



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER
VICTOR M. GORDO
DISTRICT 5

Dear District 5 Neighbors and Friends:

I hope this update finds you well and enjoying the start of the new year. Below is a brief update of important news and information regarding the District and the City.

As the City of Pasadena stepped into the international spotlight, as we do every year on January 1st, at the local level we struggled with significant and terrible news of the theft of \$6.4 million of taxpayer funds through an embezzlement scheme perpetrated by a former City employee. You should know that when this situation was uncovered, we immediately involved the District Attorney and the individual involved is now facing 60 charges and 28 years in prison. While we all were heartened to learn that this individual, and two others, have been arrested and are facing similar criminal charges, I can't help but express my deep disappointment that an individual took advantage of their position and the public's trust for their own financial benefit. The breadth of this fraud upon our City cannot be understated and all of us in the City governance system must express to you, our constituents, our profound collective apologies. I have called for, and demanded, a complete audit of every city department and fund in order to ensure no similar situation exists or is possible in the future.

My Council office will keep you updated on this critically important matter through regular communications and postings on our District 5 web page and Twitter account. My office is ready to receive and respond to any comment or question through these same medium. As we as a city grapple with this difficult issue, our District will play its part and ensure there is the accountability we need and deserve. For example, the first two questions that must be answered are: 1) how can one individual get away with this and 2) how did our outside auditors miss this. A complete and thorough investigation must be conducted and all responsible must be held accountable. Please join me at District 5 Community Meeting on Tuesday, January 20th. We will discuss public safety in the district with representatives from the police department and receive further update from the City Manager about the invoice investigation.

As always, please feel welcomed to contact me or my office with any questions, comments or suggestions at any time.

Best regards,

Victor M. Gordo
Councilmember

DISTRICT 5 COMMUNITY MEETING: January 20 @ 6:30pm

Please join us at a District 5 Community Meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at Madison Elementary School, 515 Ashtabula St. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm. We will discuss public safety in the district with representatives from the Pasadena police department and receive further update from the City Manager regarding the theft of city funds investigation.

Estimados vecinos:

Espero que se encuentren bien y disfrutando del comienzo del nuevo año. Lo que sigue es una breve actualización de información y noticias del Distrito y en la ciudad.

Como lo hacemos todos los años el 1o de enero, la ciudad entro al enfoque nacional, pero a nivel local hemos recibido noticias terribles del robo de 6.4 millones de dólares de un fondo de la ciudad a través de un esquema de malversación perpetrado por un ex empleado de la Ciudad. Al descubrir esta situación, inmediatamente involucramos el Fiscal del Condado y la persona involucrada se enfrenta ahora a 60 cargos y 28 años de cárcel. Mientras que todos se sintieron alentados al saber que este individuo y varios otros han sido arrestados y enfrentan cargos criminales similares, no puedo dejar de expresar mi profunda decepción de que un individuo se aprovechó de su posición y la confianza del público para su propio beneficio financiero. La amplitud de este fraude a nuestra Ciudad no puede ser subestimada y todos nosotros en el sistema de gobierno de la ciudad expresamos a ustedes, nuestros constituyentes, nuestras profundas disculpas. He pedido y exigí una auditoría completa de cada departamento de la ciudad y de cada fondo con el fin de asegurar que no exista otra situación similar o que sea posible en el futuro.

Por favor, asistan a la Reunión Comunitaria del Distrito 5 el 20 de enero en la escuela Madison. Vamos a hablar de las preocupaciones sobre la seguridad pública con los representantes del departamento de policía y escucharemos del Gerente de la Ciudad sobre el robo de los fondos públicos .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTOR M. GORDO
invites you to a
DISTRICT 5 COMMUNITY MEETING
El Concejal Victor M. Gordo lo invita a una reunión de la comunidad del Distrito 5

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 • 6:30PM-8:00PM
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MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • AUDITORIUM
515 E. Ashtabula Street - Pasadena 91104
En la Escuela Madison • en el Auditorio

Please join us for a meeting with the Pasadena Police Department to receive an update on public safety trends and recent criminal activity. Also joining us at the meeting will be City Manager Michael Beck to discuss the theft of City funds by a former city employee.

Favor de asistir a una reunión con el Departamento de Policía de Pasadena para una actualización sobre la seguridad pública y la actividad criminal reciente. También estará presente en la reunión el Gerente de la Ciudad, Michael Beck, para discutir el descubrimiento del robo de fondos de la Ciudad por un ex-empleado de la ciudad.

For more information/Para mas informacion: Yannia De La Cuba, Field Representative
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Como siempre, por favor haga contacto con mi oficina con cualquier pregunta, comentario o sugerencia en cualquier momento.

Concejal Victor M. Gordo

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The City of Pasadena is providing a variety of documents and information to help keep the public informed about the arrest of a former City employee regarding the theft of public funds and steps that the City has-and will-take. As more information becomes available, additional postings and sharing will occur. Investigation documents and information can be found here: [**INVOICE INVESTIGATION**](#)

Community Events:

Mayor's State of the City: January 15

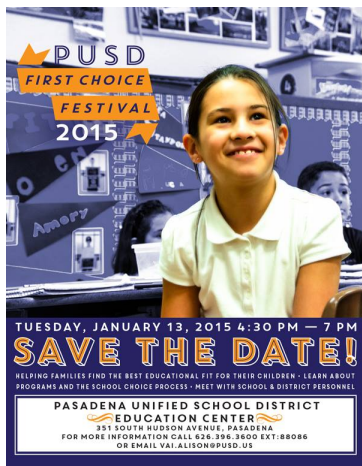


The annual Mayor's State of the City event will be held on Thursday, January 15th at the historic Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the program starts at 7 p.m. This will be Mayor Bogaard's final State of the City address, capping nearly 16 years of service as Pasadena's first elected mayor. Mayor Bogaard retires from service as Pasadena's top elected official later this year.



The public is invited to watch more than 200 Olympic-style boxers, including local athletes, compete in the Region XIII Silver Gloves Boxing Tournament Jan. 9-11, 2015, at the Victory Park Community Center gymnasium, 2575 Paloma St.

PUSD First Choice Fair for Open Enrollment: January 13



The Pasadena Unified School District is hosting its "First Choice Festival" on Thursday, January 13 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at PUSD Education Center, 351 S. Hudson Ave. as part of the Open Enrollment program.

Open Enrollment is the district's school of choice program that offers students the opportunity to attend schools with themed or specialized programs or a campus other than their school of residence. All students living within PUSD boundaries entering kindergarten-11th grade in the 2015-16 school year are eligible to participate in Open Enrollment.

PUSD's Open Enrollment application period for the 2015-16 academic year begins January 8 and continues through January 29, 2015 exclusively online at openrollment.info.

Hosted by the City's Human Services and Recreation Department, the 3-day tournament consists of matchups between amateur boxers ages 10-15 representing Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah. Finalists will advance to the national tournament.

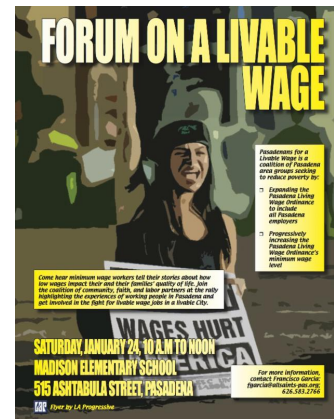
PASADENANS FOR A LIVABLE WAGE HOST COMMUNITY FORUM on JANUARY 24

Funding Available to Homeowners for Earthquake Retrofit



The California Residential Mitigation Program will expand its seismic retrofit incentive program, Earthquake Brace + Bolt: Funds to Strengthen Your Foundation, in 2015. Owners of houses will be eligible for an incentive payment of up to \$3,000 to help pay costs associated with retrofitting their homes to lessen earthquake damage.

In order to participate in the program, EBB requires homeowners to pre-qualify through a series of questions, in order to determine whether their house meets the Program criteria specified in California's Existing Building Code. Qualifying houses were constructed before 1979, have a raised, wood first floor, and have a cripple wall that does not exceed four feet in height. Please visit www.earthquakebracebolt.com for more information.



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