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The Hon. \_\_\_\_\_  
Pasadena City Council, City Hall  
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**Re: A Pasadena Liaison for Victims of Violence**

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am very concerned about the gun violence that continues to be an ongoing problem in Pasadena as recently noted in a Los Angeles Times article (*For one Pasadena neighborhood, gun violence is unrelenting, January 25, 2022*). This is a concern not just for people who live in Pasadena, but also for those who come to Pasadena to work, shop, attend school, visit cultural venues and take part in myriad social activities.

Pasadenans Organizing for Progress have requested that the City hire “a liaison to work with family members of victims of violent crimes to guide them through the paperwork process” to get available services and supports. The lack of family services and support is not a problem. The problem is Pasadena does not seem to have a family liaison who can connect families to existing family services and supports after they have experienced the trauma of losing a loved one to gun violence. Trauma often prevents people from being able to successfully reach out to and engage in existing support and services. A helping hand and warm hand off is often what is needed after such a loss.

I support this proposal and strongly urge the City to implement it. Pasadena is one city deeply interconnected with the larger city around it and what happens to one community affects all communities in the city.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

(Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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