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Subject: Request to City Council to Remove from "Consent Calendar" Agenda Item #1 & Open Public Comment

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Mayor & City Council members,

Please see the attached letter of request & our comments on Agenda Item #1 for 2/1/10 and provide Spirit of the Sage Council with your response.

Thank you.

Leeona Klippstein, Executive Director
Spirit of the Sage Council

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Defending and Protecting Native Plants, Wildlife & Sacred Lands

City of Pasadena
Mayor & City Council
City Manager via E-mail

January 29, 2010

RE: February 1, 2010 - Agenda Item #1 AMENDMENT TO JET PROPULSION LABORATORY LEASE AT HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK, CITY CONTRACT NO. 18,418-1 (JPL Parking Lots Lease)

Spirit of the Sage Council requests that this referenced item be taken off the "Consent Calendar" and moved to Public Comment and Hearing.

The proposal and Staff Report fails to recognize the February 19, 2004 Settlement between the City and Spirit of the Sage Council (Case No. BS 083201). In regards to the proposed, continued and future uses of the parking lots, by JPL, the Settlement requires the relocation of the parking lot within the Arroyo Seco and Hahamongna and restoration of natural and hydrological resources, among other actions. For these reasons, and others, Spirit of the Sage Council opposes this proposal and requests that the Mayor and City Council send this item back to the City Manager, planning staff and legal council to ensure that any continued leasing and uses of the parking lots is consistent with the 2004 Settlement. We also refer you to the recent letter of 1/25/10, submitted by our legal counsel, Craig Sherman to the City - regarding violations of the Settlement and proposed uses of Hahamongna and the Annex area.

The public has the right to participate in the government decision making process, including economic and environmental. The public also has the right to proper notice, a commenting period and hearing.

The City owned parking lots are included in the Arroyo Seco Master Plan (ASMP) and Hahamongna Watershed Park (HWP) plan, including their 2003 current uses and future uses. The 2004 Settlement with the Sage Council, as referenced above, included specifics and a "good faith effort" by the City to relocate parking for JPL so the parking lots could be restored for habitat, wildlife and water. Therefore, if the City approves the Agenda Item

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Sage Council letter continued

RE: CITY CONTRACT NO. 18,418-1 (JPL Parking Lots Lease)

Feb. 1, 2010 - Agenda Item #1

tonight and renews/extends the JPL lease, the City will be in violation of the Settlement and CEQA. Renewing/extending the JPL lease is a significant new impact that was not identified in the ASMP and HWP Plan. Since these plans are over 5 years old, the City is required, under CEQA, to prepare a new EIR with new traffic studies to address and mitigate impacts on Air Quality. In addition, the City would need to address impacts to Biological and Hydrological Resources as required under Codes and Regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leeona Klippstein, Executive Director

Spirit of the Sage Council