

Dear Members of City Council.

I am Trist Rauh, a junior at Sequoyah School, located on Orange Grove Boulevard. I have lived in Pasadena since 2020, specifically in District 4, and I believe that I understand the community(s) that I am surrounded by. The main request I have is to consider the economic viability of multi-level mixed-use development via a first-floor commercial space, and however many upper stories are available to be designated for residential spaces.

I've reviewed the February draft of the Reconnecting Pasadena 710 Vision Plan and considered how the area of the stub will be designated. To the east, on Colorado & other streets, lies Old Town Pasadena, which is designated as having low to medium-sized mixed-use spaces. I return to my request from above regarding the use of multi-level buildings to bring more business opportunities and residential development to the area. Some examples of commercial areas of varying sizes that come to mind are photos in the book *Soft City: Building Density for Everyday Life* by David Sim. From pages 56 to 59, the book describes different types of spacing for commercial areas, from what it describes as XS all the way up to XXL; this is also supported by photos that it shows as examples. For XS, it shows a photo of a cart on the edge of a building in Belgrade, Serbia, where a man is sitting next to it and is selling jewelry.


Thank you for your time and service to the community of the City of Pasadena, but also to this more local community surrounding the Stub.

Sincerely,
Trist Rauh

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From: John Favre
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2026 6:42 AM
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Subject: Freeway removal; City Council

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Greetings:

The pending study and report are impressive and daunting. We must go forward on the program to stop the 710 Freeway undertaken some 60 years ago. Yet still we wonder, how long to an ending, and what price. Can you give best estimates? A long time at a high cost for construction to be recovered over decades. How should we prepare and sustain our expectations?

Regards,

John Favre


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From: Myrtle Sorenson
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2026 5:27 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Restorative justice re 710 freeway

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I am reaching out to you as a victim of the 710 freeway debacle. I am asking you to consider those of us who remain alive that were directly impacted ! After decades, our parents who were the direct owners of homes and businesses are gone. We their children whose lives , homes, and community were directly affected, are now elders with children, grandchildren, and some with great grandchildren are the only living survivors. Many of whom are no longer with us. It is likely that our children grandchildren, and in some cases, great grandchildren will be the ones who will benefit from whatever restitution the city chooses to bestow upon those families descendants that were affected. The sad thing is those persons will reap the benefits from a home, a way of life, and a unique community that they cannot even fathom what it was like to experience and then lose! Therefore I ask, that if there is a monetary compensation in the plan; that it should be expeditiously awarded to those of us who are still alive. Our heirs will benefit in the decade(s) to come.

Thank you, Myrtle M. Sinclair Sorenson

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From: Martinez, Ruben
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2026 6:07 PM
To: City_Clerk
Subject: Fw: 710restorativejustice elements

Hi,

Please the correspondence below.

Regards,

Ruben Martinez

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From: gilbert walton <gilbert.walton@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2026 1:51:36 PM
To: Martinez, Ruben <rumartinez@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: 710restorativejustice elements

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Sent from my iPhone My name is Bernadette Vaughn-Farley. My family, (Leslie Vaughn, Geneva Vaughn, Linda Vaughn-Eaves and Andre Vaughn) were residents of Pasadena and we lived at 1588 Forest Ave. (on the corner of Forest and Howard). I left Pasadena 34 yrs. ago (both my parents and brother are deceased), and now I live in Maryland.

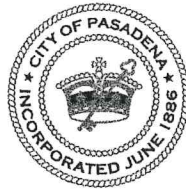
My family and several neighbors lived in the 710/210 partial and completed construction areas. As a result of this placement, my childhood home was directly impacted by eminent domain which displaced my family and I from our 1588 Forest address, not to mention many of our friends and neighbors on Howard and Channing Way. This event was particularly devastating to my family because my father had remodeled and enlarged the Forest home to accommodate our family. However, when the home was taken by the 710/210 project, my family was not fully compensated. To remain in Pasadena, so that my brother and I could attend parochial school, my parents were unable to purchase a comparable sized home with the proceeds from the Forest home. The subsequent home purchased, was must smaller. We will never know how much equity was lost.

I have recently learned of the efforts of Pasadena to do some form of restorative justice for those who were displaced and hopefully you will consider my family among those who were also displaced by Parsons, ambassador auditorium, Kings Village, red lining, and

other policies which disadvantage people of color. Many of whom, reluctantly, left Pasadena because it became unaffordable. Needless to say, after all these years, many of the original affected residents are deceased - but some like me, are still alive. I would like to see the City of Pasadena do something to right the unfair and unequal treatment that was done to my family, neighbors and other people of color so many years ago.

I am writing in support of the passage of the 10 elements of restorative justice which I think would make Pasadena a more diverse and equitable city than it has ever been in the past. Although I no longer live in Pasadena, it will always be my home in my heart.

Respectfully,
Bernadette



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CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Honorable Mayor Gordo and City Councilmembers,


The Arts & Culture Commission supports and encourages the Council to take into full consideration the Advisory Group's goals for public art and community building in the 710 Corridor. The presence of public art, art venues, and resources for artists are inexorably linked to the communities and neighborhoods in which they exist. The vitality of the arts is a reflection of how a community defines itself.

The 710-Corridor will provide one of the largest opportunities for new public art in the City's history. Bordering and connecting the Downtown Old Pasadena Redevelopment areas and the Northwest Community Plan Area, both of which result in separate qualifications for private development public art and the allocation of funds, particular attention should be given to the potential establishment of distinct criteria for the 710-Corridor as well. These criteria will fundamentally shape the scope and scale for private development public art in this new space and should be the subject of discussion and careful decision making.

With the multitudes of paths that will be presented in the coming years and decades as this massive undertaking progresses, the significance of art and culture as part of the conversation cannot be understated. A unique opportunity is present for the growth and development of a community with an intentional foundation to support and foster art and artists. The designation of art-specific spaces, in the form of live-work units, artistic venues, and appropriate resources to support these areas will be of paramount importance to ensure these aims are not eclipsed in an ocean of priorities and interests.

The City should, in moving forward with this report from the Advisory Group, fully and explicitly commit to the presence of public art and resources for artists and arts organizations as this project advances through the planning and development process. The artistic and cultural character for the future must be given the appropriate framework and resources to develop and thrive organically as the space grows from a blueprint to real neighborhoods with a diversity and vibrancy and for Pasadena to cement itself as a center of the universe for arts & culture.

City of Pasadena Arts & Culture Commission


Gabriel Lizardo, Chair
Arts & Culture Commission

Cc: Danny Parker, Chair, Reconnecting Communities 710 Advisory Group
Brenda Harvey-Williams, Assistant City Manager

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From: Paul Little
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 8:58 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Rivas, Jessica; Paul Little; Gordo, Victor; Jones, Justin; Hampton, Tyron; Madison, Steve; Jomsky, Mark; Masuda, Gene; Márquez, Miguel; Rick Cole
Subject: 710 Reconnecting Workshop

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Hello.

The gaping hole that is the 710 Freeway space in Pasadena presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our community for generations to come.

This is a unique chance to provide housing, economic opportunity and jobs, recreation and much more.

There may be opportunities to reconnect Colorado Boulevard and Green Street with commercial development that could grow Old Pasadena's attraction for visitors. (Planning and development costs that would be borne by developers adding tax revenues for the City-along with air rights sales for parcels developed.) There is also plenty of space below for the development of commercial office, R&D and more in architecturally amazing buildings.

Likewise, housing development can utilize the finest architects and designers to create truly amazing living spaces at all price levels for all income levels.

It is also a chance to do something creative and extraordinary with public space. Think about what the High Line did for Manhattan, the "Bean" in Grant Park in Chicago, Park Guell in Barcelona and Turia Gardens in Valencia (both in Spain), Central District Park in Shenzhen, China and many more. Allow creativity and imagination to drive design of public spaces as both artistic expression and public space.

Reuse and innovation can create amazing spaces that attract visitors and enhance the reputation of Pasadena as a forward thinking and creative community.

Reuse of the 710 space can accommodate many uses and needs and be creative, innovative and extraordinary at the same time.

I urge you, whatever uses you decide are appropriate, to also allow for the amazing.

Thank you for your service to Pasadena and your constituents.

Paul Little
President and Chief Executive Office
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association

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From: Claudia Funke
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 10:03 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Lyon, Jason
Subject: Public Comment / Agenda Item 3 CONSIDERATION OF RECONNECTING PASADENA 710 VISION PLAN FOR THE RELINQUISHED 710 STUB PROPERTY

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Dear Mayor Gordo and Council Members,

The redevelopment of the 710 Freeway stub offers an extraordinary opportunity for the city of Pasadena. I write to address the opportunity in terms of the city's energy needs.

Pasadena has become a leader in energy policy with Resolution 9977 and the adoption of the Optimized Strategic Plan to realize the 100% carbon-free goal by 2030.

Pasadena could further enhance this status and the city's energy security by designing the 710 Stub redevelopment to be a plus-energy development, that is, a development that generates more renewable energy than it uses, providing energy to the larger grid.

I recently spent three weeks in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany's greenest city. It has a city district, Vauban, that was designed to have many plus-energy buildings. Now the city, which has a severe housing shortage, is developing a whole new district, Dietenbach, which will be a plus-energy district, with 6,900 apartments for 15,000 people.

The current oil and gas crisis and the looming energy needs of AI indicate how prudent it would be to design the 710 redevelopment as plus-energy. It would provide for greater energy security and could help to control electricity rates.

Pasadena is exceptional in so many ways, the plus-energy redevelopment of the 710 stub should be among them.

Respectfully,
Claudia Funke

Voting resident, District 7, and member, PASADENA100

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From: Emily Eelkema Stough <[redacted]@pasadena.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 11:05 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public comment re: 710 stub, traffic and environmental concern

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Hello,

Whatever we decide to do with the 710 stub area, a full environmental study must be conducted, even if we suspect there will be minimum impact. Pasadena has a duty to its residents to protect and care for our natural resources, and keep Pasadena as beautiful as it is now.

I am particularly concerned with the development of housing units in the 710 area. The area is already has extremely congested traffic. One of my children attends Blair High School, and the morning commute from 91104 is 25+ minutes, with a lot of crowded roads. Pedestrian safety is also a top concern.

I am requesting, for any plans proposed:

1. Conduct a full Caltrans traffic simulation study and release the results to the public. Caltrans provides professional-grade modeling software to cities at no cost. Residents deserve to see how the 710-stub plan will affect traffic on their streets.
2. Perform a complete CEQU environmental review and release the results to the public. This is a large scale project proposal, and we need to know how it will affect our community.

My preference would be to limit residential space and traffic; perhaps keeping the area as a nature reserve that will not increase traffic or trash in the area.

Thank you,
Emily Stough
91104

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From:
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 12:47 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item #3 and Reparations for those displaced by 710 Stub

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

We at MHCH support the historic efforts of the [Restorative Justice Coalition](#) to ensure that those displaced or impacted by the 710 stub are treated equitably. While the Trump regime is trying to delete people of color from history and dismiss past injustices and current wrongs committed against them, our city is acknowledging our racist past and considering reparations for those who have treated unfairly.

We can set a shining example for the rest of the country if we do the right thing.

For this reason, we urge you to support:

- Reparations that leads to homeownership for the displaced and/or their descendants.
- Change to the city's affordable housing priority policy to give first priority to those displaced households and/or their descendants.
This includes, but is not limited to, areas affected by the 210 and 710 freeways, the Pepper Street Project, Parsons, and Ambassador College.
- A dedicated complex (also known as a makerspace) for displaced business owners and BIPOC entrepreneurship.
- An immersive, multi-cultural museum that tells the story of displacement and disenfranchisement in the Pasadena / Altadena area.
- An increase of local hires + recruitment of developers that have been historically excluded.
Increase local hire for development of the 710 Stub area from the current policy of 25% to 40% of the certified payroll, and from 15% to 40% of local subcontracting and procurement.
- Free tuition to educational / vocational colleges for descendants of the displaced.
- An apology and recognition of harm from the Mayor on behalf of the City of Pasadena.

- The establishment of a Reparations Oversight Committee to ensure policies are enforced. This Reparations Oversight Committee would include representation of at least 70% from the affected group to ensure policies are enforced.
- The establishment of a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) ensuring that residents benefit from the redevelopment plan.

Thanks for considering these recommendations that will repair the damage that the 710 and 210 stub did to our community.

Anthony Manousos
Co-founder of Making Housing and Community Happen