



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER  
**VICTOR M. GORDO**  
DISTRICT 5

Neighbors and Friends,

Happy New Year! As we enter the first weekend of 2020, I hope this email finds you and yours rested, rejuvenated, and off to a great start in the new decade.

I want to share with you a few important items. The first is a job opportunity with our MASH training program. The Municipal Assistance, Solutions, and Hiring (MASH) program is an opportunity for otherwise unskilled adults (18 years and older) to gain valuable work skills and habits necessary to obtain a permanent job. Some trainees have obtained careers with the City of Pasadena, while others have gone on to other places of employment. The application deadline for the program is January 16th. The second item is the upcoming Annual Homeless Count on January 21 and 22, 2020, for which volunteers are needed. Please help us engage directly with our neighbors experiencing homelessness and help inform the state of homelessness in our City and how we can better address this challenge in our community. Last, I wanted to highlight some of our City accomplishments from this past year (see below). This is just a partial listing but, as you can see, ours is an active City!

I am grateful for your continued support and engagement. As always, please reach out to our office with any questions, concerns, or suggestions at any time!

Councilmember Victor M. Gordo



**Submit Your Application**  
**January 9, 2020 -**  
**January 16, 2020**

[cityofpasadena.net/human-resources](http://cityofpasadena.net/human-resources)

### **Job Opportunity: City's MASH Program**

The MASH program recruitment is underway. This is a great opportunity for anyone, 18 years or older, who is underemployed, unemployed, or under-skilled to gain valuable job skills and work with the City on a variety of projects. MASH offers on-the-job training in maintenance or clerical work for up to two years, and the program works diligently to help participants find a good paying career. Watch the informative video by clicking on the image to the left. Or visit the MASH page on the City website by clicking below.

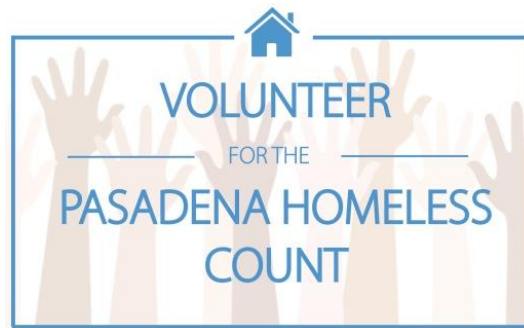
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## Volunteers Needed January 21-22 for the Pasadena Homeless Count

Each year, volunteers help count people experiencing homelessness living on the streets of Pasadena during one night in the last ten days of January.

The Count will be taking place on the evening of January 21 and the morning of January 22 this year. Volunteer registration closes on January 7th.

Training will take place on January 13 and 14.



[Learn more and register here](#)

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## 2019 City of Pasadena Accomplishments *(partial list of highlights)*

- Transported over 1.5 million riders on Pasadena Transit buses
- The Citizen Service Center handled 75,000 calls and 8,000 live chats with a 94% satisfaction rate
- Installed a new traffic signal at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Garfield Avenue
- Strengthened and expanded the Tenant Protection Ordinance
- Enacted an eviction moratorium ordinance
- Committed funding to La Villa Lake, San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, and Salvation Army projects to build or preserve 181 affordable housing units
- Modified the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to increase production of affordable units
- Secured \$2.14 million in new funding from the State of California for homeless programs and projects
- 232 Pasadena community groups held 876 meetings at City libraries
- Served 2,893 participants in full-day summer day camps at six City parks
- Over 20,000 people participated in over 1,350 classes, sports teams, camps and activities put on by the Human Services & Recreation Department
- Served 1,239 elementary school children by providing safe, supervised play and homework time at twelve after-school sites and before-school care at three school sites
- Closed eight minimum wage violation investigations; seven resulted in payment of unpaid wages to employees
- Reintegration services provided to 2,145 previously-incarcerated community

members

- Placed 21 unemployed or under-employed persons participating in the MASH program into permanent career-track jobs
- Furthered historic preservation with four landmark designations and one landmark district designation
- Planted 653 new trees
- Pruned nearly 15,000 trees and responded to 919 tree-related emergencies
- Provided 288 tons of free mulch from recycled tree materials
- 134,744 people attended 5,174 library workshops, classes, programs, special events and early learning sessions
- Installed an adaptive traffic control system for the intersections adjacent to the Metro Gold Line at-grade crossings of Del Mar Boulevard, California Boulevard and Glenarm Street
- 6.1% decrease in traffic collisions and 20.2% increase in DUI arrests
- Responded to over 19,000 fire emergency calls for service; 14,800 of which were medical related
- Police Dispatchers handled 342,816 calls; a 32% increase from 2018
- Took 228 handguns off the streets
- Provided flu vaccine to 1,074 community members and 1,843 vaccinations for preventable diseases
- Issued 107,000 nutritional food vouchers through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program
- Increased the exclusive breastfeeding rate at six months among WIC participants to 23.5%, up 3.2%
- Conducted 3,062 inspections at restaurants, food booths, pools, and tattoo facilities
- Assisted in 11 statewide fire strike teams and single resource deployments
- Completed the construction of Desiderio Park
- Provided substance use prevention education to over 500 Pasadena Unified School District students
- The Fire Department completed public education events with approximately 7,500 adults and 4,350 children in attendance
- 686 fraud investigations conducted by Community Response to Eradicate and Deter Identity Theft team
- Answered 75,305 PWP customer calls
- Logged over 7,000 building & code inspections, acting on over 2,000 citizen complaints
- Collected 101,000 tons of trash and 92,000 tons of recycling
- Purchased a new fire engine

- 148 Police volunteers completed 8,220 service hours
- Installed eleven new speed feedback signs
- \$34,121 returned to victims of fraud
- Replaced 2.57 miles of aging water main lines
- Received over \$250,000 in grants for theft prosecutions and sales of tobacco products to minors
- The Fire Department conducted 8,201 building and property inspections
- Increased energy efficiency of traffic signals by replacing 554 traffic signal indicators and 79 new traffic signal heads at 40 intersections
- Issued 1,654 permits for park reservations and special events
- 120,158 customers used a library computer; 228,038 used the in library Wi-Fi network.
- 298 community organizations partnered with the Library on programs and events
- Served over 9,500 people through Human Services programs, including assisting with income tax preparation, immigration forms, small claims and unlawful detainer forms, and applications for government programs like Social Security and Medicare
- Conducted a robust summer aquatics program, which operated four pool sites (Robinson Park, Villa-Parke, Blair High School and Pasadena High School); logged 30,000 pool visits; provided swim lessons to nearly 2,100 registered participants; and fielded both a youth swim and a youth water polo team
- Reviewed and processed 17,223 applications for City job opportunities
- Provided new or upgraded utility services to 833 residential and 124 commercial customers
- Conducted 900 free HIV tests and 400 free hepatitis C tests
- Issued approximately 19,500 business licenses
- 1.22 million library books, DVDs, databases and other resources were checked out and/or electronically accessed through the Library system
- Upgraded traffic signal hardware, video detection and connection to fiber optic communication of over forty signalized intersections.
- Installed public WiFi in four parks (Central, Washington, Memorial & Viña Vieja)
- Managed 330 signalized intersections with video detection at over 90 intersections

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## City Council Meetings & Agendas



The Pasadena City Council meets regularly on Monday evenings in Council Chambers at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., 2nd Floor. Council begins closed session at 5:30pm. Regular open session begins at 6:30pm. Council meetings are also streamed live by **KPAS**.

Agendas are available on the Thursday before the Monday meeting. They can be found on the **Council Agenda page**. Public comment is always welcome and encouraged.

Should you need translation or other assistive services, please contact the City Clerk at (626) 744-4124.

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