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Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice-Mayor Jess Rivas,
Honorable Councilmembers Cole, Hampton, Jones, Lyon, Madison, and Masuda
c/o City Clerk
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Avenue, 2d Floor
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Agenda Item #7: 55-85 S. Grand Avenue – Western Justice Center CUP #7114

Dear Mayor Gordo, Vice-Mayor Rivas, and Honorable Councilmembers:

My name is Mike Davis. I live next to the WJC on the other side of its wall and have spoken to you before in opposition to the CUP being heard tonight. I would like to point out several issues that I feel are important in your deliberations.

First, at the previous council meeting, I was able to show that WJC's claim of an average of 47 events per year was clearly a misstatement by them as it was for all events, not just weddings. Council member Madison picked up on that point and said there is a real difference between weddings and ice cream socials. Staff then said they had more detailed information on the number and description of events. This too was a misstatement as the WJC has not produced that information per Staff's cover memo for tonight. and Ms. Paige does not have it! This raises a serious question as to what the zoning department, board of zoning appeals and you the City Council have been told that has an adverse impact on your deliberations. I am deeply concerned you have not been given the correct information.

Second, it appears to me that the City Council as duly elected representatives in the City of Pasadena are being given misstatements as to the facts and the law that do not support this CUP by City staff that there is a distinct bias against us in favor of the WJC.

Third, we are a country of laws and there are many venues available to us to pursue based on your decision. While it was mine, my wife and our friends desire to put this behind us, the mere fact that WJC persists in seeking this CUP and now has filed an application for a third TUP would appear to make that impossible.

Thank You, Mike Davis

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