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From: Gloria Newton <GloriaNewton@pasadena.k12.ca.us>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:31 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable Housing for PUSD staff

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a former public school teacher and current volunteer reading tutor at Madison Elementary School. I'm writing to express my support of the use of closed PUSD school sites for affordable staff and family housing.

I'm a staunch defender of the public school system, so it's sad to know that 11 PUSD schools have closed in the past couple decades. Even though this is due to many factors such as rising housing prices and demographic shifts, it looks and feels like yet another painful strike against a school district that has such wonderful things to offer. It's even more painful to see these campuses rented out to charter schools which are in direct competition for student enrollment.

This is why I am thrilled that the PUSD board has decided to move forward on proposals to build affordable housing for PUSD staff on one of these closed school sites. Not only would PUSD staff have the option to live in the communities which they serve, but this type of land use would provide a desperately needed income stream for the district. This would be immeasurably more beneficial for the than losing more money trying to maintain aging buildings that are not going to be repopulated by students any time soon. I'm also encouraged that the PUSD board is investigating using a second closed school site for housing for PUSD families.

There are many more rational reasons why affordable staff and family housing is a good idea, but there are emotional ones as well. If I had friends or family visiting Pasadena for the first time I would not want to drive past a closed PUSD school that was being used by a charter school. But I would proudly show my visitors a site that had been converted into affordable housing for PUSD staff and families. I would be able to say to my visitors: "PUSD is a district that is committed to its staff, teachers, and students, and its leaders are taking concrete steps to build a stronger community by providing a way for them to live in city they serve."

Please make this a reality by supporting PUSD in whatever ways the City Council can to make these initiatives a reality.

Sincerely,

Gloria Newton

Pasadena, CA 91106
PUSD District 5, Pasadena Council District 5

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From: Marcos Canales
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 5:32 PM
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Marcos Canales. I am the pastor of La Fuente Ministries, a bilingual Latina church in the city of Pasadena. I am a resident of Pasadena, District 1 with Tyrone Hampton as my council member. Our church is part of the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena, (PazNaz), in District 4 with Gene Masuda as our council member. I am also a board member of the Clergy Community Coalition of Pasadena.

Personally, my son attends Mary W. Jackson Multilingual Elementary School, part of PUSD, and we are heavily invested in public education. As a community leader as well as having parents and friends who are connected to PUSD, the issue of retaining staff in our local school and district is of utmost importance. Affordable staff housing at the Roosevelt site will make the school district stronger and more resilient for generations to come.

I also support using a second site for student family housing.

We are experiencing a housing crisis that is displacing many PUSD employees and working-class families who send their children to our public schools, resulting in enrollment declines and disinvestment from those schools. The result of the enrollment decline is that the district has closed 11 campuses since 2006.

This has also impacted decrease in attendance in our faith communities, as we have seen more and more families move out of Pasadena due to the cost of living.

Since the district owns the land on which the housing would be built, the district can both provide affordable housing and make a profit at the same time (a feasibility study in June showed that the district could net \$118 million).

This solution is a win-win for everyone.

Thank you,
Rev. Marcos Canales.

La Fuente Ministries

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From: Sofia Santos
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 6:19 PM
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a member of La Fuente Ministries in Pasadena and I am writing to you in support of the affordable staff housing initiative at the Roosevelt site. I also support using a second site for student family housing. Creating these affordable housing options will make the school district stronger and more resilient.

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Sofia Santos

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From: Alma Cardenas
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 8:44 AM
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Thank you,

Alma Cardenas

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