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I strongly support the two "Glenarm as back up" scenarios developed by E3 consultants. Council must direct PWP to implement these scenarios. As stated by E3, local solar power will give our city added power and resilience and help protect us from transmission failures. After two years of study, there is no time to waste.

Unfortunately, the Recommended CIP Does not reflect PWP's professed focus on implementation efforts to achieve 100% carbon free electric power in 2030 as mandated in Resolution 9977.

Regarding Agenda Item 12, City Council must not approve the Recommended FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget in its current form. Revisions are required in order to achieve the clearly stated goals of Resolution 9977.

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Dear Betty and Councilmember Justin Jones,

I'm writing as your constituent and a member of Pasadena 100 to ask you to help re-prioritize the Capital Improvement Budget so that it aligns with our city's Climate Emergency Resolution 9977 and with the findings from the consultants working with Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) on the Optimized Strategic Plan (OSP).

When the City Council approved over \$1.2 million to bring in expert consultants to guide us toward a carbon-free future, many of us in the community took that as a serious commitment, not just to study solutions, but to act on them. Now is the time to show that commitment in the choices reflected in our budget.

I know the city is facing tough financial constraints, which is all the more reason why we must prioritize wisely. The most recent modeling in the OSP offers genuinely hopeful news: we can reach our carbon-free goal if we add 100 megawatts of local solar within the next five years, along with continued investments in storage, demand response, and renewable power. This isn't a fantasy, it's doable. Of the 100 MW, 36 MW are projected to happen naturally based on existing adoption rates. And there's potential for 66 MW from city-owned property alone. With your leadership and the Council's continued support, this goal is absolutely within reach.

Expanding local solar also improves our energy security, especially with the looming bottleneck at Goodrich that could exceed peak load by 2031. It's also financially smart. Local solar reduces our reliance on expensive imported electricity, and Glendale is already showing what's possible with installations like the new solar project at their Perkins building.

That's why I was glad to see funding for storage and other OSP-aligned items in PWP's proposed budget. But I was deeply concerned by some of the other allocations, such as:

- **\$34 million for a new PWP headquarters (Line Item 52)**—including \$320,000 just for a needs assessment. At a time when utility bills are high and many city workers are still operating remotely, this seems disconnected from current realities. Pasadena recently passed an **Adaptive Reuse Ordinance** precisely because we have an excess of underused commercial office space. It would be far more fiscally and environmentally responsible to

repurpose one of those existing buildings than to spend tens of millions on new construction.

- **Over \$60 million to refurbish the Glenarm methane gas plant (Line Items 11, 12, and 15)**—a move that undermines our clean energy goals.
- **\$51 million to renovate the PWP warehouse (Line Item 54)**—an important investment, but why not put solar on it and use it as an opportunity for clean energy job training in NW Pasadena?
- **\$2.8 million for a new Integrated Resource Plan (Line Item 60)**—this is required by law, but the cost seems excessive.

Meanwhile, we're missing critical opportunities to support our community:

- There's **no funding for Community Solar**, which would help renters and lower-income residents access the benefits of solar and reduce their utility bills.
- The **\$259 million Public Works budget (Tab 2)** doesn't include a single rooftop solar project on city buildings, even though city property has huge solar potential.
- The **Central Library's seismic retrofit** doesn't include a solar canopy, which would help lower its electricity use and operating costs.
- The **Rose Bowl Improvements include \$2 million for golf course upgrades**, but no action on adding solar to the large parking areas, despite being identified by consultants as prime solar locations.
- **Program Technology investments** miss critical opportunities to manage peak demand and modernize our grid.
- The **MOU with Caltech**, while well publicized, has yet to result in concrete projects or funding to support our clean energy transition.

**After the Eaton Canyon fire, we need more than words, we need action.** The choices we make in this budget cycle will either bring us closer to a resilient, sustainable future or set us further back.

I'm asking you to stand with your constituents and push for a budget that reflects our climate values and supports a just energy transition. Please help re-prioritize the Capital Improvement Budget accordingly.

Thank you for your service and your leadership.

Sincerely,  
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