

THE PASADENA-ALTADENA 20/20 INITIATIVE

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Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City Councilmembers
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue, S228
Pasadena, CA 91109

Subject: *Support of the Flintridge Operating Foundation Serving as the Community-Based Institutional Home*

Dear Mayor Bogaard & City Councilmembers:

This is a recommendation to the City of Pasadena in support of the **Flintridge Operating Foundation** as the community-based institutional home and convener of providers to directly address local community violence prevention. We support this choice because Flintridge exemplifies all of the Gap Analysis conditions set forth for choosing an existing nonprofit as an Institutional Home: appropriate mission and stability; interactive ties with government and highly impacted communities; management and planning skills; and commitment to collaborative leadership:

- **Mission and Stability**

In its commitment to promoting cooperative partnerships while nourishing individualism and diversity, it is important to note that as far back as 1993 Flintridge launched a Community Services Program that has provided capacity building services and educational resources for hundreds of nonprofit organizations focusing on the quality of life for children, youth, & families in Northwest Pasadena and Altadena. Currently, it continues to collaborate with the community by coordinating and empowering organizations and individuals to describe their needs, goals, and strategies; a good example of this is its collaboration with the Vision 20/20 Coalition that has already begun the work called for by the Gap Analysis and Recommendations.

- **Ties with Government and Impacted Communities**

Flintridge has also established strong ties over the years with numerous government agencies and departments from the City of Pasadena to the national level---an essential relationship for effectively collaborating with community programs and institutions. It has also forged working partnerships with businesses, community-based organization, educational institutions, faith-based groups, and unions/construction trades to ensure measurable successful outcomes.

- **Management and Planning Skills**
In addition to operating within an already firmly established organizational structure (e.g., specialized staff, campus facilities, services for nonprofits, research resources, fiscal management, etc.), Flintridge has a well-centralized accessibility within the Northwest Pasadena community---all conducive to a rapid start-up if chosen as the Institutional Home.
- **Commitment to Collaborative Leadership**
Finally, Flintridge has a history of commitment to working in partnership with the community through engagement/collaboration with diverse constituencies that help people share ideas, expertise, and resources for cooperative action and achievement of common goals. Examples of its commitment to collaborative leadership include: Mustangs on the Move, Mustangs Mentoring Program, Apprenticeship Preparation Program, Vision 20/20, ECHO, and PNLI.

In addition to satisfying the just noted Gap analysis qualifications, Flintridge is unique among all nonprofits because of its plethora of resources and programs for capacity building that it provides to nonprofit organizations serving children, youth, and families in Northwest Pasadena. It consistently and measurably provides learning opportunities through: resources and technology fundraising, consultations, a fully stocked resource library, a large retreat center, workshops and trainings, scholarships, etc.

Because of its established record of successfully promoting cooperative partnerships within the community, we endorse with much enthusiasm and without reservation the choice of the **Flintridge Operating Foundation** as Pasadena's community-based institutional home and convener of providers that directly address local community violence prevention.

Sincerely,

The Pasadena – Altadena 20/20 Initiative Coalition

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