

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

September 30, 2010

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

## 1. Grand Opening Set for Urgent Care

I would like to invite the City Council to attend the grand opening and ribbon cutting of a new urgent care and primary care health center Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m. at 3160 E. Del Mar Blvd. The event will also include tours and refreshments. Parking will be available on the street as well as Ability First, 201 S. Kinneloa Ave., and Pasadena Boys and Girls Club, 3230 E. Del Mar Blvd.

This project represents an excellent example of the city partnering with business to create a much needed resource for the community. The urgent care center, operated by Huntington Medical Foundation, is expected to help alleviate long waits at Huntington Hospital's emergency room, where more than 30 percent of patients have health concerns that are not emergencies. The primary care clinic will be managed by the Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (CHAP) and will serve the needs of low-income and uninsured patients. A reasonable, sliding fee schedule will be offered to uninsured patients.

"Access to health care in the greater Pasadena area has been identified as a growing community concern," said Mayor Bill Bogaard. "This new center will serve important medical needs of segments of Pasadena's population that otherwise would go to expensive emergency rooms or not be treated at all."

Respectfully submitted,

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