

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 6, 2009

The Honorable Robert C. Scott 1201 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: H.R. 1064 – Youth PROMISE Act – SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Scott:

On behalf of the City Council and the Pasadena community, I am writing to express our support for HR 1064, the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunity Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education, or Youth PROMISE Act.

The comprehensive approach of this bill in bringing together communities to plan and implement prevention and intervention strategies to reduce crime and gang violence, and the emphasis on the use of evidence-based practices, is consistent with Pasadena's approach to this issue. The wide range of local as well as regional and national organizations in support of HR 1064 documents the broad national and community support for such efforts.

In the interest of preventing and reducing crime and gang violence, with a particular emphasis on youth and young adults, the City of Pasadena supports the passage of HR 1064.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer

Senator Dianne Feinstein Congressman Adam Schiff

Michael Beck, City Manager - City of Pasadena

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