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Mayor and Councilmembers,

First, I want to commend you for the clear and supportive statement you made on "Federal Activity and Community Reassurance." Among other things, it set the tone for the peaceful demonstration on Saturday. I also commend the police for their support of the peaceful demonstration.

The following comments are in response to items #5 and #6 on tonight's consent calendar regarding the leasing of non-enforcement police vehicles and undercover, unmarked police vehicles. Both items refer to the leasing of gas-powered vehicles.

The staff report for item #5 states that "[t]he leasing of vehicles would have no adverse impact on the environment." I disagree.

The staff report for item #6 includes several reasons that these new leases can not be electric cars, including that there are no available protected (for police cars) charging stations. I have attended several city council meetings where this issue has been raised and I thought the council had given direction for creating these charging stations ASAP.

6/16/2025 Item 5 & 6 The city council unanimously signed Resolution 9977, stating that "The City Council hereby declares that climate change is an emergency that threatens the health and welfare of our city, region, state, nation, and the environment. Section 2. The City commits to environmental stewardship and continued leadership in sustainability.

Progress is being made to reach the goal stated in Resolution 9977 to source Pasadena's power 100% from carbon free sources by 2030, but that is not sufficient to reduce Pasadena's GHG emissions enough to keep the air quality from being "Unhealthy for All" on too many days per year and the temperature from being dangerously high. We are so long overdue in addressing all of Pasadena's GHG emissions that we can control in a manner that honors our current situation.

I am asking that the City Council direct the city staff and all departments to consider the effect of all their requests and actions on the climate that we all must live within. And that the City Council NOT authorize any more contracts that we know will not decrease the city's GHG emissions as much as we can given current technology.

Thank you, Kathy Berlin Pasadena resident