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Dear Mayor Tornek,

I am writing to urge you and the City of Pasadena to make a long lasting plan to save the Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery where it has been established so successfully. The space it inhabits was abandoned for twenty years and now it has come to life in a beautiful way and is an incredible asset to the Pasadena community and all of Los Angeles County. Nicholas Hummingbird and the Arroyo Seco Foundation have created a stellar example of what a native plant nursery can look like and how it can serve and enhance our watershed and surrounding communities. This nursery also honors the Tongva people who lived here before us with respect for all living beings in this watershed and provides a context for understanding this history and the indigenous communities that still live in and protect this land now.

Hundreds of volunteers have committed many hours to work alongside and learn from Nicholas Hummingbird to propagate the plants we need to bring back our native habitats. This nursery supports wildlife, insects and pollinators that create the healthy, diverse ecosystem we and the generations to come deserve to enjoy. We need to provide the plants required in the restoration of the Arroyo Seco and Los Angeles river watersheds and the Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery is training the volunteers needed to propagate even more local nurseries. These trained volunteers go out and plant at their homes and in public parks water wise native habitat that improves our environment and the air we breathe. You have a super star model nursery that you can take pride in and share with cities around the world!

Please establish a plan to save and support Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery now. Thank you for your time and consideration in caring for this wonderful and inspiring resource!

With respect and gratitude,

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