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VICTOR M. GORDO
DISTRICT 5

Dear District 5 Neighbors and Friends:

I hope this update finds you well and enjoying the start of spring. Below is a brief update of important District and City-wide news and information.

On March 23rd, I was proud to lead the efforts at City Council which resulted in the adoption of a new Early Child Development Policy, establishment of the Office of the Young Child and reinstatement of the Early Child Development Coordinator. These actions will coordinate efforts, link resources to families, and ensure the youngest of our community have access to high-quality early childhood education and development opportunities. It is in the early childhood years that we can truly close the achievement gap, ensure better outcomes for our children and families and create a stronger community for everyone.

This month is a busy one in our City. On April 13, the City Council will host a public meeting on the 710 Freeway and I encourage you to attend. The City's Working Group strongly recommended against the tunnel option and, instead, encourages Metro and Caltrans to focus on moving "people" rather than "vehicles" by focusing on light rail transit, expanded bus service, bicycle transit and local street network improvements. Meetings are also underway to discuss "mansionization" and the need to examine potential zoning code amendments that would encourage compatibility of new single-family home construction with neighboring properties. The Mayoral Run-Off Election is on Tuesday, April 21, and early voting at City Hall is underway. And, finally, on Saturday, April 25th, I hope you will join me at a community celebration at City Hall for Mayor Bill Bogaard.

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

710 FREEWAY MEETINGS: April 13 & April 14

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED. The public is invited to attend one or both public meetings in Pasadena, regarding the Caltrans and Metro State Route 710 (SR-710) North Study. However, official comments for inclusion in the SR-710 North Study Draft Environment Impact Report (DEIR) will only be accepted at Metro's April 14 meeting, unfortunately NOT at the City Council meeting on April 13.

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.

El 23 de marzo, estaba orgulloso de liderar los esfuerzos que resultaron en la adopción por el Consejo de una nueva política de desarrollo de la primera infancia y el establecimiento de la Oficina del Niño. Esta acción asegurar que los más jóvenes de nuestra comunidad tengan acceso a una educación, y oportunidades para desarollo, de alta calidad. Es en los primeros años de vida que verdaderamente podemos cerrar la brecha en el rendimiento, asegurar mejores resultados para nuestros niños y familias, y crear una comunidad más fuerte para todos.

Este mes nuestro Concejo Municipal llevará a cabo una reunión pública sobre la autopista 710. El Grupo de Trabajo de la Ciudad recomienda en contra de la opción del túnel y, en cambio, anima ha que Metro y Caltrans se enfoquen en el movimiento de "gente" en lugar de "vehículos". Los esfuerzos deben dirigirse al tránsito por ferrocarril, servicio de autobús ampliados, tránsito por bicicletas y mejoras en la red de las calles locales. Reuniones también se están llevando a cabo sobre las "mansiones" y la necesidad de examinar las modificaciones del código de zonas que fomenten la

The City Council meeting Monday, April 13, begins at 6:30 p.m. with a discussion on the Pasadena Working Group's recommendations for a preferred alternative. The Working Group's report, and other related SR-710 information, is online HERE. The meeting will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St. Paid parking for the Council's April 13 meeting will be available at the Paseo Colorado parking structure, 400 E. Green St., at Los Robles Avenue. Parking vouchers will be provided at the meeting site inside the Convention Center.

Metro will hold a special hearing from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14 to receive **official comments** on the DEIR. The April 14 meeting begins with map viewing from 5-6 p.m. The DEIR can be found HERE. This meeting will also be held at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St.

Both meetings will be recorded by Pasadena Media, to air on KPAS, the City's government cable access TV station, seen on Channel 99 by AT&T U-Verse subscribers and on Channel 3 for Charter. The meetings will be streamed on the Pasadena Media website and the City's website.

Mansionization: what do you think?

The City's Planning & Community Development Department invites you to discuss regulations for residential construction in your neighborhood. Staff is preparing regulations to address neighborhood compatibility in targeted single-family zones in the City, as directed by City Council. The purpose of the meetings is to understand concerns community members may have with new development and/or recently remodeled single-family homes in their neighborhood. There are three meetings in April and more will be scheduled in May. Your input is vital to this process.

Thursday, April 9, 4pm-6pm @ La Pintoresca Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.
Thursday, April 16, 6pm-8pm @ Lamanda Park Library, 140 S. Altadena Drive
Thursday, April 30, 6pm-8pm @ Allendale Library, 1130 S. Marengo Ave.

For more information please contact Planning staff:
Ha Ly at (626) 744-6743 or haly@cityofpasadena.net
Martin Potter at (626) 744-6710 or mpotter@cityofpasadena.net

Mayor Bogaard Appreciation Day: April 25

Everyone is invited to a free celebration honoring Mayor Bill Bogaard for his 16 years of dedicated service as Pasadena's top elected official during the City's "Mayor Bogaard Appreciation Day" event from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, April 25th, at Pasadena City Hall, Centennial Square, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

The casual community event features family fun with hands-on, interactive activities for all ages that reflect the programs and services Mayor Bogaard supported during his tenure as Pasadena's first directly elected Mayor. Attendees can enjoy activities provided by the Armory Center for the Arts; a children's obstacle course; numerous special displays by various City departments; live music by the Marshall Fundamental High School Jazz Band and food trucks with tasty items for purchase.

More information can be found HERE

compatibilidad de la construcción de viviendas nuevas con las propiedades cercanas. Por último, el sábado 25 de abril los invito a que me acompañen en una celebración comunitaria en el Ayuntamiento para el alcalde Bill Bogaard.

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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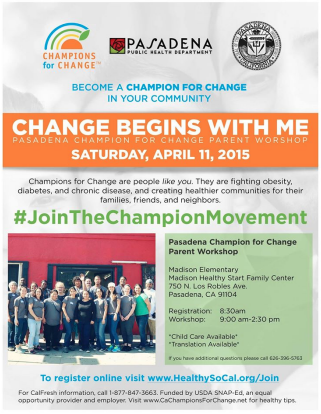
Saturday, April 11
8:30am - 2:30pm
Madison Family Center
750 N. Los Robles, Pasadena



Day of Prayer for Peace
Saturday, April 11
3pm - 7pm

Invoice Investigation Update

The first public meeting of the City's Task Force on Financial Administration and Internal Control was held on Monday, March 9th. Task Force members include: C. Douglas Kranwinkle, Chair, Robert E. Carlson, Robert C. Davidson, Jr., James F. Dowling, Donald C. Nanney, Charlotte Reith and Raul F. Salinas. Mayor Bogaard made the appointments based on the applicants' expertise in accounting, forensic accounting, finance, municipal administration, law, fraud, investigations, public integrity and ethics.

The Task Force will call upon the expertise of its members to:

- Advise the Council and City Manager regarding the City's actions to review its financial administration and reporting;
- Review the integrity and effectiveness of the City's financial reporting and internal controls;
- Assess the City's internal audit function, and the pros and cons of an ongoing citizen-based audit advisory committee; and
- Make such other conclusions and recommendations in a written report as the Task Force may determine will strengthen the City's financial administration and internal controls and minimize risk.

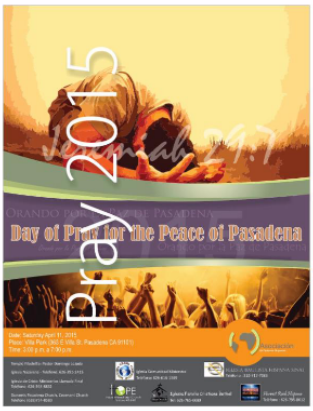
Information about the incident and the City's response can be found online here: **INVOICE INVESTIGATION**

Summer Enrichment for Kids

Learn to cook, explore a new language, program a robot, design with 3D printers, and so much more!

The Pasadena Educational Foundation's popular program continues in its twelfth year of providing summer enrichment classes to K-12 students. This year, the program will be held at McKinley (K-8), Don Benito (K-6), District Headquarters (9-12), Franklin (K-6) and San Rafael (K-6). Registration has already started. Download your class schedule & register online HERE

Villa Parke Community Center
363 E. Villa St. Pasadena 91101



Children's Roundtable Workshop
hosted by PACTL
Tuesday, April 14
9:30am - 12pm
Flintridge Center
236 W. Mountain St. #117
Pasadena 91103

Young African American Women's Conference
hosted by
Delta Sigma Theta Pasadena
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Pasadena City College

MAYORAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Your Vote Is Your Voice!

Pasadena residents eligible to vote have the opportunity to cast ballots to elect the City's next Mayor in the April 21, 2015 run-off election. Early Voting is now available in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., weekdays from 8am to 5pm and on Saturday, April 18, from 10am to 2pm. All voters who intend to vote by mail are encouraged return their ballots as soon as possible and not to wait until April 21, 2015 to mail their vote-by-mail ballots. Be sure to sign and date the back of the yellow return envelope that contains the completed ballot on the return envelope's signature line. More election information from the City Clerk can be found HERE.

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