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Dear Public Safety Committee members,

As you begin considerations for budget recommendations for FY2023 Pasadena Police Department and Parks, Recreation and Community Services, I ask you to step back and consider the distribution of General Fund monies.

General Fund monies are directly from the people. Taxes, permit and license fees, service charges and fines all come directly from our pockets. General Fund monies are valuable to the departments as there are few restrictions on their use.

The current distribution of General Funds is imbalanced and unfair. PPD is allocated enough of the General Fund to fund over 90% of the PPD program while Housing and Public Health are allocated almost nothing and must rely on federal, state and county programs and grants. There must be grants available for the computer system upgrades and high tech equipment PPD feels it needs.

The budget request for Public Safety Specialists or officers to patrol parks would be better allocated to the Public Health Department for non-police-affiliated violence intervention specialists.

The Parks & Rec Department needs more funding to provide additional community & outreach staff to provide residential and code enforcement, which keeps people housed; a dedicated liaison between the Housing Department and Community Services office; and more funding for youth summer employment programs and summer camps as the demand is currently greater than the need!

Violence prevention, mental health support, and providing services to the unhoused are all public health issues. The functions and funding of the Neighborhood Action Teams and HOPE Teams need to be shifted to the Health Department.

Please address these concerns

Thank you

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