Hi All,

On Wednesday, we held Mayor Victor Gordo's 2026 State of the City event at Robinson Park Recreation Center. You can view the full event here, but I wanted to be sure to share my opening remarks with you. I discussed how the federal government is trampling on our rights through its overbearing immigration enforcement and how Pasadena will be ready for whatever comes our way. Click the image or links below to watch, or continue reading below.

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We will hear from Mayor Gordo in just a few moments that there are many challenges and opportunities here in Pasadena and that will occupy our time over the coming year – the ongoing recovery from the Eaton fire, re-development of 710 stub, leading the Rose Bowl into its second century, confronting the homelessness and affordable housing crisis, and continuing to work towards our goal of going Carbon free by 2030, just to name a few.

But as I sat down to think about what I would like to share with you tonight, my heart and my mind were with our fellow Americans in Minnesota.

Though federal agents descended on Pasadena this past summer and are still here, it is not at the scale nor intensity that we are seeing there. Minneapolis has been an American city under siege and terrorized by the federal government:

- Immigrants, most of whom have no criminal record, harassed and snatched off the street.
- American citizens dragged from their homes without clothes into the snow.
- A family of American citizens driving home from a basketball game with a 6-month-old baby in the car assaulted with flash bangs and tear gas.
- American citizens arrested while working at Target.
- Non-white police officers harassed and asked for their papers while off duty.
- Federal agents recklessly pointing their weapons at children.

- An American citizen, mother, and good neighbor – Renee Good – shot and killed by Jonathan Ross.
- And just this weekend, another American citizen, ICU nurse – Alex Pretti – executed by federal agents currently unknown by name, but only by their cowardice, incompetence, and malice.

These are blatant violations of our unalienable rights to life and liberty. To be secure in our persons and homes from unreasonable searches and seizures. To due process. And to equal protection under the law.

We cannot pretend that this is happening in some distant foreign land. The federal agents in Minnesota who are trampling on the Constitution have more funding than most of the world's militaries and more than our own Marine Corps. More of them could be here soon.

But we will be ready because we know how to look out for one another. Not only have we been inspired by the courage of Minnesotans working together, but just over a year ago we faced the catastrophe of the Eaton fire.

We know how to go door to door to check on our neighbors. We stood up an emergency shelter within hours. We looked after one another to make sure we all had safe drinking water and PPE in the days and weeks following. We cleared fallen trees and debris across the city. We donated whatever we could to whoever needed it. And we comforted our neighbors facing incomprehensible loss.

I know we will make it through whatever comes our way because all of this was done out of love. Love for our neighbors – no matter what they look like, what language they speak, or where they come from. And as we all know Dr. Martin Luther King said, only love can drive out hate.

So on that note, please give a warm welcome to Mayor Victor Gordo, who will share about how we will rise together to meet any challenge in 2026.

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