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**From:** [Yvonne LaRose](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Review of 2023, Prospects for 2024  
**Date:** Monday, December 18, 2023 12:46:25 PM

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Yvonne LaRose, property owner in South Pasadena since 1981.

- Background in law
- former ABA Law Student
- Mediator
- Accommodations Provider
- Literacy Tutor
- Organization Development Consultant who focuses on the Protected Classes and their issues as well as Abuse
- Journalist - HR and business management, health issues, accessibility
- previous Director on several nonprofit organizations
- previous Executive Board member on several special-interest organizations
- proudly multi-ethnic

Most importantly, advocate on behalf of those who cannot speak for their own selves and those who are afraid to speak on their own behalf.

That is principally why I have spoken to this body for the past three years, primarily as a mouthpiece for the sake of those just mentioned, as well as my citizen interests. I've also served as a mouthpiece as an employment industry consultant to deliver guidance when those on the dais have expressed concerns.

Here we are in December 2023. It's a time to reflect on the matters that were started shortly after my return to South Pasadena, especially the Sundown Town, Armenia, and Ukraine proclamations. It's a time to generally look at the progress we've made, especially in this year and consider the destination of path we're building.

We have some major challenges such as infrastructure and transportation, good communication, inclusion and acknowledgement of the protected classes, creating a wholesome and thriving community, developing venues that cater to constructive conversation that leads to positive results because of better mutual understanding.

I've watched as those who sit on the dais listen to the concerns presented. I've watched as notes were quickly written as the numerous speakers presented their cause. As we wind down 2023, the positive inroads from the care this body enacted in response to those concerns shows.

The State of the City address was delivered at the Senior Center. That choice of venue acknowledged the importance of our senior and disabled demographics. Contrary to the 1970s South Pasadena Rose Parade float where the police officer rolled up the sidewalks at 6 PM, we now actively produce numerous evening and weekend community activities. Those of all ages with impairments as well as able-bodied are equally included in outdoor activities ranging

from Arroyo Fest to walking tours to concerts and movies in the park that are somewhat accessible to those with impairments not only during the day but also in the evenings and weekends.

Hoorah!

Just as I expressed my desire last year to see the Invisible 3% become uncloaked, it would be good to see that demographic more widely dispersed in 2024.

Last month a long-time resident expressed one of the unspoken community standards by saying (by necessity, I paraphrase), "In South Pasadena, we like what we are and don't like change."

Likewise, it's time to posit this reflection and challenge. What can be done to help those who have a stranglehold on the standards of the past, ease that grip and embrace the forward look at, step by step, building a strong, vibrant and inclusive community in fact, not in mere appearance? Which of us can take responsibility for releasing the hold on the myths that haunt our society as we look at our population and see the humanity of and in each face?

With great enthusiasm, I look forward to what will be meted out for this city for 2024.

Viva

Yvonne LaRose, CAC

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

**From:** [John C.](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Email Comment for South Pasadena City Council Meeting for Agenda Item 16  
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To the South Pasadena City Council,

Last year the residents of South Pasadena and some city council members question then South Pasadena Mayor Michael Cacciotti appointing new members to the city commissions because he was the outgoing mayor on his last day. This same thing should apply on this Agenda Item 16. The new mayor should be appointing the city representative for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Trustees and not the out going mayor.

From, John

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**From:** [William M. Paparian](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [lacba\\_afcom@forums.lacba.org](mailto:lacba_afcom@forums.lacba.org)  
**Subject:** Installation of Mayor Evelyn Zneimer  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023 4:49:59 PM

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Good evening South Pasadena City Council:

I want to congratulate my very dear friend Evelyn Zneimer on the occasion of her installation as the Mayor of South Pasadena. We were founding members of the Armed Forces Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and continue to serve together. For the citizens of your city who may not be aware of it, Mayor Zneimer has dedicated countless pro bono legal hours in service of our military veterans. I hope that you might take just a moment and recognize her dedicated service on behalf of our veterans.

Mayor Zneimer, congratulations!

Very Respectfully,

William Paparian  
Former Mayor of Pasadena

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## City of South Pasadena City Manager's Office

# Memo

**Date:** December 19, 2023  
**To:** The Honorable City Council  
**Via:** Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager *Ac*  
**From:** Tamara Binns, Assistant to the City Manager

December 20, 2023 City Council Meeting Item No. 18 Consideration and Adoption of the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan Revise

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The memo provides corrections to the following items:

Page 18-30 Key Tasks:

- Fleet
- Citywide Electrification
- ~~Water Conservation~~ Sustainability
- ~~Leaf Blower Ordinance~~ Water Conservation

Page 18-32 Sustainability:

Approval of participation in the ~~San~~ San Gabriel Valley Council of Government (SGVCOG) CalRecycle SB 1383 Grant Program December 6, 2023.

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