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From:
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To: Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Rick Cole; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason
Cc: Gao, Beilei; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Council Meeting 03.09.2026 - Item 8. Budget Workshop

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

Achieving carbon-free electric generation in 2030 was identified as a high priority goal in Council's December 1, 2025 Budget Priorities Workshop.

On December 15, 2025 City Council unanimously approved the Optimized Strategic Plan (OSP), a forward-looking framework that will guide Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) to meet the goals of Resolution 9977, sourcing 100% of Pasadena's electricity from carbon-free resources by the end of 2030.

OSP Table 19. Action plan to accelerate local solar and storage adoption (page 88) presents a timeline for planning and construction of solar and battery storage at city-owned properties. *Total Annual Resource Additions* at the end of Table 19 shows timing for **completion of 20MW of solar and 75MW of battery storage on City properties by 2030.**

Following a nearly two-year study period and a cost of \$1.2 million, the Optimized Strategic Plan provides a roadmap for achieving the goals of Resolution 9977 approved by Council in January 2023. The OSP must not be put on a shelf to gather dust and be forgotten.

Because the OSP does not include a budget for implementation of its goals, Council must **measure progress in achieving OSP goals for solar and battery storage on city-owned properties in Megawatts (MW) installed rather than dollars.**

The FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan must include line items for planning and construction to achieve the stated goal for 20MW of solar and 75MW of battery storage on city-owned properties by 2030.

Sincerely,
Genette Foster, CD2

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From: Claudia Funke
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Dear Mayor Gordo, Vice Mayor Rivas, and Council members,

I write to thank you for your continuing support of Resolution 9977 and urge that the Council prioritize the implementation of the plan for 100% carbon free electricity by 2030 in the city budget.

The wildfires a year ago completely validated the bold action that the Council took two years before that in January 2023, declaring a climate emergency and the carbon-free goal. Now added to the reality of climate change is the war that our nation is waging, which is causing oil and gas prices to skyrocket. We need to get off oil and gas as fast as we can! It has to be a priority for Pasadena and it must be appropriately funded.

I write to you from Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany's greenest city. There are solar panels all over, windmills on the surrounding mountains, a passive housing complex, public programs on climate protection projects, and a heat pump information day this week.

There is a lot of talk about the high quality of life in Pasadena, and there are many reasons for Pasadenans to be proud. But in our current climate and environmental crisis, high quality of life means embracing green solutions for a sustainable city future. Pasadena's carbon-free electricity goal is an important beginning.

Yesterday was International Women's Day, and I respectfully request that you prioritize climate action in the city's budget in honor of Rachel Carson, who sparked the modern environmental movement. We have only one planet and one Pasadena.

Sincerely,
Claudia Funke

Resident, District 7, and Member, PASADENA 100

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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I am supporting the prioritizing budget to actually implement the plan that the City Council studied and approved-- a plan to transition to carbon free electric power by 2030. I am expressing my support for the PASADENA 100 Coalition of non profit, non-partisan organizations and volunteers. I care about climate change!
I am a Pasadena resident living at [redacted] Pasadena, CA 91104. Thank you!

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Dear Members of Pasadena City Council,

I am writing about Agenda Item #8 for tonite's Council meeting.

I strongly support the plan to transition to carbon free electric power by 2030 that the City Council studied and approved. Anyone who believes in science can see the existential threat that ignoring the threat to life on our planet is by increasing use of fossil fuels.

Pasadena 100 is to be respected and followed for initiating this transition by our city. I urge your continued support of their leadership.

Sincerely,

Kris Ockershauser

Pasadena, 91105

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Dear City Council,

As you and staff work hard to prepare a budget that meets the exigent and medium to long term needs of our city and its residents, please stay firm on investing in full implementation of Climate Emergency Resolution and the OSP pathway to success.

We thank you for your December decision to make the transition to 100% carbon free electric power a budgetary priority. **And we ask you to stay resolute.**

Investing in carbon free energy infrastructure is prudent. Global violence, political instability and skyrocketing fossil fuel prices confirm what we already knew: that adding local solar is a smart investment in an asset, with resilience and energy security value.

Investing in clean energy infrastructure is morally sound. We know that fossil fuels are harmful and will destroy the ability of future generations to live on earth.

In Pasadena we have a chance to lead. Some people say Pasadena's plan is "ambitious." Serving on the TAP confirmed for me that it is audacious and achievable.

Things have changed dramatically in the last 10 years. We now have the technology and the market dynamics that will enable us to finally end our city's destructive dependence on burning fossil fuels. Saying that success will be expensive ignores the fact that failure is even more expensive. The OSP pathway is the smart and moral choice.

Cynthia Cannady

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From: Wesley Reutimann <
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 4:32 PM
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Subject: Agenda Item #8 - Please Invest in Public Solar, EV Charging, and Storage for Pasadena

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As a Pasadena resident heartened by the City's progress in transitioning to a portfolio of cleaner power contracts, **I am writing today to urge your support for investments in local, renewable power.**

Allocating some of the City's 2026-27 budget to local solar and storage projects will provide multiple benefits to residents. Solar canopies over existing asphalt parking spaces will:

- **reduce urban heat island impacts,**
- **provide needed shading and cooling to spaces frequented by Pasadena residents and visitors** (especially important for more heat-vulnerable older adults), and
- **add resilience to the local grid, and**
- **generate clean, locally-produced power.**

For example, investing in solar canopies and charging for some of the Rose Bowl's many asphalt parking lots would provide immediate benefits to thousands of users of the Central Arroyo. Flea market vendors and UCLA tailgaters would have additional shade on hot summer days. Everyday users could park and charge while they get some exercise walking/jogging around the Rose Bowl loop. Children learning to skate or bike would have additional shaded spaces to do so.

When paired with batteries and/or EV charging, public solar in the Central Arroyo would also be a visible example of Pasadena's commitment to clean energy and climate action as we prepare to host visitors from around the world in 2028.

Thanks for your service and consideration,

The Reutimann Family
Pasadena 91103

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From: Lauren Siegel <
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 2:27 PM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; Airitam, Derrick
Subject: CIP Budget - Letters on Artificial Turf
Attachments: 2024-09-10 EAC Artificial Turf Memo to Council with Figure.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

I believe ALL the public comment letters to EAC, Parks and REC and MSC on artificial turf should be included in public comment regarding the CIP for City Council and Finance Committee. The Planning Commission didn't receive the letters, and I feel it impacted their vote. There were thirty letters sent to MSC, please attach these to the CIP comments and the EAC letter.

Thanks,
Lauren Siegel

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Lauren Siegel
MS Sustainable Development and Resource Management
Pasadena Environmental Advisory Commissioner
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Memorandum

To: Pasadena City Council
From: Environmental Advisory Commission
Date: September 13, 2024
Re: Recommendations and Background on Artificial Turf in the City of Pasadena

1. Executive Summary

Plastic artificial turf (also known as “synthetic turf” or just “artificial turf”), much like lead paint, DDT, and asbestos, represents a once-promising innovation that has since raised significant concerns regarding environmental and public health and safety. Initially introduced as a low-maintenance alternative to natural grass, artificial turf was celebrated for its durability and ability to provide consistent, year-round playing surfaces, and the look of green grass without the commitment of water and fertilizers. However, as was the case with other seemingly-promising innovations, the long-term health risks and environmental impacts associated with artificial turf are now becoming unavoidably apparent.

In the case of artificial turf, the toxicity of materials used in its production, including in the infill, which is often made from shredded rubber tires, have raised alarm. Studies show that exposure to chemicals in artificial turf, including lead and other heavy metals and forever chemicals, poses risks to athletes, children, the public, and contamination of our water supply. Dangerous heat conditions arise since artificial turf gets significantly hotter than natural grass, increasing the urban heat island effect and leading to thermal burns and heat stress. Biodiversity loss and tree root suffocating derives from no organisms living under artificial turf. These concerns echo the historical pattern of substances initially embraced for their practicality, only to later reveal serious public health and environmental consequences.

For the reasons set forth below, after several months of study, research, testimony, and discussion at Commission meetings, the Environmental Advisory Commission recommends that the Pasadena City Council take the following steps relating to artificial turf in the City of Pasadena:

A. Recommendations for Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Settings:

- Adopt an ordinance that would put a moratorium on new installations or replacement installations of artificial turf for landscaping in residential properties, commercial and institutional settings.
- Direct Pasadena Department of Water and Power to explore incentives and rebate programs to remove and replace artificial turf in residential, commercial and institutional settings with drought-tolerant native plants.

B. Recommendations for City-Owned Property, Including Parks and All City Landscaping:

- Adopt an ordinance that would put a moratorium on new installations or replacement installations of artificial turf for City-owned property, including parks and City landscaping.

- While artificial turf still exists in City-owned parks, direct the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments in coordination with the Public Health Department to (1) establish policies for the safe utilization of artificial turf to prevent burn injuries, heat stress, and dehydration; and (2) educate the public by conducting a series of information sessions about the environmental and public health safety concerns of artificial turf playing fields, including exposure to PFAS and extreme heat conditions.
- Direct the Public Health Department to conduct a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) on artificial turf to study potential adverse health impacts of artificial turf both directly and due to contamination to natural resources caused by artificial turf. (An HIA is a tool designed to investigate how a proposed program, project, policy, or plan may impact health and well-being and inform decision-makers of these potential outcomes. An HIA in this context will aid the City in determining what, if any, future planning and actions should occur to mitigate health effects from existing artificial turf installations.)

2. Background - What is Artificial Turf?

Artificial turf is made of plastic, a petrochemical product designed as a substitute for natural grass. Plastics are derived from chemicals produced through the combustion of fossil fuels like oil and gas. Energy-intensive processes, including extraction, refining, and manufacturing, transform these fossil fuels into plastics, which are then used to produce both the grass-like blades and the backing materials in artificial turf installations.

There are three main components of artificial turf:

- **Blades:** The plastic blades are made by melting nylon, polypropylene or polyethylene pellets and mixing them with other chemicals and additives to achieve desired color. The melted mixture is shaped into strands and spun into a yarn that is then sewn into a mesh material.
- **Backing layers:** These layers are derived from various types of plastics such as polyester, polyurethane, polypropylene and latex to support the blades and provide stability and drainage.
- **Infill:** This granular material is spread between the blades to keep the blades upright and provide shock absorption. The most common types of infill are rubber crumb (made from shredded end-of-life automobile tires) and sand.

3. Environmental and Public Health Concerns of Artificial Turf Installations

A. Dangerous Heat Conditions and Urban Heat Islands

Turf Heats Up More than Grass: Numerous studies confirm that plastic turf gets significantly hotter than natural grass, regardless of the type of fibers or infill used. Penn State research shows surface temperatures of synthetic turf can reach 140-170°F.¹ A study by Brigham Young University found synthetic turf to be 37°F hotter than asphalt and 87°F hotter than natural grass.² Unlike artificial turf, grass cools itself and the surrounding air through water evaporation. (See Figure 2 of temperatures of artificial turf and grass at Villa Park).

¹ (Abraham, 2019; Claudio, 2008; NPRA, 2019)

² (Williams & Pulley, 2002)

Plastic Turf Increases Urban Heat Island Effect: Urban areas are already warmer than surrounding regions due to heat retention by buildings and pavement. Artificial turf contributes to this by trapping and radiating heat, creating dangerous conditions for users, and raising temperatures in surrounding neighborhoods. According to Kelly Turner of UCLA's Heat Equity Initiative, plastic turf is one of the hottest materials, retaining heat longer than asphalt.³ (See Figure 1 of Urban Heat Island Effect at Jackie Robinson Park)

Climate Change Will Make Plastic Turf Even Hotter: As global temperatures rise, Pasadena will experience more frequent days above 90°F. It is critical to address how artificial turf contributes to worsening conditions.⁴

B. PFAS and Microplastic Pollution

Toxic "Forever Chemicals": Plastic turf contains PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), chemicals that persist in the environment and have been linked to cancer, hormonal issues, neurotoxicity, and developmental delays in children. All artificial turf tested has contained PFAS.⁵ In addition, the infill, typically made of shredded tires made from end-of-life automobile tires, is extremely toxic, containing, among other substances, heavy metals and volatile organic compounds.⁶

Risks of Cumulative Exposure: Athletes frequently in contact with plastic turf, such as soccer players and goalies, face higher risks of exposure to PFAS through skin contact, inhalation, and ingestion.

Contamination of Water Systems: Runoff from plastic turf fields carries PFAS into storm drains, polluting Pasadena's water supply, which could be both difficult and costly to clean up. Estimates suggest cleanup would reach tens of billions of dollars, depending on the scale of the problem.⁷

Microplastic Pollution: Plastic turf blades break off over time, releasing microplastics into drainage systems and waterways. Fields using crumb rubber infill are even worse, with studies showing 85% of water samples near such fields contain microplastics.⁸

C. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Plastic Turf's Carbon Footprint: Greenhouse gasses are emitted from artificial turf continuously throughout its lifespan, in the extraction, storage, transportation and energy-intensive manufacturing processes, as well as off-gassing methane and ethylene while

³ <https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/climate/heat-equity/>.

⁴ California Healthy Places Index: Extreme Heat Edition, available at: <https://heat.healthylivesindex.org/>.

⁵ What are the health effects of PFAS? Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, available at: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/health-effects/index.html>; Our Current Understanding of the Human Health and Environmental Risks of PFAS, EPA, available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/our-current-understanding-human-health-and-environmental-risks-pfas>.

⁶ Health Impacts of Artificial Turf: Toxicity Studies, Challenges, and Future Directions, available at: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10262297/>.

⁷ "Groundbreaking study shows unaffordable costs of PFAS cleanup from wastewater," Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, available at:

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/news-and-stories/groundbreaking-study-shows-unaffordable-costs-of-pfas-cleanup-from-wastewater>.

⁸ (Korbol, 2018).

in use and as it degrades. Solar radiation triggers the off-gassing from artificial turf and it continues long after dark.⁹ Methane is 80% more powerful at trapping heat than CO₂ and a significant contributor to global warming.

Life Cycle Emissions: A recent study¹⁰ found one artificial turf field emits 527 tons of CO₂ equivalents over its life cycle.

D. Carbon Absorption and Biodiversity Loss

Loss of Carbon Sink: Plastic turf installations eliminate natural spaces that would otherwise absorb carbon, hindering Pasadena's climate goals.

Biodiversity Loss: Plastic turf kills soil microorganisms and displaces habitats for pollinators and wildlife, worsening the biodiversity crisis. Nothing can thrive in plastic grass.

Harm to Trees: Plastic turf covering the ground near tree roots suffocates the soil, depriving trees of essential nutrients. Preserving Pasadena's tree canopy is critical for climate mitigation.

E. Public Safety and Injuries

Thermal Burns: Playing on plastic turf in high heat can cause first-degree burns at 118°F and second-degree burns at 131°F. Hot artificial turf can melt shoes, blister skin, and cause dehydration or heatstroke.

Plastic "Turf Burns": Friction injuries from sliding on plastic turf are common and can lead to bacterial infections like MRSA. Artificial turf causes a two-to-threefold increase in skin abrasions compared to natural grass.¹¹

Increased Injury Rates: NCAA football players are nearly three times more likely to suffer ligament tears on artificial turf than grass. NFL players also experience a 16% increase in lower extremity injuries on artificial turf.¹²

F. Lack of Recyclability

Plastic Waste: At the end of its life, plastic turf becomes non-recyclable plastic waste, emitting methane in landfills. A typical 80,000 sq. ft. plastic turf field contains 40,000 pounds of plastic.¹³

G. Water Use and Maintenance Costs

High Water Usage: Artificial turf is often touted as a water-saving alternative to grass. However, in hot climates like ours, water is regularly required to cool the surface of artificial turf, which can

⁹ "Synthetic turf will contribute to greenhouse gas problems" MV Times, available at: <https://www.mytimes.com/2019/02/20/synthetic-turf-will-contribute-greenhouse-gas-problems/>.

¹⁰ "Analysis of energy use and emissions of greenhouse gasses, metals and organic substances from construction materials used for artificial turf" available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0921344917300861>

¹¹ (California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, 2010).

¹² American Journal of Sports Medicine, 2019, available at: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30995074/>.

¹³ (Beyond Plastics, 2024).

reach 140-170°F. Water is also regularly required to remove pollution, bodily fluids, animal waste and bacteria from the surface of artificial turf. Given these factors, the water usage for artificial turf can easily match or exceed that needed to maintain natural grass.¹⁴

Replacement Costs: Plastic turf must be replaced every 8-12 years, with replacement costs ranging from \$300,000 to \$650,000 for football or soccer fields.¹⁵

H. Environmental Justice

Pasadena's Environmental Justice Element requires fair treatment for all residents in implementing environmental policies. Artificial turf fields in Robinson Park and Villa Parke create urban heat islands in neighborhoods where some of Pasadena's most disadvantaged residents live, raising utility bills and worsening health conditions for low-income communities.

4. Other Municipalities Adopting Similar Ordinances

The cities of Millbrae and San Marino have already begun establishing moratoriums for new artificial turf installations. Other California cities and counties such as Los Angeles, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara County are considering artificial turf bans.

5. Conclusion

Based on the significant environmental and public health concerns we have outlined related to artificial turf installations, the EAC firmly believes that keeping this substance in our city is not a responsible choice for Pasadena. The Commission believes that allowing new installations or re-installations of artificial turf is not in alignment with the City of Pasadena's Climate Action Plan and makes it more difficult for the City to achieve its goals for climate change mitigation, adaptation and readiness.

We urge the City Council to act, adopting the recommendations we have put forward: Placing a moratorium on new and replacement installations of artificial turf for residential, commercial, institutional, and City-owned properties, conducting a Health Impact Assessment of artificial turf and establishing safe utilization policies for park field usage while the product still exists within the City of Pasadena.

¹⁴ <https://www.turi.org/publications/artificial-turf/>.

¹⁵ <https://sportsvenuecalculator.com/knowledge/artificial-turf-field/turf-field-replacement-and-recycling/>.

Figure 1. Villa Parke Temperatures on Artificial Turf vs Grass on September 2nd, 2024

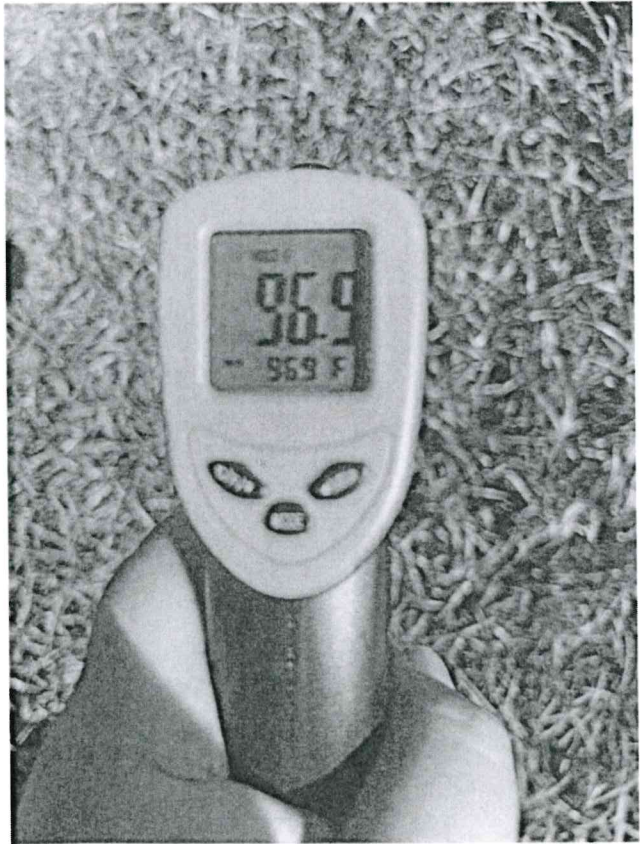
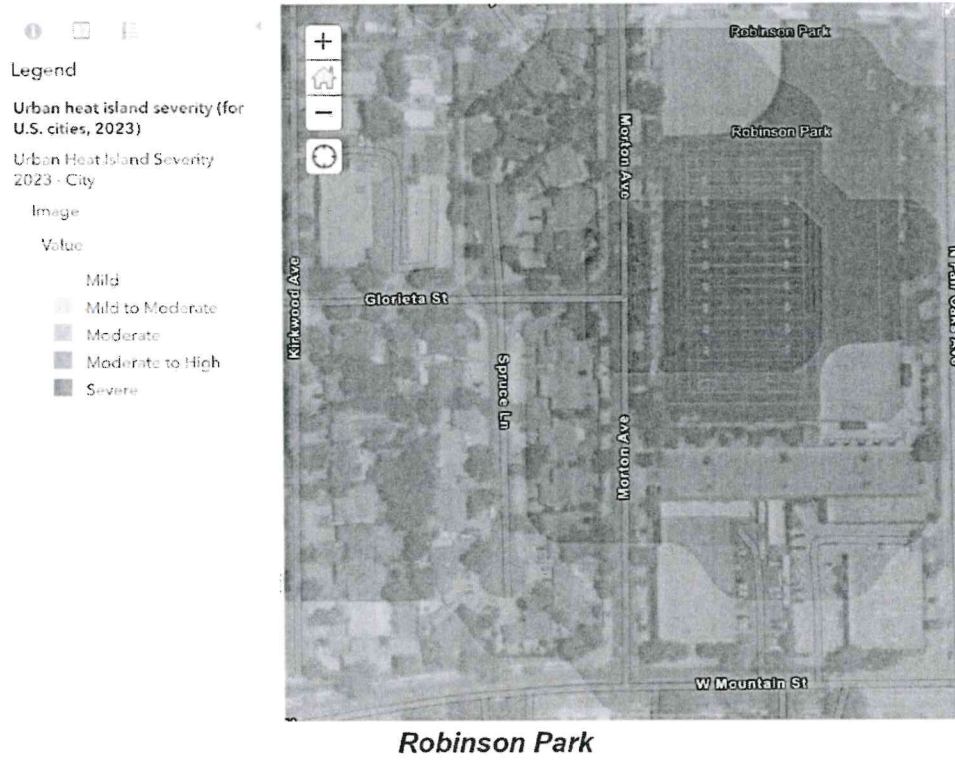


Figure 2 (Safe Healthy Playing Fields Memo to EAC, August 2024)

Heat Island over Robinson and Villa Parks synthetic turf fields extending over surrounding areas:



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From: John Odell
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2026 8:30 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: berndtsam@gmail.com; Cynthia Cannady
Subject: Public Comment-Agenda Item 18 - Prioritize Funding Carbon Free Projects

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City Council Members, My name is John Odell, a resident of district 6. Thank you again for clearly giving top priority to achieving carbon-free electricity in Pasadena by 2030. As you know, the proposed budget for the Capital Improvement Plan does not achieve your goal. I urge you to refuse to approve this proposed CIP budget until it is revised to include all funding necessary to accomplish the Optimized Strategic Plan, that is, 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage, by 2030. Thank you again for your leadership.

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Lissette Rodriguez
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 8:44 AM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Lissette Rodriguez and I am a resident of District 7. Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal. Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects, and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal. I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Thank you,

Lissette Rodriguez

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Robin Newquist
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 10:20 AM
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City Council Members,

My name is Robin Newquist and I am a resident of District 6.

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Thank you,
Robin Newquist

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

By ranking 18MW of the 20MW of solar generation on municipal properties as the lowest priorities in its FY2027-2031 CIP Budget and by failing to fund them, Pasadena Power demonstrates its disdain for the stated goals of their own *Optimized Strategic Plan* which was completed at significant dollar cost, not to mention the hours of presentations and discussions with the Environmental Advisory Commission, Municipal Services Committee, and the full City Council. The Glenarm BESS (Priority #15) was fully funded in 2026 through federal grants; its inclusion in the FY2027 list is gratuitous. However, the Broadway BESS (Priority #28) is essential for achieving the carbon free goal; only a small fraction of necessary funding for this important project was provided in the FY2027-2031 CIP.

At their December 1, 2025 Budget Workshop, City Council set the goal of carbon free electric generation by the end of 2030 as one of its top 5 priorities for the FY2027-2031 CIP Budget. This priority was forcefully reaffirmed last week at the April 7 City Council meeting.

By readjusting budget priorities and the schedule for long deferred infrastructure maintenance, the carbon free goal can be achieved without a bond issue or additional rate increase. Note that the order and ranking of infrastructure maintenance projects for FY2027 is remarkably similar to the ranking for the same projects in FY2026.

Whereas Pasadena Power's *Optimized Strategic Plan* clearly states that the Glenarm Power Plant would be used as a peaker plant following the addition of local solar generation and storage, PWP continues to pour funds into the five gas generators.

Priority	FY2025 Actual	FY2026 Actual	FY2027 Proposed	FY2028 Proposed	FY2029 Proposed	FY2030 Proposed
#21. GT-1 & GT-2 (3182)	790,000	2,130,000	0	100,000	1,350,000	100,000
#11. GT-3 & GT-4 (3186)	2,110,000	120,000	4,120,000	2,120,000	620,000	1,120,000
#20. GT-5 (3280)	1,220,000	260,000	0	2,600,000	3,100,000	100,000

The current budget shortfall for critical solar and storage is \$235M (\$70M solar, \$165M storage). By re-allocating the CIP budget, Pasadena Power and City Council can use the existing CIP budget to fully fund projects required to achieve Pasadena's carbon free goal in 2030.

Policy decisions are made by City Council, not staff. Please direct Pasadena Power staff to update their CIP budget so that required funds are clearly designated for the 20MW of local solar generation on municipal properties and for the 75MW of

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local storage projects. These projects, mandated by the *Optimized Strategic Plan*, must be fully funded to implement Council priorities.

Sincerely,
Genette Foster, CD2

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Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 11:35 AM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item 18 - Prioritize Funding Carbon Free Projects

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City Council Members,

My name is Olivia and I am a resident of Los Angeles, but I work in Pasadena. Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal. Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal. I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Please note that I care very strongly about this and will spend time encouraging all of my Pasadena resident friends to vote against you if I see that this is not something you actually prioritize.

Thank you,
Olivia

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Cynthia Cannady
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 12:11 PM
To: Jones, Justin; Rivas, Jessica
Cc: Lauren Siegel; siler.iesha@gmail.com; fleminglaura63@gmail.com; Suzanne York; Ana Soulriver; Felix Breden; phlunteriddle; lkennedy@llkassociates.com; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Ten Reasons to Say NO to Artificial Turf at Jackie Robinson and Villa Parke-HEAT
Attachments: GOOD REASONS TO ELIMINATE ARTIFICIAL TURF FROM PLAYING FIELDS.pdf

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Dear Justin and Jess,

If I am correct, Jackie Robinson and Villa Parke are in your Council districts so I address this to you especially.

We (Suzanne York and I) have made the attached document "Ten Good Reasons to Say No to Artificial Turf". (This is based on the excellent work of the EAC for more than a year.)

I will focus on #1 on this list: Heat. We are talking about atmospheric heat, not just the high surface temperature.

Artificial turf increases atmospheric (neighborhood) temperature, contributing to urban heat island effect. See this [analysis](#). And [this](#) And [this](#). There's lots more.

Northwest Pasadena is an urban heat island with low tree shade, high asphalt, low air conditioning access and freeway proximity. It has "[major heat risk](#)". See this [good EPA paper](#) on heat islands.

Overall, Pasadena is a city with heat risk. See this [2018 PWP study](#) that concludes that temperatures here are increasing as a result of climate change. And [this](#). And [this](#).

And [research](#) shows that minorities and low income populations suffer disproportionately from heat island burden: "Our findings reveal that present-day income inequality is a stronger predictor of heat burden than the legacy of redlining. Additionally, land surface temperature disparities exhibit a seasonal hysteresis effect, intensifying during extreme heat events by 5–7 °C. Sociodemographic analysis highlights that African-American and Hispanic populations in historically and economically disadvantaged areas are often the most vulnerable."

Globally, a 2026 [study by the World Meteorological Organization](#) concluded that climate change is causing global heat increases at a faster pace than anticipated. It states:

"One of the longest observational records of climate change is that of global mean near-surface temperature. The past three years are the three warmest years in the 176-year combined land and ocean observational record."

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This chart from p. 8 is worth a thousand words.

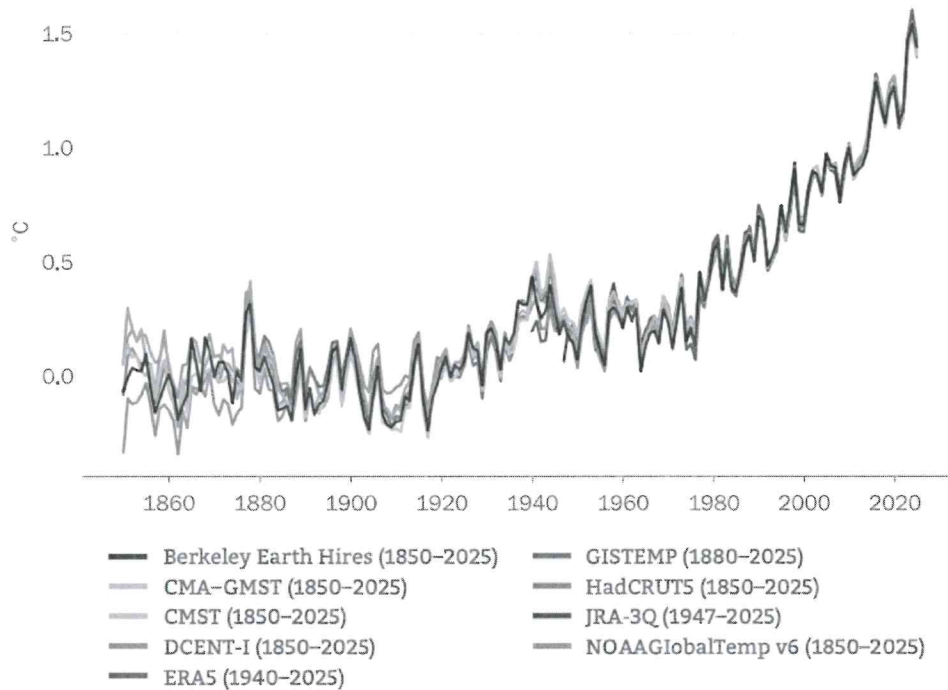


Figure 2. Annual global mean temperature anomalies relative to a pre-industrial (1850–1900) baseline shown from 1850 to 2025

Source: Data are from the datasets indicated in the legend. For details see Datasets and methods.

So, why would we install a material that increases surface and ambient heat on a field in a heat island neighborhood in a high heat risk city at a time when climate change induced heat is a big problem?

Please say no to this. I remain convinced that the mid-long term public health risks to children inhaling PFAS and toxic chemicals should not be ignored. (There are lots of studies on this both ways, with the profitable turf/petroleum industry arguing that the PFAS and toxins may not be "bioavailable", and lobbying and intimidating vigorously). Same was true of cigarettes and asbestos. At some point, wise policy makers realized that the risk did not have to be conclusive to justify policy decisions. And eventually, the evidence became conclusive. During the interim between risk and conclusive evidence, many people suffered and died from lung cancer, mesothelioma and asbestosis.

Secondarily, for Pasadena to accept the life cycle greenhouse gas emissions of plastic grass appears inconsistent with our carbon free electric power goal.

But the heat problem alone is reason to decline to authorize this expense.

How will we recall these decisions when the days above 100 degrees F. increase dramatically and people are getting sick? When children can't play?

Finally, the environmental injustice issue cannot be ignored. See [this study](#) on "thermal inequity" in Los Angeles County parks. We cannot ignore the reality that John Muir has artificial turf but Polytechnic and Westridge do not. That AF is proposed for Villa Parke and Jackie Robinson, but not for Victory Park. That

San Marino has banned AF as have many affluent cities (Milbrae, Westport, Boston) across the nation, but South Central Los Angeles schools (Carson, Fremont, Dymally, Conteras) have it.

There are 10 good reasons to reject the budget proposal for artificial turf. All of which are founded in facts.

The EAC researched and highlighted these problems more than a year ago.

Cynthia

TEN GOOD REASONS TO SAY NO TO PLASTIC GRASS (artificial turf or AF)

1. **Surface and atmospheric heat:** AF can reach surface temperatures of over 150 to 200°F, significantly hotter than natural grass or asphalt, creating a high risk of heatstroke, dehydration, and burns for children and athletes. AF is also known to contribute to the “heat island effect”; entire urban neighborhoods suffer from intensified heat in a climate that is already heating to dangerous levels.
2. **Increased Injury Rates:** Professional athletes, including the NFL Players Association, have noted higher rates of non-contact injuries on AF. Studies show a 28% increase in overall injuries compared to natural grass, specifically for ACL tears and ankle issues.
3. **Toxic Chemical Exposure:** The “blades”, filler and base of AF release PFAS (“forever chemicals”), lead, and known carcinogens (benzene, arsenic, cadmium, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons among others). May be absorbed through skin contact or inhaled.
4. **Microplastic Pollution:** Constant wear and UV exposure cause plastic blades to break down into microplastics. A single field can lose 200 to 3,200 pounds of plastic per year, which migrates into soil, waterways, and the ocean.
5. **Destruction of Biodiversity:** Unlike natural grass, artificial turf is a “biological desert.” It kills soil organisms like worms and microorganisms by creating an impermeable barrier, and provides no food or habitat for birds or insects.
6. **Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** The entire life cycle of plastic grass- from manufacture to disposal- emits carbon dioxide and methane gas, both potent greenhouse gases, which cause climate change. By contrast, natural grass absorbs CO₂.
7. **Water Contamination:** PFAs and leached chemicals from the blades, fill and base can contaminate groundwater aquifers and local estuaries, posing a threat to drinking water. These also drain to the ocean, increasing the alarming contamination of the ocean.
8. **Poor Drainage and Runoff:** Installation often involves compacting soil, making it less permeable. This can lead to increased surface runoff and a higher risk of urban flooding compared to absorbent natural turf.
9. **Disposal and Recycling Issues:** Most turf cannot be recycled due to mixed materials and contamination. With a lifespan of only 8 to 10 years, most of the thousands of tons of used turf end up in landfills or are incinerated.
10. **High Mid to Long-term Costs:** While marketed as low-maintenance, a single field can cost over \$1,000,000 to install and requires expensive professional cleaning, repairs, and replacement every decade.

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: julianna.delgado@sbcglobal.net; 'Cynthia Cannady, JD'; 'Suzanne York'; lamsiege@gmail.com; Reyes, David
Subject: RE: Agenda Item 18 --- Replace Artificial Turf with Natural Grass in CIP Projects

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RE: Agenda Item 18 – Replace Artificial Turf with Natural Grass in CIP Projects

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Please consider replacing Pasadena's 'fake grass,' or synthetic, artificial turf playing fields ("artificial turf") with natural grass in City parks projects listed in the 2027-2031 CIP. It seems counter-intuitive and counter-productive for the City to prioritize being carbon-neutral by 2030, yet installing a material that contributes to urban heat islands, needs regular water for cleaning that seeps pollutants into our water table and eventually the ocean, creates microplastics that destroy natural habitats and systems, and is difficult to recycle, typically ending up in landfills. Most insidiously, artificial turf playing fields pose potential health risks which are not yet clearly known, especially to children, our most vulnerable population with the highest exposure to it.

Artificial turf is a manufactured, non-living replacement material for turfgrass, installed ostensibly to reduce maintenance costs and water use in light of California's drought. The grass blades are made of fibers such as nylon or plastic. The base is typically a crumb rubber made from used tires, plastic pellets, or sand. The turf contains heavy metals and PFAS chemicals, "forever chemicals" that according to the Environmental Protection Agency are known carcinogens which can interfere with hormones, reproduction, immunity, and cause developmental delays in children.

In 2010, then Attorney General Brown successfully sued manufacturers to prohibit the use of lead in artificial turf production but none of the other chemicals. In 2026, a CalEPA study found carcinogen exposure from crumb rubber to be within an acceptable range:

<https://oehha.ca.gov/sites/default/files/media/2026-03/oehhaturffinal.pdf>

However, there have been no studies of the long-term health effects of the entire, cumulative range of chemicals used to produce and install artificial turf. See especially this paper on toxicity and call for more study by New Jersey Institute of Technology researchers funded through the National Institute of Health, available from the National Library of Medicine:

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10262297/pdf/nihms-1903943.pdf>

According to USC Environmental Engineering professor Adam Smith, although research is continuing to understand fully what the health implications of the chemicals are, current research suggests that "PFAS is absolutely bad for human health." It can enter the human body through contact with skin, by

breathing the particles in or through water sources, especially groundwater sources, that can get contaminated during leaching.

For use as a playing surface, artificial turf is also significantly harder on the human body than grass, often leading to more surgeries and longer recovery times for athletes. This has called for widespread protest among professional athletes to cease the use of artificial turf for the following reasons:

- **Toxic Chemical Exposure:** Artificial turf often contains per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and heavy metals. Crumb rubber infill, made from recycled tires, can contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), phthalates, and VOCs. These harmful chemicals that can be absorbed or inhaled, are linked to cancer and respiratory issues.
- **Higher Injury Rates:** Studies of NFL data shows that non-contact injuries are about 20% more likely on artificial turf than on grass, with a staggering 69% higher rate of non-contact foot/ankle injuries. NFL and NCAA studies indicate significantly higher rates of ACL and ankle injuries, as the turf has higher friction, leading to joints absorbing more force.
- **Extreme Temperatures:** Synthetic surfaces can be 30–60 degrees Fahrenheit hotter than natural grass, on sunny days causing severe heat-related illnesses and thermal burns.
- **Turf Burns and Infections:** Sliding on plastic turf causes friction burns ("turf burn") that are notorious for becoming infected with bacteria like MRSA.
- **Reduced "Give":** Natural grass offers more "give," allowing for natural movement, while stiff turf puts excessive stress on ligaments and tendons

On a larger scale, microplastics from the grass blades and crumb rubber leaches into groundwater and freshwater bodies, eventually making its way to the ocean. Former Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sylvia Earle said, "These molecules are actually entering the food chains in the ocean, and they're in our system, they're in our blood, they're in our muscle. We've changed the nature of nature through actions that we've taken. Now they are coming back to haunt us."

As Dr. Earle said, "We want to increase the population of our habitat pollinators, and plant climate-resilient plants that provide shade, buffer sun exposure, provide windbreaks, help reduce stormwater runoff and reduce soil and water erosion. And you can't do that with synthetic grass."

The best alternative to any artificial surface is natural plants. Let's strive to contribute to improving our environment and our future by eliminating a bad idea: by replacing artificial turf in our parks with natural grass, and developing safer playing fields through effective operations and management practices, including a program of rotational replanting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julianna Delgado, MArch., PhD, FAICP

Julianna Delgado, M.Arch, Ph.D, FAICP

President, Southern California Planning Congress

Planning Commissioner, City of Pasadena

Design Commissioner (Chair), City of Pasadena


Member, Mayor's Housing Task Force, City of Pasadena

Professor Emerita, Department of Urban and Regional Planning
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

After enlightenment, do the laundry.

- Zen proverb

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Wesley Reutimann
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 1:59 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear Council and staff,

As a Pasadena resident who cares deeply about local efforts to transition to clean, non-polluting forms of renewable energy, I **thank you for setting a carbon free goal as one of your top 5 CIP priorities.**

However, un- or under-funded priorities are not truly priorities. The draft CIP recommends the use of hundreds of millions of dollars for a new office building and deferred maintenance projects that are unrelated to the goal. Some of these projects are also less time sensitive than the City's 2030 goal, and could be rescheduled accordingly.

Please direct staff to align the CIP with City's clean energy goal and set aside funds for 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects, as outlined in the City's Optimized Strategic Plan.

Thank you,

Wes Reutimann
Pasadena 91103

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From: Jenna Cobb >
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 4:55 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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City Council Members,

My name is Jenna Cobb and I am a resident of District 2. Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal. While I appreciate the ways the CIP reflects the council's high priority of street safety through the additional funds for the Lake Ave Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Enhancements from Mountain Street to Maple Street, for the El Molino Quick-Build Greenway Demonstration, and for the improvements to Bus Stops and Bus Zones, which will support Pasadena community members in choosing low-carbon transportation options, more investment is needed to fund the projects that are essential for making Pasadena carbon free. I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Thank you,
Jenna Cobb
District 2 (91106)

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Lai Sam
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 6:21 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Lai Sam, and I am a resident of District 2. Thank you for setting the carbon-free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal. Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal. I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Thank you,
Lai

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Sam Berndt
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 8:11 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item 18 - Update CIP to Fully Fund Solar and Storage

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Mayor & City Councilmembers,

The **proposed CIP ranks solar as the bottom 3 priorities & funds only 1/10th of the solar (2MW of the 20MW) and 1/3rd of the storage (25MW of the 75MW) necessary to achieve the carbon free goal.**

All of this **despite the City Council setting the carbon free goal as one of its top 5 priorities** at their December 1st CIP budget priority meeting & reaffirming this priority at last week's City Council meeting.

Without a clear funding allocation, these projects will either not be completed, or require another funding mechanism. PWP's memo suggests funding the carbon free goal using a bond issue or rate increases. Neither of these options are necessary.

Rather, PWP is using the City's carbon free goal as a "get out of jail free card" to justify funding years of deferred maintenance on the electric system, funding a total of \$545M of "Indirect Carbon-Free Enablement Projects." For example, \$463M to transmission / distribution upgrades that were previously planned and are unrelated and unnecessary to achieve the 2030 goal.

The outstanding budget for the necessary solar and storage is \$235M (\$70M solar, \$165M storage). **By appropriately allocating the CIP budget, the City Council can use the existing CIP budget to fully fund projects that directly achieve the carbon free goal by 2030.**

I urge you to send City Staff back to ensure the required 20MW of municipal solar and 75MW of municipal storage are fully funded in the CIP.

Thank you,
Sam Berndt
PASADENA 100

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cheryl auger
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 8:23 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear City Council Members,

Thanks for including the carbon free goal as one of the top 5 priorities. I am concerned however that the CIP leaves important associated projects unfunded and Pasadena won't achieve this very important and necessary goal.

Please ask staff to find funding and update the CIP to appropriate funds to the 20MW of municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects. Maybe the money being allocated for the new office building can be diverted to this effort.

Thank you,
Cheryl Auger
District 6

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Michael Robertson
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 10:10 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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City Council Members,

My name is Michael Robertson, I am a resident of District 4, a professional Environmental Scientist, and Eaton Fire survivor.

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal.

Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal.

I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Now is our chance to provide for our futures in an environmentally and fiscally sustainable way ensuring the longevity, safety, and health of our community for generations to come.

Thank you,
Michael Robertson

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Leo Cheng
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 10:59 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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City Council Members,

My name is Leo Cheng and I am a resident of District 2 (Rick Cole).

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal.

Instead, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal.

I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects called for in the Optimized Strategic Plan are funded in their entirety.

Thank you,
Leo Cheng

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Therese Brummel
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 8:40 AM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear City Council Members,

I am a 47 year resident of District 2.

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal.

Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal.

I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Pasadena.

Sincerely,
Therese Brummel

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: heidrun mumper-drumm
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 9:22 AM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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City Council Members,

My name is Heidrun Mumper-Drumm and I am a resident of District 6.

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow stated priorities and importantly, leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal.

Instead, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building. It's time to focus attention, effort, and funding on the carbon free priority.

I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Thank you,
Heidrun Mumper-Drumm

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Chelsea Glauber
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 10:24 AM
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City Council Members,

My name is Chelsea Glauber and I am a resident of District 7.

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal.

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Thank you,
Chelsea Glauber

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Rick Doub <
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 12:19 PM
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City Council Members,

My name is Rick Doub and I am a resident of District 7

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal.

Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal.

I have been in the renewable battery storage industry for years. Storage and solar offer the city benefits in many ways. From power to EV charging applications, microgrids to fully back up the current grid and storage to offload power draws when peak hits are happening. Look at Santa Barbara county offices and what they achieved with solar and storage.

I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Thank you,
Rick Doub

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From: Shayne Smith
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 12:20 PM
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City Council Members,

My name is Shayne Smith and I am a resident of District 7.

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal. **I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.**

There is only so much money available to fund Pasadena's annual needs. To accommodate the required OSP investments, your leadership is required to ensure that other items in the budget are either removed or deferred. This includes "nice to have" new office facilities and hydrogen projects now doomed due to lack of federal support.

City staff will be upset that pet projects and planned activities will be curtailed or abandoned. But you'll be able to tell your constituents that you insisted that their money is better spent on **building City assets that generate revenue and contribute to Pasadena's resilience and clean energy future.**

We are all counting on you.

Respectfully,

Shayne Smith, P. Eng.
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Pasadena, CA

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From:
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 12:37 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item 18 - Prioritize Funding Carbon Free Projects

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My name is Kris Ockershauser, a homeowner in District 6.

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Unfortunately, the CIP currently doesn't follow your priorities and leaves the projects necessary to achieve the goal unfunded. I urge you to send the staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.


Let's stick to the original plan you authorized, not the staff's decision to deviate.

Thank you.

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From: Christopher Yeh ·
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 2:17 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear Pasadena City Council Members and Mayor Gordo,

I am a resident of Pasadena District 6. Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. To reflect that priority, I urge you to ask PWP to pursue and fund 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage as called for by the Optimized Strategic Plan. This will not only reduce electricity costs in the long run, but it will also help increase Pasadena energy resilience and reliability.

Thank you,
Christopher Yeh

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Diane Morgan ·
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 2:19 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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City Council Members,

My name is Diane Morgan and I am a resident of District 1.

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, **I am extremely concerned** that the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal.

Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal.

I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Thank you,
Diane Morgan

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From: Nick Laushkin
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 2:19 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; jyon@cityofpasadena.net; Gordo, Victor
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City Council Members, My name is Nick Laushkin Co-Chair of the Knox Presbyterian Church Sustainability Task Force. Thank you for setting a carbon free goal by 2030. We have also been concerned about getting to this goal and have recently installed Solar for the church facilities.

The CIP leaves unfunded the projects necessary to reach the City goal. It's been a long road to this point in planning for implementing the carbon free goals. Now is not the time to let go or postpone the plans after all the work put into them. Other brick and mortar priorities such as office building are unnecessary to achieve the carbon free goals, along with local storage projects.

You have already created a good stir for achieving community goals for solar and battery, We are looking forward to helping implement the Optimized Strategic carbon free goals along with others in the community.

Thank-you,

Nick Laushkin
Co-Chair of the Sustainability Task Force
Knox Presbyterian Church

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From: Craig Arteaga-Johnson
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 2:52 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Hello City Council Members,

My family and I have been proud residents of District 1 for twenty years. Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. I am grateful that you are recognizing environmental sustainability as an especially important goal. It is hard to imagine anything more important.

However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal. Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal. I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

We all must do everything we can to ensure this goal is met. I am counting on you and I thank you.

With appreciation for all you do for Pasadena, and with special thanks to Councilmember Hampton for his caring commitment to District 1,

Craig Arteaga-Johnson

Pasadena, CA 91103

Public Comment - Pasadena City Council Meeting 04/13/26

From Yadi

Date Mon 4/13/2026 5:01 PM

To PublicComment-AutoResponse <correspondence@cityofpasadena.net>

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Hi,

Please find attached my public comment for the April 13, 2026 Pasadena City Council Meeting, agenda item 18. City Manager Recommended FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Thanks,

Yadi

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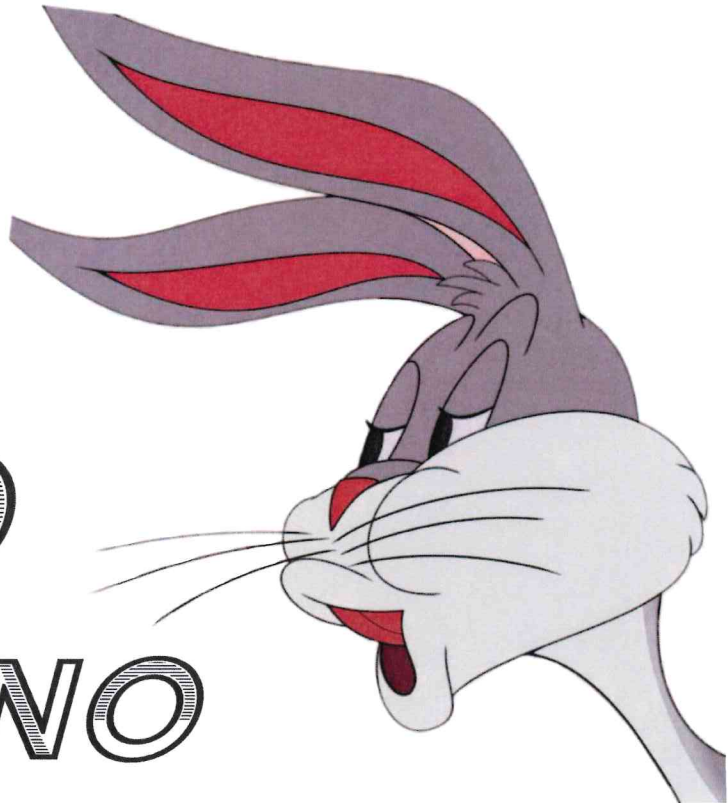
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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Lisa Zeigel
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 3:21 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Lisa Zeigel and I am a resident of District 7. Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal. Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal. I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety. Thank you,

Lisa Zeigel
Pasadena resident, District 7

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Lisa G. Zeigel

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Colin Bogart
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 5:28 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Hampton, Tyron; Rivas, Jessica; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Lyon, Jason
Subject: Public Comment - City Council meeting 4/13/26 - Agenda item 18 - pedestrian and bicyclist safety projects

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council,

Although I am a TAC member, I'm writing to you today as an individual.

While I realize there are multiple pedestrian and bicycle projects on the horizon, the overall pace of project implementation for bicyclist and pedestrian safety is still very slow. I ask that you direct staff to identify projects that could be implemented using low-cost, quick-build techniques. Permanent projects take more time and money, but quick build projects can be fast, effective, low-cost measures using paint and temporary structures that can provide safety while more permanent means are planned and funded.

For example, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation recently reconfigured North Fair Oaks with little or no extra cost because the road needed to be restriped with or without changes. The new configuration is an improvement, to be sure, but there are additional measures like temporary curb extensions that could further enhance safety at key crosswalks such as North Fair Oaks and Howard.

The key to fast, effective quick build is to build it first and then evaluate and collect feedback. We're not talking about experimental measures. These are approved safety measures with crash reduction factors assigned to them after numerous rounds of implementation and evaluation in other cities.

Lets accelerate pedestrian and bicyclist safety projects using the quick build approach. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Colin Bogart
District 1 Resident

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Mark Rutkowski
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 5:25 PM
To: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor; PublicComment-AutoResponse
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City Council Members,

My name is Mark Rutkowski. Although I am not a resident of Pasadena, I spent much of much my working life as a physician in Pasadena and take pride in it as the city that leads the other smaller cities in our area.

Thank you for setting the carbon free goal as one of your top 5 priorities in the CIP. However, the CIP as it stands does not follow your priorities and leaves unfunded the projects necessary to achieve the goal.

Rather, hundreds of millions of dollars are being allocated for deferred maintenance projects and a new office building that are unnecessary to achieve the goal.

I urge you to send staff back to update the CIP to guarantee that the 20MW of local municipal solar and 75MW of local storage projects that the Optimized Strategic Plan calls for are funded in their entirety.

Thank you,

Mark

Mark Rutkowski
Member PASADENA 100

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Simon Anuszczyk
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 6:53 PM
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City Council Members,

My name is Simon Anuszczyk and I am a resident of District 7.

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Thank you,
Simon Anuszczyk