PASADENA DISTRICT 7 UPDATE

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Pasadena Marathon

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Dear Neighbors:

Below is an update on several important issues that have come across my desk. I share them with you keep you informed. Please feel free to call or email me with any feedback.

REDISTRICTING

The City has nearly completed its once-per-decade process of redrawing district boundaries to reflect population shifts documented by the U.S. Census. District 7 will shift slightly to the west, losing streets east of Roosevelt and gaining areas west of El Molino. [see link to new map]. I will continue to respond to City-wide issues with an emphasis on District 7.

CITY BUDGET

We are in the midst of the Budget process and it's clearly going to be another tough year. The great windstorm of November 30th , along with lagging Revenues, means that we have had to lay off City employees and reduce services to cut expenses. The good news is that City departments like Health & Human Services have found creative ways to cut costs while maintaining services by finding additional sources of revenues. However, our financial challenges will continue to impact the way we deliver service to our citizens.

FEE INCREASES

Another result of the financial challenges referenced above is manifested in the mail notice you received announcing a proposed REFUSE COLLECTION FEE INCREASE & AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER RATE ORDINANCE. While both proposals represent very modest increases in our current schedules, they are harbingers of things to come as we strive to cover our costs. Be assured that I am much focused on minimizing any increases.

CRIME STATISTICS

The Police Department's more current reporting procedures allow all of us to stay up to date on crime. You can get updates on what's happening anywhere in the City by going on line to [LINK]. Please remember that the best thing we can do to reduce crime, is to remain vigilant and call the Police Department at (626) 744-4501 when we see anything suspicious. Also, if you haven't done so already, sign up for NIXLE and PLEAS. NIXLE is a national community information service that will send you emergency alerts and advisories from local agencies. PLEAS is the Pasadena Local Emergency Alert System that uses both text and voice messages to keep residents and community members in Pasadena informed in case of emergencies that affect areas in which they live or work.

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEES

If any of you would like to host a coffee for your neighbors to discuss a specific issue, or just to talk some more about City issues, please contact us and we'll be happy to attend.