



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 19, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request for a Mega Vaccination MPOD at Rose Bowl and Additional Resources

Dear Governor Newsom:

The City of Pasadena has invested significant resources responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and established needed infrastructure to rapidly and equitably administer vaccine to the community. Nonetheless, it is clear the City is quickly approaching threshold capability, which is insufficient to satisfy local demand for vaccine.

In addition, the systemic challenges presented by the current vaccine distribution create an obstacle the City alone cannot overcome. To ensure Pasadena residents are able to obtain a vaccine when they become eligible, the City requests a state supported regional Mega Vaccination Medical Point of Dispensing (MPOD) Site in Pasadena with a direct state allocation of vaccine. An ideal site for this operation is the Rose Bowl given its size and familiarity.

The City has successfully established a local MPOD capable of delivering 100 doses per hour with support from public health staff, personnel from other City departments, contracted services, and volunteers. Over the last two weeks, the twice per week MPOD site has delivered approximately 2,300 doses to those in Phase 1A. The City is planning to open the MPOD four days per week increasing throughput to 2,800 doses per week. With the rapidly approaching need to administer second doses, our ability to administer first doses to community members will diminish. Despite leveraging all City resources, it would take two years to vaccinate everyone in the City at a rate of 1,500 first doses per week.

COVID-19 vaccination planning featured partnerships with local healthcare providers, CVS, and Walgreens, who were expected to play an important role in vaccine administration. The City viewed itself as part of this system, but the Pasadena Public Health Department has far too often had to respond to community needs assigned to these partners expending valuable City personnel and precious vaccine supply. The City was expecting to be the safety net for the system, but instead we have become the system. These challenges coupled with limited delivery of vaccine from the state have made it improbable to meet the reasonable expectations of our

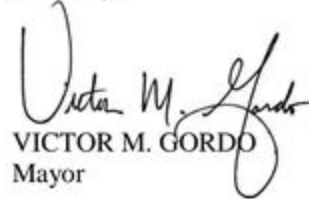
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residents and resulting demand for vaccine. With the state transition to Phase 1B despite limited vaccine supply, these challenges have become more pronounced.

It is for these reasons that the City of Pasadena requests a state supported Mega Vaccination MPOD in Pasadena and respectfully encourages you to dedicate state resources to facilitate timely vaccination of Pasadena and nearby residents. I look forward to a time when everyone who wants a vaccine can get one. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Director of Public Health and Health Officer, City of Pasadena, at (626) 744-6046.

Sincerely,



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Mayor