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From: Randall Adams ·
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:09 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda item #11, Council meeting of May 4, 2026
Attachments: May 3 letter.docx

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Hello:

As citizens of Pasadena Council District #4, please read and take note of the attached letter.

At the upcoming May 4 City Council meeting, you will vote on the Capital Improvement Plan which allocates money for a number of capital projects.

The City Council earlier instructed PWP that funding for the required 20MW of municipal solar and 75 MW of local storage was a top priority and directed staff to return with a revised project list.

This they did not do.

We urge the City Council to send staff back with a clear direction to fully fund the necessary 20MW of municipal solar and 75MW of local storage.

Thank you.

Randall Adams
Jaime Pliego

Pasadena, CA 91107

May 3, 2026

Mayor & City Councilmembers,

We in PASADENA 100 are deeply concerned about the updated CIP given a few significant changes:

1. The proposed CIP only shows 6MW of the needed 20MW of municipal solar. According to the May 4th Staff Report, PWP moved 14MW of solar as “subprojects” under a “master project” entitled “Installation of 4 MW Municipal-Owned Solar” ranked #5 on the priority list. The total cost of this master project is the same cost as the original 4MW solar project detailed in the prior CIP proposal. The **only** location that details this 14MW exists in the new CIP proposal is a short paragraph in the May 4th Staff Report. This aggregation was done to “reduce the total number of projects by 3”, but in effect removed 14MW from the priority list in both name and cost. The OSP requires 20MW of solar prior to the end of 2030 to achieve the goal of Resolution 9977. PWP estimated the total cost of this 20MW to be \$90M; the CIP is only tracking 6MW and \$27M of funding.

2. The Glenarm Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Broadway BESS projects have been entirely removed from the CIP priority list found in Attachment A in the May 4th agenda. This modification was not mentioned in the Staff Report. According to the OSP, 75MW of storage is required to achieve Resolution 9977's goal. Glenarm and Broadway BESS projects were previously priorities 15 and 28 on the previously proposed CIP,

3. The total difference between the previously proposed CIP and the current proposed CIP in regards to Resolution 9977 is an added \$650k towards solar & the occlusion and removal of solar and storage projects.

We are further concerned when this is taken in conjunction with the fundamental issues associated with the CIP in relation to 9977:

4. In total, assuming the proposed FY28-FY30 budget from the prior proposed CIP is upheld, only \$20.65M of the needed \$90M is funded for the 20MW of solar. This is despite the council indicating that funding the council's carbon free mandate is sacrosanct.

5. Based on information from the prior CIP and David Reyes' memo, the Broadway Energy Storage System project (formerly priority 28) has been aggregated with a redevelopment of the Broadway site, potentially inflating the cost of the energy storage system by approximately \$280M, a value that is not funded. It is not clear to what extent the redevelopment of the site needs to take place for the installation of the necessary storage, and thus it is not clear whether the necessary storage will be installed to meet the goals of 9977. Assuming redevelopment is necessary, only \$76M is proposed of the needed \$362M (21%).

6. During the Optimized Strategic Planning process, PWP assumed that municipal solar installations can take more than 2 years from the time it is funded to be completed. With 4.5 years until the end of 2030, this means that the latest that solar should be funded is FY28 if there is to be any buffer on the minimum 2 year project duration. If the solar is to be split between more than 1 FY, this means approximately half of the solar should be funded in FY27 and half in FY28. Currently, only \$5M (5.5%) is proposed for solar in FY27, and according to the previous CIP only \$7.2M (8%) is funded in FY28. This leaves \$77.2M (86.4%) to be funded between FY29 and FY30; leaving insufficient time for the necessary installations to take place.

In sum, the proposed CIP is a proposal to fail to achieve the goal of Resolution 9977. This is unacceptable.

Municipal solar and storage are the most equitable form of solar and storage, and will be assets to the community that enhance resiliency and reduce the cost of electricity. Investing in these community assets with the CIP ensures that the cost of electricity is equitably shared across customers.

We urge the City Council to send staff back with clear direction to fully fund the necessary 20MW of municipal solar and 75MW of local storage.

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From: Michael Robertson <
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Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 11


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Hello, my name is Michael Robertson. I am a professional environmental scientist and resident of Pasadena District 7. When it comes to Climate Emergency Resolution 9977, it is time for the city to put its money where its mouth is. The funding for solar and back up batteries required to reach 100% carbon free power by 2030 is not in this CIP budget as promised. I urge the city council to make the rich decision and vote NO until the CIP budget is amended to include funding these priorities. Pasadena Water and Power needs to fund these priorities as instructed by the city council as we continue to face dire consequences of climate emergencies like the Eaton Fire.

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From: Sylvia Holmes <
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Budget for solar and batteries.

The climate crisis is not gonna get better without it. Do it now.

Sylvia Holmes
Transition Pasadena
Compassionate Arts In Action
Shakespeare Authorship Roundtable

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From: Cynthia Cannady ·
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:27 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Rivas, Jessica; Masuda, Gene; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Jones, Justin
Subject: Letter from League of Women Voters re Agenda #11 (CIP)
Attachments: City Council 5_4_26 .pdf

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Please accept this letter from the President of the League of Women Voters for the Pasadena area concerning agenda item #11, the CIP budget.



Alhambra Altadena Arcadia Bradbury Duarte La Cañada Flintridge Monrovia
Monterey Park Pasadena San Gabriel San Marino Sierra Madre South Pasadena

May 4, 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization devoted to democracy, advocates for policymaking by representatives elected by the people. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is the practical expression of those policies and must reflect the priorities adopted by the Council, with meaningful opportunity for public discussion.

We believe the City's adopted priorities—including Climate Emergency Resolution 9977, the commitment to achieve 100% greenhouse gas-free electricity by 2030, and the expansion of local solar and battery storage to reach 100% renewable energy—must be implemented. These are not aspirational statements; they are commitments that require alignment in the CIP. Advocacy for climate action is a top priority of the League.

At the same time, the League's positions on basic human needs and homelessness are clear. The League of Women Voters of California Homeless Action Policy and the League of Women Voters of the United States 1989 Statement of Position on Meeting Basic Human Needs support the use of crisis response and housing interventions to ensure access to shelter and essential services.

The Council has identified a year-round shelter and transitional housing facility as a top priority. Yet, the draft 2026–2031 CIP does not include funding for this investment.

We urge the Council to align the CIP with its adopted priorities by investing in clean energy infrastructure and funding year-round shelter and transitional housing. Doing so advances both long-term sustainability and the immediate well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Roberson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Roberson, President
League of Women Voters Pasadena Area

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From: Diane Morgan
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:44 PM
To: Tyron Hampton; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: CIP Budget: Funding of 20MW of municipal solar and 75MW of local storage

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Dear Mayor, Council and Staff,

I am a longtime Pasadena resident in District 1 and it has come to my attention that PWP has not prioritized the 20 MW of municipal solar and 75 MW of local storage in the CIP Budget for 2027-2030. City Council has been very clear that this is a top priority.

My neighbors and I are counting on this. We strongly support this energy transition.

I urge you to insist that PWP allocate their budget to include both 75 MW of local storage and 20 MW of municipal solar in this CIP.

Thank you,
Diane Morgan

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From: Jon Fuhrman <jfuhrman@cityofsanrafael.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:25 PM
To: Gordo, Victor
Cc: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda Item 11

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Dear Mayor Gordo,

I write to you to ask you to allocate funding for the full amount of solar power generation and storage on public property, as required in order to implement the plan for transition to carbon free electric power by 2030.

I was disappointed, and surprised, that city staff essentially disregarded the Council's clear guidance on the importance of funding substantial solar energy and battery storage capacity on city sites. The apparent intent to backload the majority of solar installation, and tie it to the overall site development of the Broadway plant, defers creating critical capacity until well after our 2030 target date. Unless the City believes it can find alternative local sources for that power, it seems hard to understand how we can achieve our Council-mandated goal of carbon-free power sourcing by 2030. Further, the sooner we implement major generation and storage capacity, the sooner we reduce the cost of electricity for our ratepayers. Why wait until after 2030, and who knows how long after that before we might be able to bring that generation capacity on-line?

So I urge you to return the Capital Improvements Budget to staff with clear direction to bring that solar capacity on-line this coming fiscal year, or at the worst, in fiscal 2027 - 2028.

Yours truly,

Jonathan Fuhrman

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From: Nick Laushkin
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:29 PM
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Subject: Agenda item #11

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The necessity for PWP and City Council to move forward with this budget towards a carbon free electrical future is plain. The cost to act later, with other budgets will be more expensive.

Work of continuing to include proper funding must be accomplished now with a City Council that is on board with the facts of what needs to be done.

We at Knox have faced similar challenges- but not to PWP scale. The bottom line though is a financial one and the cost of solar and renewables are very persuasive and will return good consequences for the health and forward looking resiliency of Pasadena

Regards,

Nick Laushkin
Co-chair Knox Church
Sustainability Team

Sent from my iPhone

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From:
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:32 PM
To: Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; Rick Cole; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason
Cc: Gao, Beilei; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: City Council 05.04.2026 Item #11 - FY 2027-2031 CIP

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council,

PWP’s Optimized Strategic Plan (OSP) specified 20MW of solar on municipal properties and 75MW of battery storage as prerequisites for meeting Pasadena’s stated goal of carbon-free electricity by the end of 2030. However, both the “Recommended” Electric System CIP and the “Revised” CIP of Exhibit B fail to fund the solar and storage required to implement Resolution 9977 and the Optimized Strategic Plan.

The current budget is yet another demonstration of Pasadena Power’s refusal to follow the direction of City Council and its own OSP. To make matters worse, the budget in Exhibit B “disappears” 14MW of municipal solar which were formerly itemized as Priorities 68&69. Another unexplained “disappearance” is all reference to battery storage formerly found as Priority 15 Glenarm BESS and Priority 28 Broadway BESS, the latter inexplicably combined with site restoration requiring \$286.4 million as noted in David Reyes’ memo dated April 9, 2026. **PWP Staff is misusing the Capital Improvement Program process to block the realization of Climate Emergency Resolution 9977. Having failed to fund municipal solar and storage, PWP will again be requesting rate adjustments to compensate for the rapidly rising cost of carbon fuel which they continue to use for power generation.**

Municipal solar and storage benefit the entire community and will be assets that enhance local resilience and reduce the cost of electricity. Investing in these community assets through the FY2027-31 CIP budget can ensure that the cost of electricity is equitably shared across all customer groups.

^{04/20/}**Please do not approve the most recent Power System capital budget. Send staff back with clear direction to fully fund the necessary 20MW of municipal solar and 75MW of local storage.**

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Genette Foster, CD2

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From: Claire Marie-Peterson
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Subject: City Council meeting Agenda Item #11: Implementation of Climate Emergency Resolution 9977

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Dear City Council,

I urge you to do all in your power to hold Pasadena Water and Power staff accountable for following your instructions and your constituents'--their customers'--wishes to implement Climate Emergency Resolution 9977. In particular, I urge you to press PWP to use pricing incentives, rebates, and redistribution of research and development funds to foster the production and storage of carbon-free power to meet the goal of Pasadena 100: Carbon-free by 2030!

Claire Marie-Peterson

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From: Laura Fleming <fleminglaura63@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Lyon, Jason
Subject: Agenda item 12: CIP Budget and Artificial Turf

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Councilmembers:

I am a resident of District 7 and the Environmental Sustainability Manager at Polytechnic School. I also serve on the Environmental Advisory Commission.

I understand the demand for playing fields in Pasadena, but artificial turf is not a responsible choice for the City due to its high costs and the myriad environmental and public health concerns associated with it. The EAC wrote a memo advising the City Council about these concerns in November 2024. At Polytechnic, we considered installing an artificial turf field in 2023 and decided against it for the reasons outlined in the EAC's memo.

Geo infill may reduce the extreme heat by 20 degrees, but when temperatures rise above 95 degrees (and we're predicted to have another month's worth of above 95 degrees by 2050), artificial turf with geo infill can still reach temperatures of 130 - 160 degrees. This exacerbates the urban heat islands within our city in an area of Pasadena with less tree cover, further impacting our disadvantaged communities.

I urge the City Council to spend more time studying this issue before choosing to fund replacing these fields with expensive and toxic artificial turf. Natural grass is far less expensive when expenses are looked at over the life cycle of an artificial turf field. Returning to natural grass is a one-time expense. Artificial turf must be replaced every eight years. Geo infill, although less toxic than tire rubber infill, is 25% more expensive, adding to the City's budget woes.

Changing out the fields will mean that there is downtime for either surface. And yes, sod may require another 3-4 weeks to set before soccer or other hard play can commence, but it is an investment in time that provides health benefits to our youth and adult athletes.

Laura Fleming
District 7

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From: Topher Mathers
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:26 PM
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Subject: 5/4 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item #11

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

Were living in a climate of emergency. Our neighbors to the North, Altadena burned to the ground partially due to climate change, we need climate champions during this time period to support a green sustainable future. I wholeheartedly support including Climate Emergency Resolution 9977 into the CIP..

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From: Donna Sider
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Council members & Mayor,

We see PWP staff blocking your directive to be carbon zero by 2030. That means funding, not only solar but also battery storage, etc. You know and we see all the times, in all the ways. Spending exorbitantly on consultants and buildings. This is not the way to prevent climate catastrophe!!!

In solidarity with Pas 100,
Donna
D2

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From: Wesley Reutimann
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:45 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda Item 11 - 5/4/26 - ☹️ Funding for OSP Priorities: Solar + Storage

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Dear Mayor, Council, and staff,

As a Pasadena household that strongly supports the City's transition to cleaner, more affordable and sustainable energy, I am writing to ask you to **please fund:**

1. **20 MW of local, municipal solar**
2. **75 MW of battery storage**

Investment in municipal solar and storage will pay dividends for decades. Benefits include but are not limited to:

- increasing the **resiliency of Pasadena's grid,**
- **preparing the City for future emergencies** such as natural disasters,
- **reducing peak load/demand** at a time when aggregate demand for electricity is on the rise after decades of stagnancy,
- **mitigating urban heat island impacts** (if solar canopies are placed over City asphalt parking lots or other heat sinks),
- **lowering the City's reliance on imported power and gas peaker plants,** and
- **saving the City money** by using battery storage to **arbitrage periods of cheap energy** (e.g., regional solar power midday) with peak demand periods (e.g., early evenings on hot days).

Committing funding to local solar and storage in FY 2026-27 would bring local clean power online before the City hosts the 2028 Summer Olympics. High profile clean energy projects would put Pasadena's best foot forward after years of failed leadership at the national level.

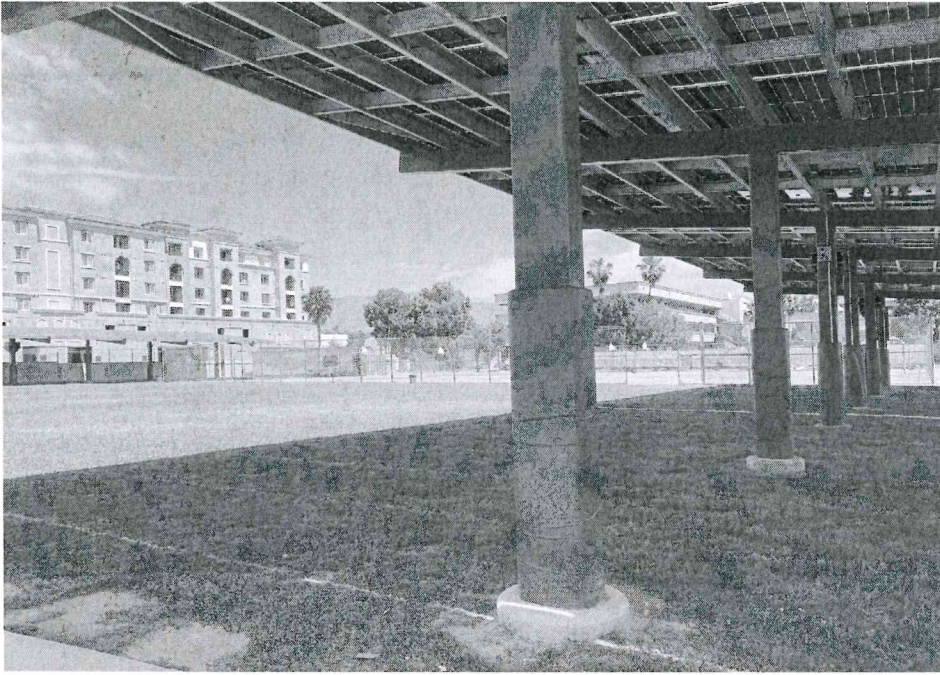
Thank you,

The Reutimann Family

Pasadena 91103

P.S. Below is an example of a recently installed solar generation system over a section of grass field at Alhambra High School. In addition to generating local clean power, the system is an example of a multi-benefit project insofar as it also provides field users with much-needed shade. Examples of similar projects can also be found in Arcadia, San Gabriel, and La Crescenta.

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From: Lisa Zeigel
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:06 PM
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Subject: Climate Emergency Resolution 9977

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I am writing to urge you to go through and fully fund the climate resolution that we have been working so hard to put in place. We are so close to being able to transition to carbon free energy which will make a huge difference to the citizens of the city of Pasadena as we face the impending and ongoing crises resulting from climate change.

Actually, we cannot do otherwise, so I'm hoping you will do the right thing and fully fund and pass this urgent resolution. If you have young people in your life, whether your children or relatives or just young people you care about, you should do this because it's their future that we are gambling with.

Thank you

Respectfully,

Lisa Zeigel

Lisa G. Zeigel

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Robles, Sandra
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:14 PM
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This is the correct correspondence for item # 11.

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Subject: Re: Public Comment

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It looks like I swapped comments and emails. Here is the comment for City Council.

Hello,

I am a resident of Pasadena in District 6. This email is to express my dissent at the proposed budget for the Capital Improvement Plan. It does not address any of the Council's five key priorities. There is no money for, or even a reference to, a year-round shelter or transitional housing even though that was one of the Council's five priorities. Meanwhile, the Police Department's budget increased over \$9 million from last year to \$131,910 million. Over 92% of PPD's budget is funded by the general fund. Housing recommended budget is decreased from last year's revised budget to \$58.023 million; only 4.59% of that budget is funded by the general fund. This is a gross misuse of our city budget and reflects the lack of humanity in our council's decision-making and priorities.

Thank you,
Rita

But it fails to address the Council's five key priorities we set last December:

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- Upgrading our Fire Department facilities in light of the lessons of the Eaton Fire

- Establishing a year-round homeless shelter to get people off the street and get them the help they need to stay off the street
 - Repairing and repaving our streets and sidewalks and improving traffic safety
 - Achieving 100% renewable energy by 2030 by expanding local solar and battery storage
 - Investing in economic development by implementing plans to make the North Lake, North Fair Oaks, East Colorado and Lincoln corridors more attractive places for local businesses to grow and new businesses to locate
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