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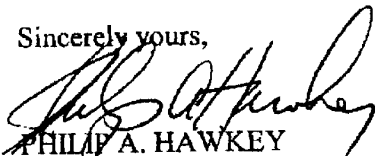433 South Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020-1975

RE: Employment Opportunities - "At Risk Youth" L.A. County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act

Dear Mr. Cooper:

The City of Pasadena shares the County of Los Angeles' commitment to find meaningful employment opportunities for youth utilizing funds from the 1992 and 1996 L.A. County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act. However, the Youth Employment Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 26, 1997, as a condition of the receipt and utilization of funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996, cannot be met by the City of Pasadena as it is currently stipulated. Mr. Baderian's letter of August 13, 1997, was based on his initial understanding that the policy as adopted would allow cities to be credited for employment of "At-Risk" youth in conjunction with completed projects funded by the Park Bond as well as other City-wide youth employment programs from July 1, 1993. It is our understanding that the current Youth Employment Plan would honor only youth employment directly applicable to projects funded by the 1992 Proposition, and that youth employment credit for the 1996 Park Bond would begin as of August 20, 1997. Most of Pasadena's major projects funded by the 1992 Park Bond were technically complicated construction projects, and allowed little opportunity for "At-Risk" youth employment. As you are aware, Pasadena's obligation under the Youth Employment Goal for the 1992 and 1996 Propositions is $946, 965.

Our representative to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Council Member Paul Little, will continue to carry our message and represent us on any potential revision of the Youth Employment Policy.

Sincerely yours,

PHILIP A. HAWKEY
City Manager

cc: Paul Little
    Nick Conway
    Robert C. Baderian

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