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William J. Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

Thank you again for attending the Leadership Pasadena graduation on July 30, 1999. I enjoyed talking with you briefly at the ceremony as well as in June when our class met at City Hall. I'm writing to request time on the City Council's agenda to present information on community learning centers.

As we discussed in June, Community Vision Unlimited (CVU) and a many other individuals and groups across Pasadena are involved in developing community learning centers in our local public schools. Our collective goal is to increase student academic achievement and ensure that every child has a safe, enriching place to go every day during non-school hours. Once fully operational, community learning centers will integrate enrichment programs with traditional academics. Community partners from the public, private and government sectors will be recruited to provide a vast array of resources at the school sites. These partnerships, coupled with the involvement of school personnel, parents and community members, will greatly improve our schools and community.

In May, the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) was awarded \$3.6 million from the federal government and \$2.8 million from the state for the purpose of developing community learning centers at seven pilot sites. As you can imagine, this is a massive undertaking and will take the support of the entire community. Part of this effort is to communicate with many different groups and individuals throughout the City about the core principles of community learning centers and key components of the grants.

CVU, in collaboration with PUSD and the Partnership for School Age Children, has put together a short 15 minute Powerpoint presentation on community learning centers and the impact of the grants in Pasadena. We are hoping to share this with you and the rest of the City Council and discuss the impact of community learning centers and the role the City can plan. For this reason, we are requesting to be placed on the Council's agenda in early September.

Since I will be on vacation August 10 - 30, I have asked my assistant, Mary Hohl, to call your office next week to follow-up on this request. Again, Mr. Mayor, thank you for your interest in community learning centers and your commitment to our schools.

Sincerely,

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