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Mark Perez

From: Yvonne LaRose [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 7:22 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

There are many causes that are acknowledged in the month of October. One is breast cancer and is symbolized by a pink ribbon.

But the ribbon that has the most significance to me is the purple one that represents and reminds that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



There are many aspects to this dysfunction. It's like a disease by virtue of the fact that it pays no heed to age, gender, height, weight, abilities (or lack of), socio-economic status, type and style of residence (or lack thereof).

The harm can come from many sources. It can impact the target (some call the victim) in many ways: economically, psychologically, emotionally, and sometimes sexually. Because of restrictions and methods of control, not all of the evidence is visible. So it's important to be able to recognize the non-visible signals that someone is enduring abuse and needs help - even if just a respite for an hour or so.

We need to know the signs - over and above the purple, blue, and black marks and the camouflaged wounds. It's important to understand how we can be of assistance without incurring the abuser's wrath. And to the extent it's possible, there needs to be a way to help the target, like Tina Turner, leave the harm and hurt behind so they can begin Life anew in a state of freedom from harm and imbued with new avenues of viability.

It's Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Get educated.

Viva

Yvonne LaRose, CAC

Organization Development Consultant: Diversity/Title VII, Harassment, Ethics

Mark Perez

From: Yvonne LaRose [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 4:32 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item 4 - NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Among the many causes recognized in the month of October is a newcomer to the group

Disability in the Workplace



NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

As a Title VII Organization Development Consultant who specializes in areas related to diversity and inclusion, I would be remiss to overlook this opportunity to emphasize the importance of considering, hiring, retaining and strategically promoting those with disabilities (also known as differently abled).



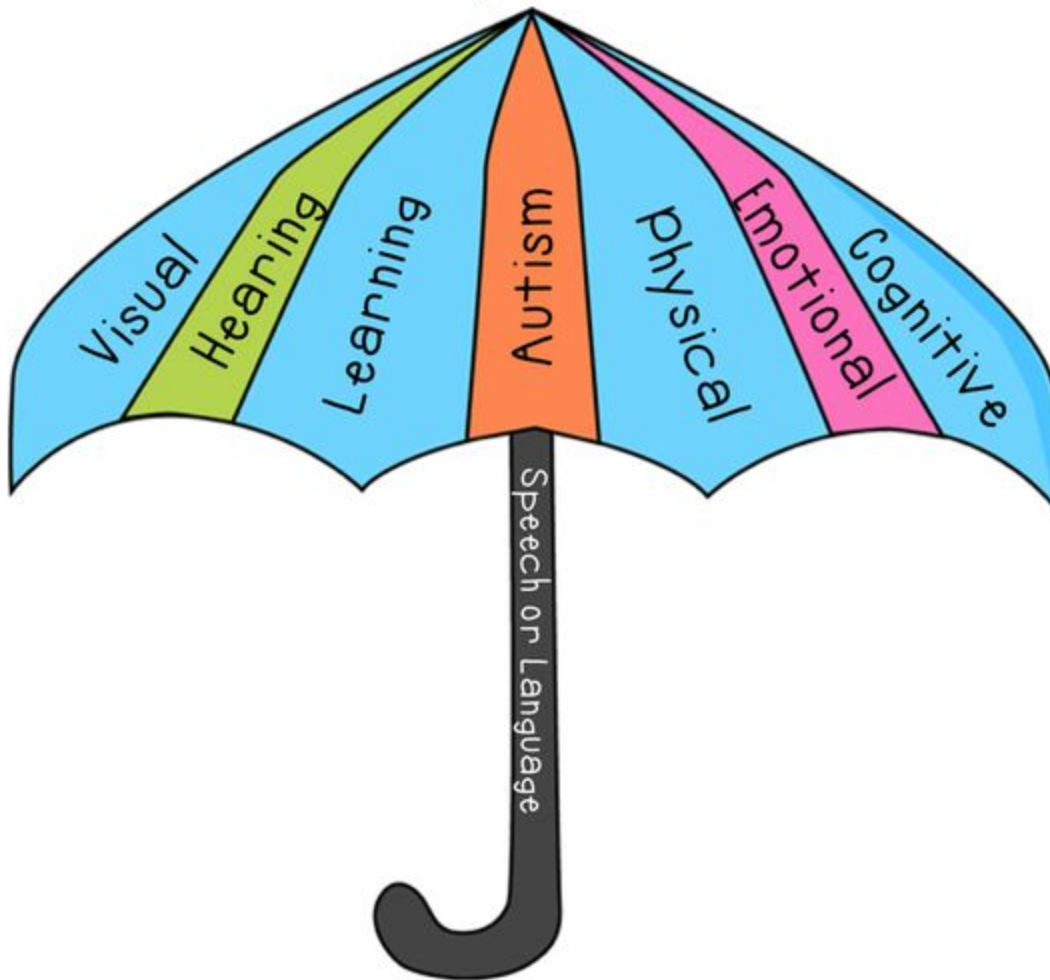
It isn't about the person who uses a wheelchair or a cane.



It isn't about the person who has a hearing or vision impairment or a person with a speech impediment.

Although not visible, those with learning differences (ADHD, dyslexia, autism, stuttering) are included in the classification of "disabled".

Disabilities



We need to take cognizance of the fact that all of these "**differences**" add to the richness that's possible when serving others or influencing alternatives to the standard. Small adjustments make a big difference for many.

Who said if you become disabled you life is over? Hogwash! There are so many things that can still be accomplished, some that were previously overlooked, never considered yet avenues for gainful inclusion and success.

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JUSTIFY OUR RIGHT TO
ACCESSIBILITY,
AND OUR VALUE AS PEOPLE,

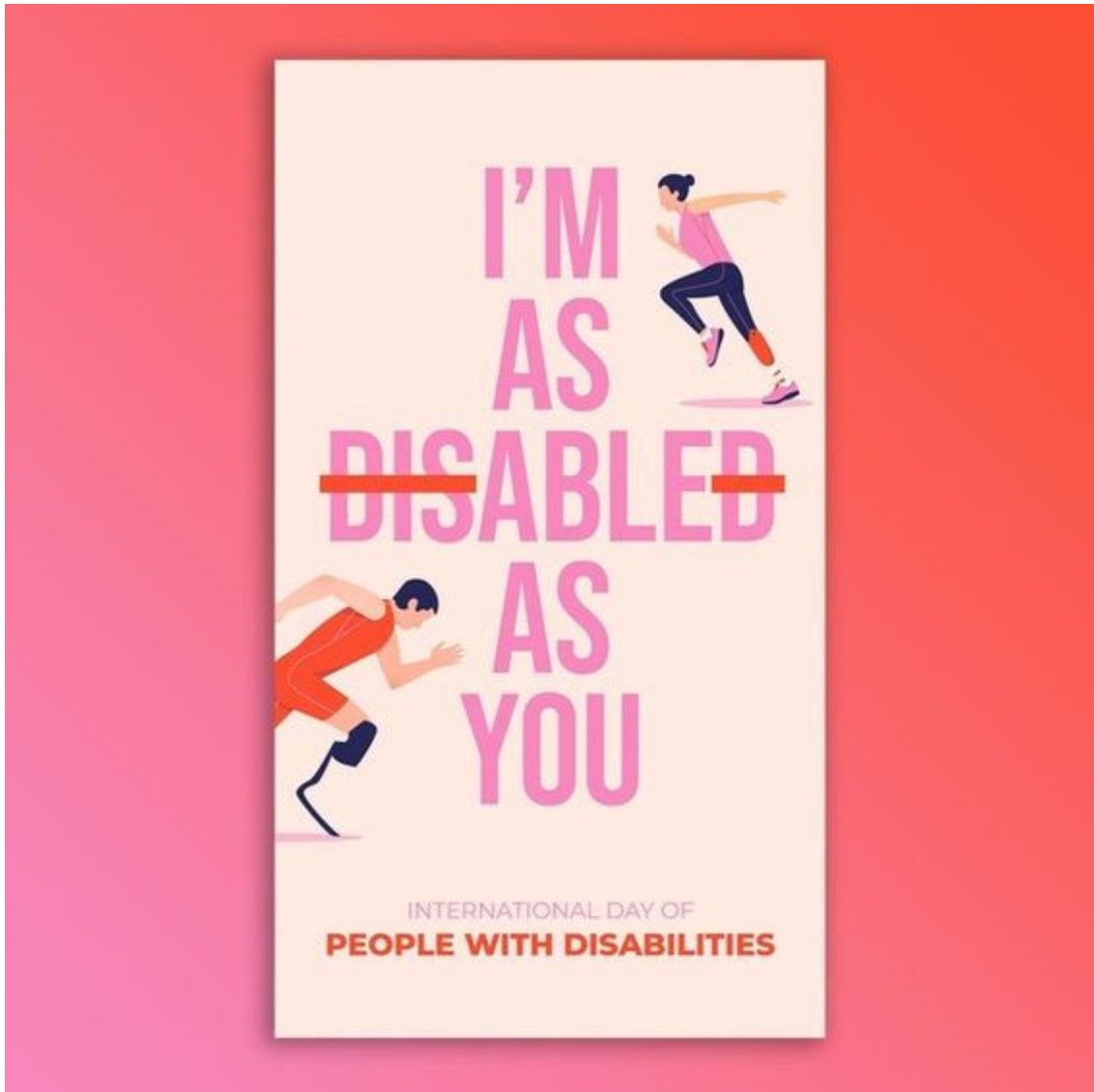
is an ableist concept.



AMY SEQUENZIA

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Not disabled. Hire those who are differently abled because they increase the value of working with and being served by them.



Viva
Yvonne LaRose, CAC
Organization Development Consultant: Diversity/Title VII, Harassment, Ethics

Clean Power Alliance

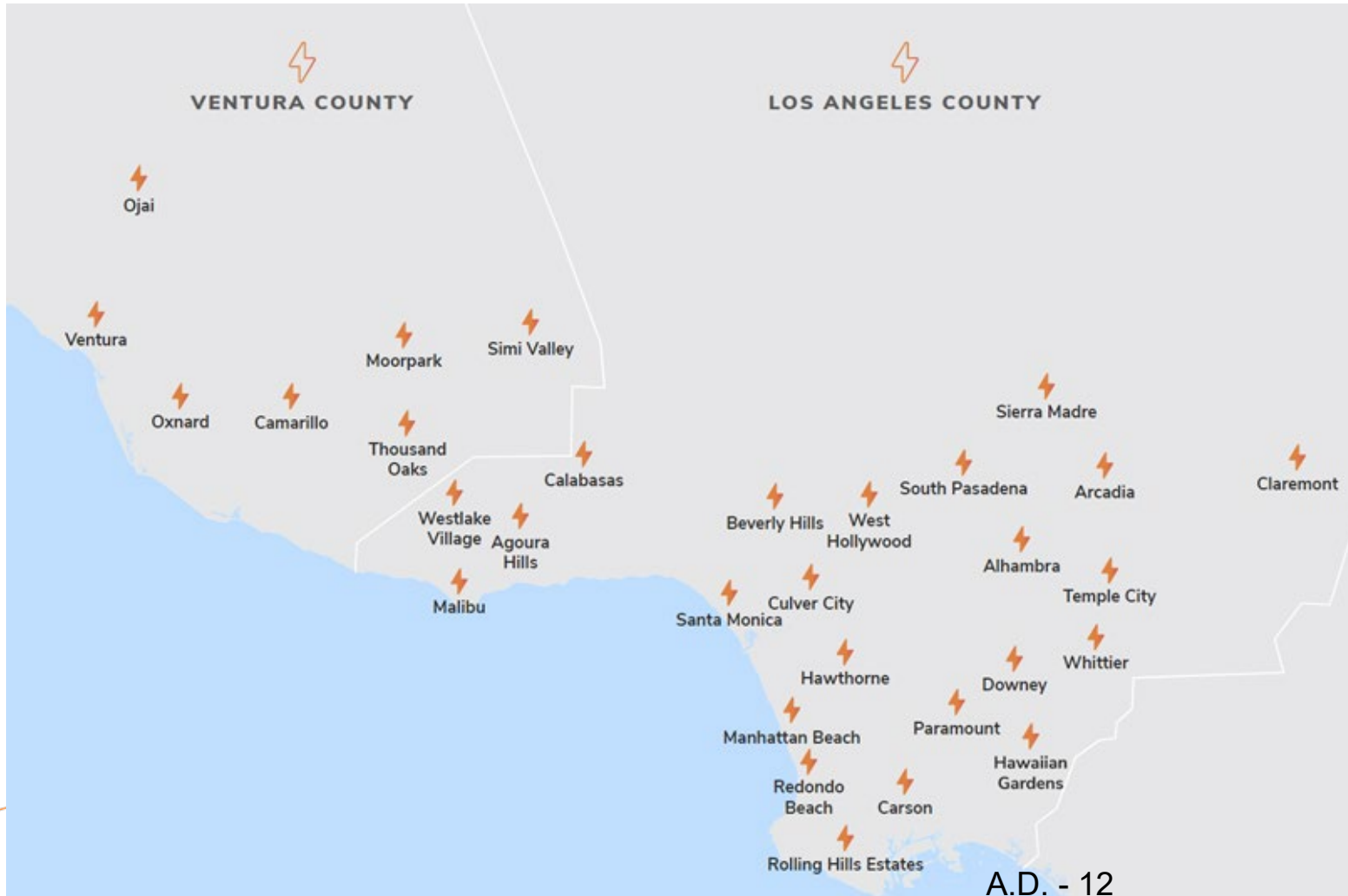
City of South Pasadena City Council

October 4, 2023



Clean Power Alliance Basics

CPA is a not-for-profit electricity supplier, offering clean, renewable energy at competitive rates.

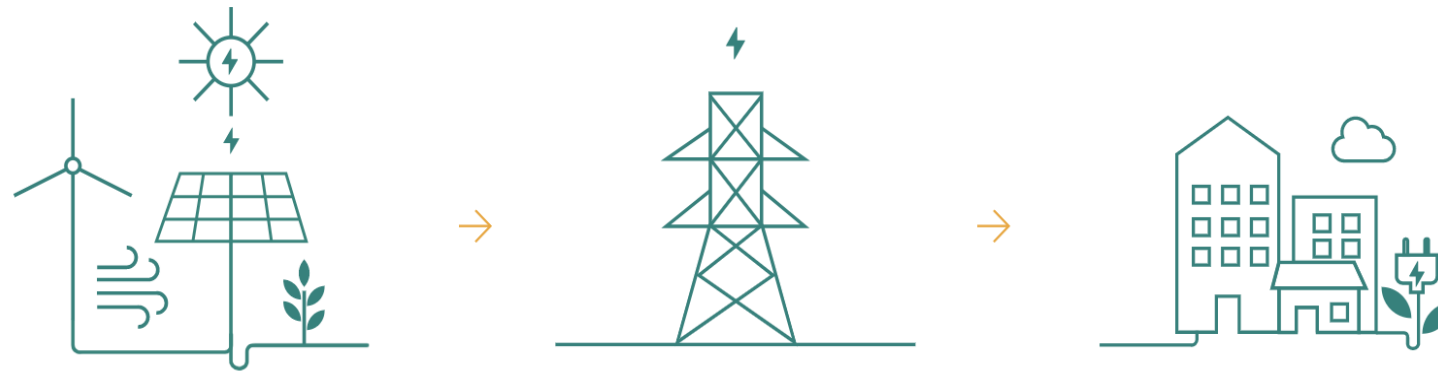


- ⚡ Comprised of 32 communities across Ventura and Los Angeles Counties (3 new in 2024)
- ⚡ Board members are locally elected officials who represent and serve our communities
- ⚡ Approximately 1 million customer accounts, representing over 3 million residents and businesses
- ⚡ 4th largest electricity provider in California
- ⚡ More customers receiving 100% renewable energy than any utility in the country



Clean Power Alliance (CPA)

We work together to bring you access to the most sustainable energy available



Source

Clean Power Alliance

CPA acquires green energy supply (solar, wind, water) sourced locally and regionally

Delivery

SCE

SCE delivers the power, maintains the lines, and reads your meter

Customer

You

You benefit from more clean power options

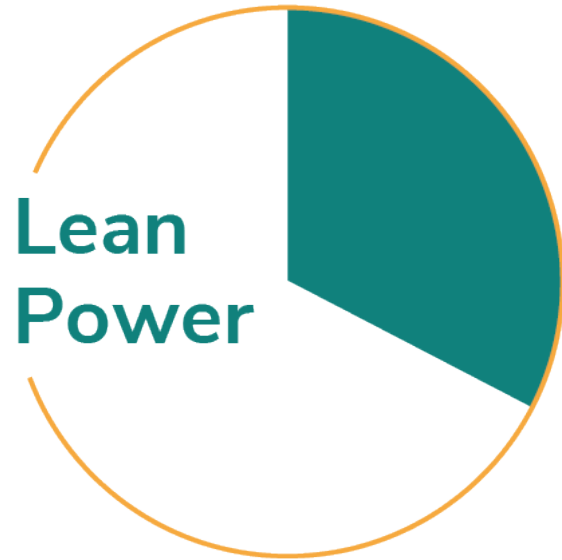
- ⚡ CPA purchases clean power and Southern California Edison (SCE) delivers it
- ⚡ SCE sends monthly bill, which includes SCE charges for electricity delivery and Clean Power Alliance charges for electricity supply/generation
- ⚡ CPA charges are NOT an added fee; they simply replace the SCE supply/generation charges

Power Procurement – Reliable and Renewable

- ⚡ 33 long-term contracts signed to date, totaling 2,002 MW of renewable energy and 1,165 MW of storage
- ⚡ Diverse portfolio reduces more than one million tons of greenhouse gases (GHG) annually while improving system reliability
- ⚡ Approximately 2,500 jobs created
- ⚡ Preferences for projects that:
 - Are in or close to CPA territory
 - Prioritize workforce development
 - Bring benefits to disadvantaged communities
 - Show high levels of environmental stewardship



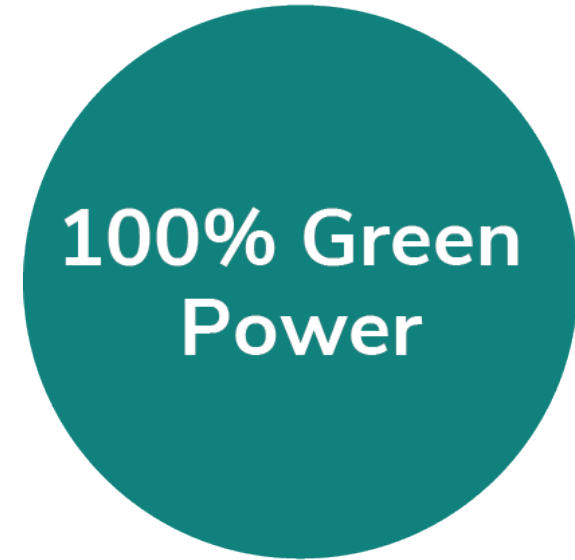
Three Rate Options



- Provides 40% clean & renewable energy content at the lowest cost option. (generally, about 1% - 2% discount to SCE's base rate)



- Provides 50% clean & renewable energy content. (generally, at parity with SCE's base rate)



- Provides 100% renewable energy content, mostly from projects within California. (generally, at a 3% premium to SCE's base rate)

Customers always have the option to opt-out and stay/return to SCE for generation/supply



CPA Projected Total Bill Comparisons as of July 1, 2023

Average Customer - Total Bill Comparison to SCE (% Discount or Premium)

Customer Class	Lean Power	Clean Power	100% Green Power
Residential	-4.8%	-3.9%	-0.1%
Residential-CARE	-7.1%	-5.7%	-5.7%
Small/Medium Business	-5.1%	-4.1%	-0.3%

Average Customer - Total Bill Comparison to SCE (\$/month)

Customer Class	Lean Power	Clean Power	100% Green Power
Residential	-\$9.76	-\$7.85	-\$0.19
Residential-CARE	-\$9.77	-\$7.85	-\$7.85
Small/Medium Business	-\$14.85	-\$12.08	-\$0.98

Note: Comparisons are based on representative 2018 PCIA vintage rate schedules and load profiles for each rate class, and SCE rates as of June 1, 2023. Individual customer comparisons vary by specific rate schedule and customer usage. Small/Medium Business includes accounts on TOU-GS-1 and TOU-GS-2 rate schedules.





Bill Assistance

- ⚡ Approximately 30% of CPA customers receive bill assistance through CARE, FERA and Medical Baseline programs
- ⚡ Customers remain enrolled in these programs when they become CPA customers
- ⚡ In 100% Green default communities, low-income customers receive 100% renewable energy at the Clean Energy rate

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Go lean or clean to support the environment. Go 100% green to become an environmental leader.

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www.cleanpoweralliance.org/rateoptions/

Or call us at [888-585-3788](tel:888-585-3788)

Choose which CPA product is right for you.

Enter Account Information

SCE Customer Account Number (Required)

Please enter your 12-digit SCE Customer Account Number



[View Sample SCE Bill Information](#)

Your Last Name or Business Name (Required)

Enter at least the first three letters



Service Location ZIP Code (Required)

Please enter your ZIP Code as it appears on your SCE bill



Next

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Opt Out of Clean Power Alliance

Option 1: Transitional Bundled Services:
Return on your next meter read following a 5-business day processing window with transitional fees.


Option 2: Six Months Advance Service Return with no transitional fees.



Come Back to Renewable Energy

Enter Account Information

SCE Customer Account Number (Required)

Please enter your 12-digit SCE Custome 

[View Sample SCE Bill Information](#)

Your Last Name or Business Name (Required)

Enter at least the first three letters 

Service Location ZIP Code (Required)

Please enter your ZIP Code as it app 

Next

From: [John C.](#)
To: [City Council Public Comment](#)
Subject: Email Public Comment for Agenda Item 7 for South Pasadena City Council Meeting for October 4, 2023
Date: Monday, October 2, 2023 10:28:08 AM

To South Pasadena Mayor Jon Primuth, Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Zneimer, Councilmember Jack Donovan, Councilmember, Michael Cacciotti, and Councilmember Janet Braun

Please Approve Agenda Item 7. Especially this city prepaid warrant below:

ENTERPRI - Enterprise FM Trust
 317495 09/14/2023
 Inv FBN4842555

Line Item	Date	Line Item Description	
09/06/2023		Monthly Tesla Lease Payment - September 2023	8,407.36
		Inv FBN4842555 Total	8,407.36
317495 Total:			8,407.36
ENTERPRI - Enterprise FM Trust Total:			8,407.36

Also, the comment below was submitted for May 3, 2023, May 17, 2023, June 21, 2023, August 16, 2023, and September 6, 2023. This comment has been updated because the City of Long Beach has renew the Enterprise Leases contract again for the Long Beach Police Department on June 20, 2023. This comment is for the South Pasadena City Council to stop questioning the Enterprise Lease contract.

Please stop questing the use of the Enterprise Lease contract that South Pasadena Police Department is using because below the City of Long Beach used the Enterprise contract three times and below is how the Long Beach City Council voted. Not one city councilmember voted no. Agenda item information below:

May 12, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
 City of Long Beach
 California

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Specifications No. ITB FS15-005 and award a contract to Enterprise FM Trust, dba Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., of St. Louis, MO, for leasing vehicles for various Police operations, in an annual amount not to exceed \$155,000, including tax and fees, for a period of four years; and, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments thereto. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION: City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. (Enterprise), for the lease of up to 20 vehicles, as needed by the Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Andrews, seconded by Councilman Austin, to approve recommendation.

	Votes
Councilwoman Gonzalez	Yes
Vice Mayor Lowenthal	Yes
Councilwoman Price	Yes
Councilman Supernaw	Yes
Councilwoman Mungo	Yes
Councilman Andrews	Yes

Councilmember Uranga Yes
Councilmember Richardson Yes

October 20, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary amendments, with Enterprise FM Trust, dba Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., of St. Louis, MO, to lease vehicles for various Police operations, on the same terms and conditions afforded to Sourcewell, formerly The National Joint Powers Alliance, in an annual amount of \$125,656, with a 10 percent contingency of \$12,565, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$138,221, until the Sourcewell contract expires on July 24, 2022, with the option to renew for as long as the Sourcewell contract is in effect, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. (Enterprise), for the lease of up to 20 vehicles, as needed by the Police Department for various operations. This lease agreement will allow the City to replace currently leased vehicles of various makes and models that are now at the end of their term under the previous contract.

A motion was made by Councilmember Uranga, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, to approve recommendation.

	Votes
Councilwoman Zendejas	Yes
Councilmember Pearce	Yes
Councilwoman Price	Yes
Councilman Supernaw	Yes
Councilwoman Mungo	Yes
Dee Andrews	Yes
Councilmember Uranga	Yes
Councilmember Austin	Absent
Councilmember Richardson	Yes

June 20, 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents, including any necessary subsequent amendments, with Enterprise FM Trust, dba Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., of St. Louis, MO to lease vehicles for various Long Beach Police Department operations, on the same terms and conditions afforded to Sourcewell, in a annual amount \$170,000, and authorize a ten percent contingency if \$17,000, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$187,000, for a period of three years, with the option to renew for an additional one-year period, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION: City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. (Enterprise), for the lease of as-needed unmarked vehicles, by the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) for various operations. This lease agreement will allow the City of Long Beach (City) to replace currently lease vehicles of various makes and models that are now at the end of their lease term under previous contract.

A motion was made by Councilwomen Kerr, seconded by Councilmember Uranga, to approve recommendation.

	Votes
Councilwomen Zendejas	Yes
Vice Mayor Allen	Yes
Councilmember Duggan	Yes
Councilman Supernaw	Yes
Councilwomen Kerr	Yes
Councilwomen Saro	Yes
Councilmember Uranga	Yes
Councilman Austin	Yes
Councilmember Ricks-Oddie	Yes

The City of Long Beach has been very stringent on how much city money Long Beach Police Department can spend on vehicle replacements. So the South Pasadena City council would think that the Long Beach City council would question this decision in using Enterprise by Long Beach Police Department and may vote no on this agenda, but that did not happen as you can see above. Also, Long Beach Police Department must minimize replacements and maximize use of their current fleet. Example of this is what Long Beach Police Department was approved for over the last decade and a half. In 2011 Long Beach Police Department was approved to purchase 130 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors and in 2016 was approved for 64 Ford Police Interceptor Utility. Long Beach Police Department fleet is about 400 vehicles. For the South Pasadena City council to know this can be very expensive because a lot of City of Long Beach money goes into maintenance cost because most of the vehicles Long Beach Police Department uses are gassed powered vehicles.

From South Pasadena Resident,
John

Mark Perez

From: Yvonne LaRose [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:41 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item 11 - Concierge Security Guard Salary Increase

It appears the City Hall Concierge Security Guard has successfully completed his probation period and the City is contemplating continuing this position for another year. The City also wants to increase the salary (and typical administrative costs) by increasing the allowance by an **additional** \$7,050 per month for the next year or until December 2024; there is no indication of what the starting wage allowance is.

This increase, in terms of salary for an individual, is approximately \$3,500 per month in the form of additional pay.

The average wage for a [California Metro Concierge Security Guard](#) is \$15.88 per hour (8% above the national average, according to [Indeed](#)), which totals \$2,505 per month (calculated as a 40-hour work week for four weeks or one month).

[Security Officer Salaries in California for Metro Patrol Services | Inde...Explore Metro Patrol Services Security Officer salaries in California collected directly from employees and jobs...](#)

While this position that came into being in April is currently staffed by a well groomed articulate and relatively intelligent young man, it appears creating this position was not well planned and was executed on the spur of the moment. Of the several encounters I've had with him, many have been good, but lacking in guidance above administrative tasks and duties. \$2,500 per month satisfies what is currently being delivered.

Speaking from my recruiting and HR experience and background, the hiring manager appears to have done a poor job of drafting the job description. Perhaps this proposed increase in position allowance is to provide needed equipment for the concierge desk when the security guard is away from his station for coffee or lunch breaks or when he is tracing the activities of a "suspicious" person. In situations where it is necessary for him to leave the concierge desk, there is no one present. If he is there as a security person and needs to be vigilant for active shooters (as was once explained to me), then perhaps this \$7,000 per month allowance is what it takes to put a metal detector at the desk.

I object to the amendment of the agreement. On its face for public awareness and disclosure purposes, it overreaches the needs. We deserve to have some justification of the basis for a security guard, awareness of the purpose of his presence, the extent of his duties, and under whose purview he and his actions fall - the City Manager's office or the Police Department.

In his capacity as a concierge, it is helpful to have someone available to guide (or indicate to) the public the exact location of where their business can be handled. But I don't think that justifies paying an additional \$7,000 a month to have those skills and that talent available to us.

Viva
Yvonne LaRose, CAC
Organization Development Consultant: Diversity/Title VII, Harassment, Ethics



City of South Pasadena
Management Services

Memo

Date: October 4, 2023

To: The Honorable City Council

Via: Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager *Ac*

From: Luis Frausto, Management Services Director

Subject: October 4, 2023, City Council Meeting Item No.12 Consideration of Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2023 and March 1, 2023.

This memo provides edits to Item 12:

- Page 12-18: edited language under "Informational update of the Police Department's Electric Vehicle Transition Project" on the March 1, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes.

"Councilmember Braun emphasized the need to provide the Police with the most up-to-date and best tools in order to do their jobs. She acknowledged the City Council's **fault responsibility in allowing the City's Police fleet to get to its current condition.**

Councilmember Cacciotti thanked the Policed Officer's Association for their testimony, the Police Chief, and the City Manager's Office for their work on this project."

From: [Joanne Nuckols](#)
To: [City Council Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda item #15 Voter Initiative
Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 11:25:51 AM

Council, the voter initiative from 1983 passed a 45' height limit for South Pasadena. In addition, the voter initiative approved no more than a 5% variance for parking. I have not seen any reference to this parking prohibition or how it will be applied in the Housing Element or General Plan for the City.

Will you please have staff or consultants address this issue for the benefit of the citizens of South Pasadena? If I missed reference or an opinion about this parking prohibition will you please advise?

Joanne Nuckols
South Pasadena

Sent from my iPad

From: [Joanne Nuckols](#)
To: [City Council Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #15
Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 10:04:58 AM

City Council, the draft General Plan is in violation of the 1983 voter initiative by allowing a density bonus for height about the 45' limit. See statement below from the Revised 5th Draft of the City of South Pasadena 2021-2029 General Plan (GP) Housing Element from May 2023 page B1-16:

"City staff responded that a voter approved initiative supersedes both the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance of the city, and that if they conflict the voter approved initiative prevails. However, if the voter approved initiative is in conflict with State law, then the state Law superseded the voter approved initiative. Since South Pasadena's height limit does not directly contradict State law, and because there are alternative ways for the City to meet it's requirement under State law that do not require the repeal of the height limit, it's the opinion of the City that State law cannot supersede the City's height limit."

This statement of the city's official position, which also appeared in the 6th Draft Housing Element (HE), first was stated, verbally in so many words, by City Attorney Andrew Jared on Aug 22, 2022 at a public workshop at city hall. In June of this year in an email to staff about this issue, I was commenting on this exact statement and what prompted the voters to reject approved twin towers and approve a 45' height limit which is the law now. **There was no response to this email from staff that this statement was the position of the city or that it had changed and was now not the position of the city!**

At the time of the first statement above from the city state law allowed density bonuses for various things, including additional height. Density bonuses for height were allowed last year per state law, the city statement could have said "but for density bonuses for height allowed by state law," but it does not. That language could have been included in that statement, but it was not because it is illegal to go over 45' per the former City Attorney.

There are more density bonuses for things other than height such as flexibility in Design standards, reduced parking, reduced open space, larger number of units, etc. These other bonuses are not in dispute. Clearly the city was firmly in the "not needing density bonuses for height to meet the requirements of state law" with this statement above in the current almost approved GP.

The current Assistant City Attorney has made statements that density bonuses are allowed, but only verbally, which contradicts the above written statement. If the city's position has changed or reversed, this should have been stated in the May draft, at either of the two public meetings or at least in writing with justification for this major reversal of the opinion. By not putting this reversal of the city's official position in writing it is denying the public due process.

Does the city have such a low regard for the public's opinion now and public's overwhelming vote to imposed a 45' height limit in 1983 that they slip this height over 45' allowance in thinking no one will notice? We noticed and object to inclusions for density bonuses for height unless and until the voters weigh in via ballot vote.

For the South Pasadena City Council to now allow height density bonuses, as stated in the GP, it's a de facto repeal of the voter initiative which is illegal and can only be done via a vote of the people which you have agreed to do by putting the issue on the ballot by December of 2024.

Since 2018, city staff has attempted multiple times to convince the city council to put the height limit on the ballot for reversal. All of those attempts have been met with overwhelming citizen objection and NOT PUT ON THE BALLOT. For 40 years the citizens have relied on this height limit to prevent the town from being over developed by high rises, which prompted the initiative in the first place and passed overwhelmingly to reverse the approval of the city council at the time of two twin towers of 10 and 12 stories on the 600 block of Fair Oaks.

By settlement and court order the item will be put on the ballot by Dec 2024. There is a substantially approved plan in the HE for the vote to take place before increased densities will be allowed. If height density bonuses were legal now, then there would be no need for the issue to go on the ballot for repeal since the added height could be achieved now through density bonuses. The point being here that height density bonuses are not legal over 45' since there needs to be a vote of the people to allow building over 45.'

I respectfully ask that the council remove from the GP language that allows for height density bonuses since they violate the voter initiative unless and until the VOTERS, not the city council, repeals the 45' height limit by Dec 2024.

Thank you for your consideration for the people of South Pasadena.

Joanne Nuckols
South Pasadena

From: [Matt Gelfand](#)
To: [Jon Primuth](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [CCO](#); [City Council Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Roxanne Diaz](#); dsnow@rwglaw.com; [City Manager's Office](#)
Subject: Correspondence from Californians for Homeownership
Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 12:09:22 PM
Attachments: [Californians Letter to City Council.pdf](#)

To the City Council:

Please see the attached correspondence regarding the City's failure to comply with the stipulated judgment entered against it in our litigation over the City's compliance with housing element law.

Sincerely,

Matthew Gelfand

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Matthew Gelfand
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Californians for Homeownership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to address California's housing crisis through impact litigation and other legal tools.



October 4, 2023

VIA EMAIL

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RE: *Californians for Homeownership v. City of South Pasadena*
L.A.S.C. Case No. 22STCP01388

To the City Council:

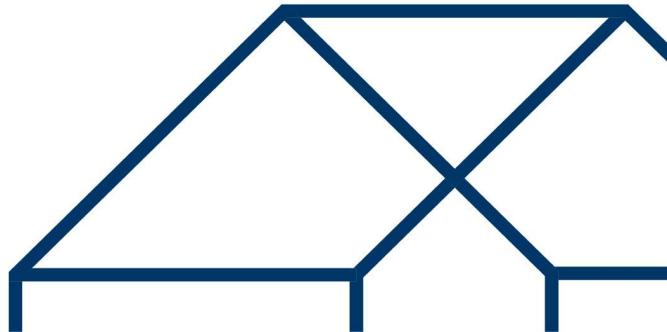
As you know, on August 19, 2022, a stipulated judgment was entered in our favor and against the City following the settlement of our litigation over the City's failure to timely adopt a substantially compliant general plan housing element. Under the terms of the judgment, the City was required to adopt its housing element (which it did on May 30) and then to complete the rezoning contemplated in its housing element within 120 days—that is, by September 27, 2023. Until recently, we had understood that the City was dutifully working toward complying with the terms of the judgment.

Unfortunately, that no longer seems to be the case. What began as a discussion about whether the City made certain specific errors in a table in its housing element has become a broad frolic in which the City is attempting to renegotiate large portions of its housing element prior to completing the rezoning it promised months ago. And the suggestion that this frolic has anything to do with protecting the City's existing multifamily units is preposterous and disingenuous; that goal is completely untethered to the City Council's decision to renege wholesale on its promise to increase density in the RM and RH zones.

In light of the City's failure to comply with the terms of the judgment entered against it, we intend to move forward with an enforcement action, and have reserved a hearing date to do so.

Sincerely,

Matthew Gelfand



STRATEGIC PLANNING REVISIT: PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

Thursday, October 12, 2023



City Council Chambers
1424 Mission Street



5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Get involved by filling out
the survey below:

Thursday, October 12, 2023 - Virtual



Zoom

Meeting I.D.: 857 9212 5739

Password: 14 14



7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Friday, October 13, 2023



War Memorial Building
435 Fair Oaks Avenue



8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Deadline: October 5, 2023

Contact us with any questions:

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