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Subject: FW: Proposed Charter Amendment Regarding Pasadena Water & Power

On Sun, Mar 10, 2024 at 12:46 PM Tim Brick wrote:

To: Ken Chawkins, Chair, Pasadena Charter Study Task Force

Re: Charter Amendment about the Pasadena Water and Power Department

Date: March 10, 2024

Dear Mr. Chawkins and Members of the Charter Study Task Force:

In the era of climate change, one of the most vital entities and resources that Pasadena has is the Water and Power Department (PWP). The current city charter, however, fails to address the mission and goals of PWP and focuses only on narrow administrative procedures.

I urge the Charter Study Task Force to recommend to the City Council a charter amendment that will address this gap.

Here is the wording that I propose for discussion:

“The Pasadena Water & Power Department shall be guided by the principles of sustainability, resilience, innovation and affordability. Openness and accountability shall characterize all of its procedures. A Public Utilities Commission shall be established to ensure citizen participation and oversight in utility matters. A management or program review of PWP shall be conducted by an outside entity at least every five years to ensure excellence.”

Please agendaize this matter at an upcoming meeting of your task force.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tim Brick

03/11/2024

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