



**Additional Documents List**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**September 2, 2020**  
(Updated 9/3/2020 at 8:40 a.m.)

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Distributor	Document
11	Public Hearing to Approve the Appropriation of Community Development Block Grant Funds-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) to establish a one-time Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)	Lucy Demirjian, Assistant to the City Manager Marisol Romero, Management Analyst	PowerPoint Presentation
13	Briefing on the State of the Rogan Funds for Fair Oaks Avenue	Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director Kristine Courdy, Deputy Public Works Director	PowerPoint Presentation
PC	Public Comment submitted for: <b>Special Open Session</b> – Item No. 1 <b>Regular Open Session</b> - General Public Comment; Item No. 11	City Clerk’s Division	Public Comment E-mails



**City of South Pasadena  
Management Services  
Department**

# Memo

**Date:** September 2, 2020

**To:** The Honorable City Council

**Via:** Stephanie DeWolfe, City Manager

**From:** Lucy Demirjian, Assistant to the City Manager  
Marisol Romero, Management Analyst

**Re:** September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting Item No. 11 Additional Document –  
Presentation on the Proposed CDBG-CV Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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Attached is the power point presentation for Agenda Item 11. The presentation is about the proposed Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Emergency Rental Assistance Program for the September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting.

# Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-CV

September 2, 2020

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

# CDBG-CV Background

- **CARES Act - \$5 Billion CDBG**
  - **\$2B** to existing CDBG grantees
    - \$13.6M to Los Angeles County
    - \$73,528 to the City of South Pasadena
  - **\$1B** to states and insular areas
  - **\$2B** to states and local government- HUD Secretary Discretion

# CDBG-CV Background

- **Programs Considered by the City Council and the Senior Citizen Commission**
  - Senior Meals
  - Los Angeles County Emergency Rental Assistance
  - General Fund Senior Meal Contribution
  - Small Business Grants

# CDBG-CV Recommendation

\$1,000 - Emergency Rental Assistance

*South  
Pasadena  
Resident*

*Proof of  
Tenancy*

*Income  
Eligible  
Households:  
80% of AMI*

*Economically  
Impacted*

**Benefit: 62 households**

# Housing Rights Center Partnership

- ▶ The HRC will administer the program
  - ▶ Prepare forms
  - ▶ Develop an online portal for application submission
  - ▶ Advertise
  - ▶ Verify residency & eligibility
  - ▶ Lottery implementation
  - ▶ Communicate with landlords and tenants
  - ▶ Process subsidy disbursement

# Questions/Comments

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**City of South Pasadena  
Public Works Department**

# Memo

**Date:** September 2, 2020

**To:** The Honorable City Council

**Via:** Stephanie DeWolfe, City Manager

**From:** Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director  
Kristine Courdy, Deputy Public Works Director

**Re:** September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting Item No. 13 Additional Document –  
Briefing on the State of the Rogan Funds for Fair Oaks Avenue

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Attached is an additional document with a presentation for Agenda Item 13, Briefing on the State of the Rogan Funds for Fair Oaks Avenue for the September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting.



# ROGAN FUNDED PROJECT

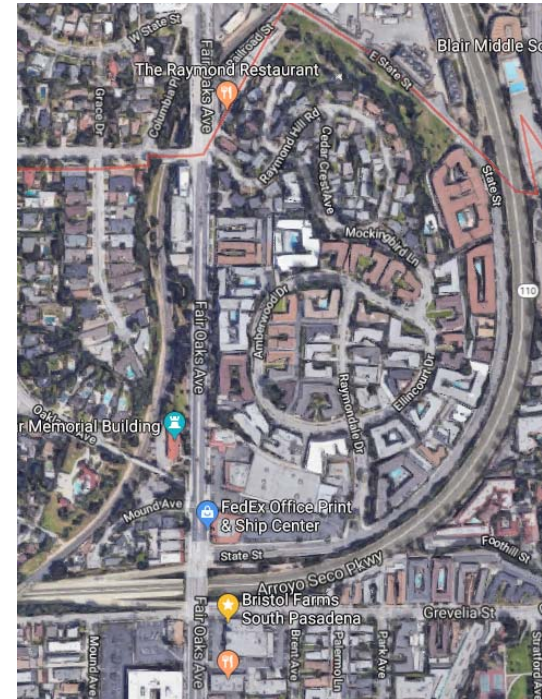
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City Council  
September 2, 2020



# Rogan Fund Project Summary (2004)

- Awarded for construction of the SR-110 hook ramp (shelf ready) on August 12, 2004
- Funding:
  - \$2.5M Right-of-way (ROW)
  - \$6.8M Construction
  - Total = \$9.3M
- Items that prohibited City from proceeding with Project as originally scoped:
  - Right of Way Constraints
  - Lack of Technical Study and Data
  - Project not shelf ready



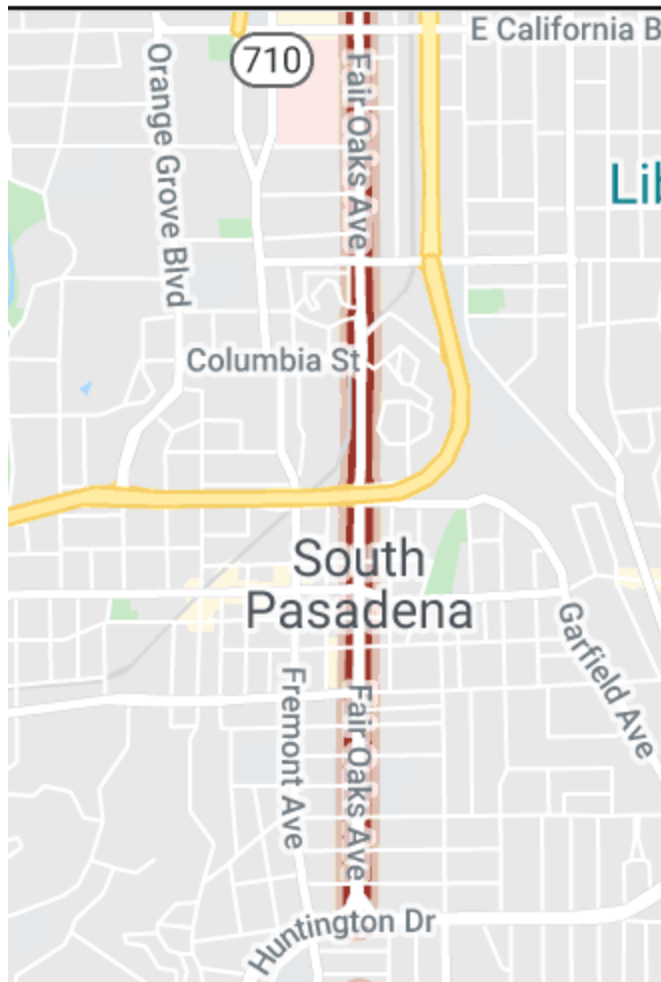


# Efforts to Save Rogan Funds from Lapsing

- In November 2019, FHWA and Caltrans informed staff that Rogan funds will lapse at the end of 2019 unless City starts construction immediately.
- Staff proposed a concept of an alternate viable project.
- Subsequently, Staff prepared a detailed proposed project scope of work.
- The proposed project scope was presented to Caltrans and FHWA in December 2019 and approved in January 2020.
- FHWA preformed special upgrades to the financial system to transfer Rogan Funds to the City from 15+ years ago.
- Fund transfer required in FY 2019-20 (by September 31, 2020).
- Staff completed a complex technical package for obligation of funds.
- City, Caltrans, and FHWA meet weekly to keep process on track.
- Initially FHWA agreed to transfer \$6.8M construction funding only.
- New funding available: \$9.3M for all project phases (P&E, construction and construction management).



# North South Corridor Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Deployment



- Description: Update the traffic signals to deploy advance adaptive traffic management system along north south Fair Oaks Avenue from the north City limits to Huntington Drive.



# North South Corridor ITS Deployment Scope of Work

- The project will include the following advanced technologies:

Advance adaptive traffic management system	Real travel time and delay monitoring system
Queue detection system	Infrared bike, pedestrian, and vehicle detection
Adaptive pedestrian warning system	Dilemma zone detection system
Emergency vehicle detection	Transit system priority

- ADA, sidewalk, curb and ramp upgrades along corridor.
- Changeable Message Sign (CMS) to provide real travel time information to motorists along Fair Oaks and Fremont corridors.



# Rogan Fund Summary

- Rogan Funds Available = \$9.34M
- Additional Funds Required (20%) = \$1.86M
- Total Project Costs = \$11.2M
- Potential Matching Fund Source – Measure M MSP



# Questions



**E-mail Public Comment 9/2/2020 SPECIAL City  
Council Meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**Interviews of Applicants for City Council District 2  
Vacancy**

1. Dean Serwin
2. Linnaea Scott
3. Gabriela and Andrew Berk
4. James Chou
5. Cheryl Busick
6. Vanessa Godson
7. Shalimar Duff
8. Mary Urquhart
9. Steve Zikman
10. Delaine Shane and Susan Sulsky
11. Alan Ehrlich
12. Jerilyn Schmidt and Gregory, Beatrice, Jacob, and Harrison Chun

**From:** [Dean Serwin](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** in support of Stephen Rossi  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 8:33:33 PM

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The subject line says it all.

Stephen has the financial and analytic skills and experience to bring fresh eyes to the City's issues.

Thank you for your consideration of his candidacy.

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**Dean Sheldon Serwin, Attorney**

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**From:** [Linnaea Scott](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Open Session, Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 8:34:36 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to lend my support of Mr. Steve Rossi as the Interim Council Member for District 2. I have known Mr. Rossi for 35 years and can vouch for his character, integrity, and intelligence. Mr. Rossi has the experience and the dedication to do an excellent job for the citizens of South Pasadena. He is a collaborative fellow, very easy to work with, an Eagle Scout all grown up. He's raised three amazing children here in SP. Hire him for the job; you won't be disappointed.

Sincerely,  
Linnaea Scott  
Local veterinaian  
  
South Pasadena, CA

**From:** [Gabriela S. Berk - Gabriela Sosa de Berk](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Steve Rossi  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 10:59:11 PM

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**My husband Andrew Berk and I fully** support Steve Rossi for running as Interim Council Member for District 2.

There are a half-dozen things we want to say about him:

- **He is a very Honest person.** His honesty in actions and also intellectually honest with their approach to issues.
- **He can be the right Balanced** representative of all of the people in our City, and not a champion of a special interest group or a narrow perspective. He's a good candidate who can bring a balanced view.
- **He's Committed and capable of doing** the job right.
- **He's fully Motivated and has the** integrity and a broader vision of what is in the interests of the overall community now and in the future.
- **He has the Experience,** civic life, and knowledge for the position.
- **His** personal traits and the qualifications make him a viable candidate.

My husband and I support Steve Rossi and we really hope to have him as Interim Council Member for District 2 in South Pasadena.

Regards,

Gabriela and Andrew Berk

**From:** [James Chou](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:18:55 PM

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My name is James Chou. My wife and I own our home at [REDACTED]  
South Pasadena, CA 91030.

This email is in regards to Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1

It is important to bring transparency to our city government. We are in support of Stephen Rossi to be the Interim Council Member for District 2.

Best,

JC

**From:** [Cheryl & Wayne Busick](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 10:26:13 AM

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Hello- I wanted to make a public comment with regards to Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1. Our family has known Steve Rossi for 10 years and find him to be smart and trustworthy-- a perfect person to be on City Council. I encourage to support him moving forward.

Thanks

cheryl busick

**From:** [Vanessa Godson](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** I support Steve Rossi  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 8:38:06 AM

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And I think that the City needs some transparency and oversight by an experienced financial expert like Steve.

Thank you,  
Vanessa

**From:** [Shalimar Cook](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 11:28:55 AM


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To be added to the record:

As you know, South Pasadena is facing a crisis of moral and financial leadership. The candidate who fills the District 2 vacancy will hold that position for a matter of mere months, but during that time they will be called upon to help lead the city down a better path. Stephen Rossi is the right person to help lead. In addition to being the most well-qualified candidate due to his fiscal expertise and his familiarity with the city's financials, he is also the candidate who most embraces transparency and open civil communication. These are the exact characteristics that we need in representatives to the City Council right now. We need someone who understands and can advocate regarding the financial issues facing South Pasadena and someone who will help restore the public's trust in City Hall. I strongly urge the City Council to appoint Stephen Rossi as the councilperson for District 2.

Sincerely,  
Shalimar Duff





**From:** [Mary Urquhart](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for the September 2nd City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 11:30:30 AM

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My comments relate to the current vacancy of the Council Seat in District #2 as a result of the horrible emails sent by former CouncilMember Khubesrian. These emails were read during public comment from the fictitious residents Mel Trom and Emily Diaz-Vines. These emails should be removed from all public records immediately. These emails were vicious character assassinations of both Josh Betta and Chris Bray

It is my hope that not only are these emails removed from all public records, but that an apology be given by our current council for the vile attacks of their former Council Member. What was done by Dr. Khubesrian puts a very dark stain on our City. A sincere apology would go a long way to allowing our community to heal from her unconscionable behavior.

I look forward to a Jack Donovan win for District #2 in November. For now, we have many great candidates to fill the vacancy in District #2. Steve Rossi's sound financial background would be a great resource given our financial crisis. Larry Abelson has demonstrated his commitment to community service. I trust that you will make the decision tonight to move forward with this selection.

Mary Urquhart

**From:** [Steve Zikman](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [City Clerk's Division](#); [Kenia Lopez](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 11:43:17 AM

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To: City of South Pasadena Mayor Joe and Council Members  
From: Steve Zikman

Dear Mayor Joe and Members of City Council:

**Re: Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1**

My name is Steve Zikman. We live at [REDACTED] District 2.

I am writing to you in support of Steve Rossi to be the Interim Council Member for District 2.

We have known the Rossis for 13 years as they live just down the street from us. Our sons are in the same grade and would walk to school together. Over the years, I have come to know Steve Rossi. I have witnessed his character. He is a man of integrity. He is someone who is deeply concerned about fairness, doing what is right, justice. He is incredibly resourceful and understands how to analyze a problem, and how to find creative solutions to get things right. In his professional life, Steve is focused on buying businesses and then figuring out their strengths and weaknesses. He understands how to dig deep and get to the financial heart of a business or an organization, how to get past the fluff, the distractions, the lies, and uncover what is *really* going on. And then putting it right, setting it back on course to financial and organizational stability and success.

These are the qualities we need in our Interim Council Member for District 2. But we need one more *critical* quality. We need someone who can get going *now*, from Day One. This appointment is only for 77 days. Our new Council Member needs to hit the road running. Steve Rossi is that person. He is intimately familiar with the issues before us. After all, he is the one who discovered the gross inconsistencies in the budget, he knows it like the back of his hand, and can help guide us on a path forward to get us out of this financial crisis, and get our small town back on the road to not just surviving, but thriving, as a community... as a healthy, financially stable, and fun place to live and raise our children.

Mayor Joe and Council Members, please do the right thing... please do the responsible thing. Follow the lead of the more than 330 South Pas residents in support of Steve Rossi, and appoint Steve as the Interim Council Member for District 2 tonight.

Thank you.

Steve Zikman

City Council Special Meeting, Open Session, September 2, 2020: Agenda Item No. 1  
The Statement Below was Recorded Via City's Voicemail to Be Played Back during the Council Meeting

Dear Mayor and City Council:

As South Pasadena residents who live in District No. 2, we, Delaine Shane and Susan Sulsky, thank most of the city council who voted for the expedited process to appoint the interim council member.

For those of us residents in the southern portion of the district, we have not received a fair share of basic core services or attention to problems that are specific to our area for decades. To appoint someone who does not understand our concerns will be a continuation of what we have suffered, especially in the last few years. It matters not a bit to us how qualified you think the candidate is if the questions you ask, and their answers, fit your narrative only.

Had residents an opportunity to ask each candidate 3 questions, these might have been of value:

1. What aspects of serving as an interim council member are most important to you?
2. What steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?
3. How would you build a "bridge" between residents of the southern part of District 2 and City Hall to begin repairing longstanding problems?

As a reminder to you, our area:

- Has some of the worse street pavements in the City that are below the State standards.
- Continues to have Meridian Avenue bear the burden of being the unofficial 710 speedway with more than 54 known collisions in the past five years and putting our residents at risk by simply crossing the street.
- Supports a disproportionately large number of Caltrans owned property mostly vacant and dilapidated in condition, that could offer affordable housing to the community.
- Experiences highly selective code enforcement.
- Is now starting to have affordable, historic cottages torn down and replaced completely with upscale, luxury housing units that disrupts the historic fabric of the neighborhood and evicts and/or excludes our residents who rent and earn low to moderate incomes.
- Contains a promised pocket park on Berkshire Avenue that remains a vacant lot.

**Given the list of candidates who applied, we support Stephen Rossi and Lawrence Abelson. Both gentlemen are strongly civic minded, fair, honest, and trustworthy. They are also well versed in financial matters, which is clearly needed. And they are strongly committed to helping all of District 2, including our southern area.**

Sincerely,

Delaine W. Shane  
[REDACTED]

Susan L. Sulsky  
[REDACTED]

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 9/2/2020.**

Agenda Item #1 - Interviews with candidates to fill the district 2 vacant council seat.

Mr. Mayor, council members,

It is charming that you asked the applicants applying to fill the vacated council seat for District 2 to list their top three priorities for the city. Notwithstanding, for the eleven weeks this individual will be serving, there is only one priority which matters, addressing all the problems in the Finance Department caused by city manager Dewolfe and finance director Aceves.

City audit reports are two years behind schedule, the reports you promised to residents would be delivered by the end of August now won't be issued any earlier than October, there is no budget for the current year, and you are about to approve 'golden handshakes' to rid the city of some of the people who created these problems.

Of the five applicants, there is one who stands out head and shoulders above the other applicants, that is Stephen Rossi. Stephen's concern and sense of community were demonstrated in June with the publication of the Rossi report which detailed a number of financial irregularities.

Stephen is the only candidate with the specific experience and know how to help right the ship. More than 300 residents are supporting Stephen because he alone has the credibility voters are demanding before they decide on whether or not to extend the UUT in November's election.

I strongly urge the council to unanimously appoint Stephen to complete the remainder of the term for district 2

Alan Ehrlich

20 year resident and candidate for council district 3

**From:** [Jerilyn Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 4:36:31 PM

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I Jerilyn Schmidt, and the 4 other voting adults all residing at [REDACTED] in District 2, would like to add our comment to the [Special Meeting Agenda, Item #1.](#)

We want to make sure that the city council knows how strongly we, along with the 325 other constituents, see Steve Rossi as the best person to represent us in District 2 in the interim, until an elected official can take over. We have known Steve and his family for over 10 years and most of that time as close personal family friends. What we have come to know about Steve is above all his strength of character, loyalty, and his devotion to the concept of fair play. These are many of the traits that lead him to start looking into the problems the city is having with the budget. When looking at his qualifications for this job there is no one better suited helping the city council in the short run to sort the city's financial mess. Sorting out this mess has to take precedence over every other problem we face as a city, if we do not know how much money the city truly has every other policy decision is mute.

In the 77 day interim we do not need a council member who is a lawyer or an astrophysicists, what we need is someone who understands finance. Someone like Steve Rossi who has spent his career looking at companies finances and figuring out what is wrong with them. In my opinion, and I am sure there are many other District 2 constitutes that will agree with me, we need an interim council member that can hit the ground running and help ask the appropriate question that will shed light into what is really going on with the city's finances.

Our family has been following the city's multitude of problems with growing concern. The sad part is our financial problems are not the only ones we are facing. All the problems have one thing in common, lack of transparency and at least the appearance of trying to hide certain activates. Some in the community dismissed these as people being alarmist or just as conspiracy theories. That is until it came to light that our council woman was sending threatening emails and claiming praise for her policies through fake accounts and had to resign. These emails all had one thing in common, they were all being used as pressure to push through a flawed budget that contained many red flags. This is why so many of us are adamant that we feel Steve Rossi is the best person to represent us during this short interim period. Any council member who does not vote for Steve Rossi will have a lot of explaining to do as to why they did not pick the most qualified candidate that has so much support from the community. The implication is that council member does not want someone who proficient at looking into the city's finances, and then we will have to ask ourselves why is that the case and what are they trying to hid.

Sincerely,  
Jerilyn Schmidt

Gregory Chun  
Beatrice Chun  
Jacob Chun  
Harrison Chun

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JERILYN CATHY SCHMIDT CHUN

[REDACTED]  
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Home: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

**E-mail Public Comment 9/2/2020 REGULAR City  
Council Meeting**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Sergio Babich
2. Sandy Shannon
3. Janna Conner
4. Andrea Seigel

**From:** [Sergio Babich](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Permit enforcement.  
**Date:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 3:44:59 PM

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On Sunday morning at approximately 11:44, I heard loud noise and apparent drumming coming from, what sounded like, the High school parking lot on Fremont Ave. I was inside a small house behind my parents' home across from the High school and was shaken by the volume. My parents are 90 and 88. Both suffer PTSD from their childhood in WW II Europe. My dad (90) has severe dementia and is in home hospice care and my mother (88) has suffered heart failure in the past. I knew I would have to calm them down because this was a very unusual disturbance for them and reminiscent of marches and related bloodshed they survived under the fascist, Benito Mussolini.

On approaching the sidewalk I saw what looked like a parade coming down the street. On observing that there was police presence I became irritated that this, obviously permitted, event was an unannounced disturbance of our peace. The bull horn shouting mantra, "No justice, no peace" punctuated their intent.

Irony was not lost on the fact that police were providing escort to a group carrying signs, among which, said, "Defund the police!" Seriously? Is there anyone left in this country that has NOT already heard this, many, many, too many times for months already? Still, when someone applies for a permit to do a protest march, any city would be hard pressed to deny it.

The permit was granted but with stipulations and a planned route. I was upset by the lack of proper advance notice to be able to prepare my parents for what they would be hearing. I called the police station to find out who issued the permit and what notification was to have been given. I was kindly advised that the "city" likely issued the permit but that the marchers elected to diverge from their permitted route.

The marchers had a full complement of peripheral people with cameras following along to "record" everything. When they turned off the planned route the police could have but, wisely, did not redirect them to the permitted streets. The police were (I believe purposely) placed in a very adverse position. The Sargent I spoke with said they were forced to make a hasty decision to not give the "protesters" an opportunity to photo-op a confrontation. I support that decision.

Those who violated the permit must be held to account. Either they lost control of their group or they purposely set about to create a problem within our city. They most certainly created a problem for my elderly parents and myself. I do not know if there are penalties to be imposed for their violation. I must leave that to the city council for action as appropriate.

It is my belief that the permit is a matter of public record. I, hereby, request a copy of that permit for examination in exercise of my right to redress grievance. A PDF copy to this e-mail address is sufficient.

Your attention is appreciated.  
Thank you,



Sergio Babich

**From:** [Sandy Shannon](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cooling Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:26:45 PM

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To the City Council:

Please reopen the cooling center, and publicize its availability widely. It is going to be over 100 degrees this weekend, and we need to keep our neighbors safe! I am a graphic designer and am happy to design a flyer to be distributed or sent via email to residents.

Kindly,  
Sandy Shannon

**From:** [Janna Conner](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Please set up cooling center at War Memorial and Publicize!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 7:53:35 AM  
**Attachments:** [instagram.png](#)  
[facebook.png](#)  
[pinterest.png](#)  
[twitter.png](#)

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To Whom It May Concern-

Temperatures are expected to reach 107 and 109 on Saturday and Sunday, please open the cooling center at the War Memorial and notify the community about it. Without proper notification and outreach, the people who need it most won't be aware of its availability. If they know it's available, they're more likely to use it.

Sincerely,  
Janna Conner

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**JANNA CONNER**

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**From:** [andrea](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** writing in support of cooling center  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 8:59:08 AM

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I am writing to request that the city open a cooling center and publicize it's availability for this weekend, as South Pasadena is expected to get up to 109 degrees. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Seigel

**E-mail Public Comment 8/19/2020 REGULAR City  
Council Meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

**Public Hearing to Approve the Appropriation of  
Community Development Block Grant  
Funds-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) to establish a one-  
time Emergency Rental Assistance  
Program (ERAP)**

1. Sandy Shannon
2. Alison Schreiner
3. Jean Yu
4. John Serbalus

**From:** [Sandy Shannon](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Rental Assistance  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:28:36 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I highly encourage agenda item No. 11 supporting the use of federal CDBG funds for a rental assistance program. We need to support our local residents reeling from the economic fallout of the pandemic.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Shannon

**From:** [Allie Schreiner](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Pleaes use Federal CDBG funds for rental assistance program  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 7:18:25 AM

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Dear City Council,

Thank you for taking time to read and consider the comments of your community. I have been a South Pasadena resident for 11 years, my children attend local schools and I have a business in the community.

I am writing in support of using the COVID related federal funds received by the city to create a rental assistance program for South Pasadena residents. We have all been significantly impacted by the pandemic, and any help in keeping basic needs intact for residents is essential. We know more economic hardship is coming, and keeping residents in their homes and staving off eviction is a wonderful way to use these funds...much more essential than funding sidewalk/street improvements.

Thank you for your time and consideration and for prioritizing the basic needs of your community.

Warmly,

Allison Schreiner

**From:** [Jean Yu](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 11: CDBG funds  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 4:25:05 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to comment on tomorrow's City Council agenda item no. 11. I support the use of federal CDBG funds for a rental assistance program for our fellow South Pasadena neighbors who may be struggling in this difficult economic environment. While we are fighting this pandemic, I urge the council to allocate these funds to support housing security over, for instance, sidewalk or street improvements. All the best to you.

Thank you,  
Jean Yu

  
South Pasadena, CA 91030



**From:** [John Srebalus](#)  
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I support the staff proposal that \$73,528 in CDBG-CV funds be allocated for an Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

I'm pleased that this proposal is structured in line with HUD's CDBG mandate to fund programs "principally for low- and moderate-income persons." AI fresco dining, with its benign goal of boosting local sales in a downturn, doesn't fit the bill, as your research eventually determined.

Thank you for taking action on rental assistance. Next step will be to properly allocate the annual CDBG funds for their intended beneficiaries.

Sincerely,  
John Srebalus