced, and I trust that the City Council shares this commitment to ensuring a secure and inclusive environment for all residents.

Furthermore, I want to emphasize that I am not just a concerned citizen but also a husband and father of five daughters. My utmost priority is to do everything within my power to ensure their safety, both physically and psychologically. Like any loving parent, I believe that our lack of power and influence in Lower Hastings City should not in any way hinder our ability to provide the safest possible environment for our family.

Even as I pen this letter, I do so having learned of the recent act of vandalism, where the lock on the gate was broken off for the second time just yesterday. Even at this moment, our citizens and residents are exposed- not only to potential criminal threats but also construction hazards and other dangers that persist in what was previously a closed walkway. This unfortunate incident further highlights the dire state of compromised security and safety that challenges our community.

Additionally, I would like to bring to your notice that there is a false claim of a 1950's document suggesting a city-registered easement on my property- an idle threat to attempt to seize my property in the event of the walkway closure. I want to assure the City Council of my profound understanding of California easement law and my legal counsel's retention. I am prepared to vigorously defend any false claims made against my property within the bounds of the law.

I would like to remind the City Council of its fundamental duty to ensure a safe environment for all citizens, regardless of their age, race, or creed. I commend your dedication to keeping our community safe without bias, and I am confident that the decisions made during the closed meeting tomorrow will further secure and protect the citizens of lower Hastings Ranch.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these pressing matters. Your actions are crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. I look forward to witnessing positive changes that will benefit all residents.

Sincerely,

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