

12/17/2018

Item 18

Jomsky, Mark

From: Lorinda Hawkins Smith <lorindahawkinssmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Heritage Square South

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers:

Thank you for Ed Tech's approval of Model C (mixed use-housing and commercial development). I am thankful for this compromise and hope that there can be a forward movement now to house our homeless seniors.

I am Black. Unfortunately, many of my friends and family (who are also people of color) who have lived here for years, have been displaced because of rising housing costs. I was just talking to a friend who works here in Pasadena (Caltech) but now has had to relocate to Upland. What a commute. Her mother, a senior, still lives here.

It was my understanding that when Ed Tech approved Model C, that Ed Tech also approved there to be Permanent Supportive Housing for seniors. If Model C isn't ideal for housing homeless seniors, it is my fervent hope and recommendation that we move forward with Model A.

With Pasadena's homeless senior rate increasing 58% in the last three years, making sure our seniors our able to be housed should be our number one priority. That's why I recommend that the City Council approve Model A.

It is also my recommendation that the City Council not adopt a policy based on Code Section 34176 1(c) (2) that would greatly restrict building affordable housing in Northwest Pasadena due to "overconcentration." The data clearly shows NW Pasadena has become gentrified and therefore needs more, not less, affordable housing to prevent increasing homelessness and displacement of long-term residents. Surely, this code was more useful 30 years ago.

Sincerely,

Lorinda Hawkins Smith
NW Pasadena Resident

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From: Peggy Craik <peggy_craik@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 17, 2018 5:39 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Heritage Square South

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

I am a retired public school teacher who worships in the city of my birth, Pasadena.

I am very pleased to hear that the council may consider creating 69 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors at Heritage Square South soon.

This proposal could make a big difference for people who otherwise might be forced to live their last days on the street.

Funding is available for this compassionate endeavor, and I sincerely hope that the council will approve of the project.

Sincerely, Peggy Craik

Sent from my Verizon Motorola Droid

Jomsky, Mark

From: Charles Marks <markscharles25@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 2:44 PM
To: mjomsky@cityofpasaena.net
Subject: Housing for Pasadena Homeless People

Dear Pasadena Mayor and City Council Members

I am a retired Christian Minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) and a longtime resident of the city. I have watched helplessly, as I walk the streets of the city. at the plight of homeless people on the benches, streets, alleys and sidewalks of the city. For a long time I have wondered if and when an alternative option for the homeless could be found.

The proposed development for homeless seniors at Heritage Square South is a positive move to address the city's homeless situation. I urge you to support the creation of 69 units of permanent supportive housing to assist otherwise helpless and vulnerable people to begin to get their lives together. The need is great, the funding is available, and the community overwhelmingly supports it and you to act affirmatively on it.

Thank you for receiving and acting upon the concerns of this letter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles Marks

Jomsky, Mark

From: Joyce Wedseltoft <jwedseltoft@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2018 11:04 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Joyce Wedseltoft
Subject: Heritage Square South - PLEASE TAKE ACTION

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Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council members,

I attend Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church and have lived in lovely Pasadena for over 30 years. I am proud of my city and call upon Pasadena to end homelessness by starting in our own city. We have a long way to go, but let's take one more step to end homelessness with approval of the Heritage Square South proposal.

I urge you to support creating 69 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors at Heritage Square South. The need is huge, the funding is available, and the community overwhelmingly supports it. Please take action as soon as possible to address our City's homelessness crisis.

Sincerely,

Yours in friendship and peace,

Joyce Wedseltoft
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Pasadena, CA 91104
626-755-7705
jwedseltoft@sbcglobal.net

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From: Areta Crowell <acrowell13@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Heritage Square South

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Pasadena City Council Members

I am the Director Emeritus of the Los Angeles Count Dept. of Mental Health, happy to be living in Pasadena and a member of the local faith community at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. However, like you, I am very distressed by the number of homeless persons who are so visible everywhere in the city. Many have mental illnesses- and I can attest it is virtually impossible to help persons so afflicted while they are homeless. Housing is the first step to stability and health.

I have been very pleased to learn of the opportunity provided by the plans for Heritage Square South . It will make a significant improvement for our city by creation of 69 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors. The need is huge and with funding available it is surely the best step you can take for our city.

Please take action now to proceed with the building of Heritage Square South. WE ALL need it !

Sincerely,

Areta Crowell, Ph.D.

1115 Cordova St. #311

Pasadena 91106

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From: camilo vargas <thecamilovargas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: interfaithquaker@aol.com
Subject: Homeless Senior Housing at Heritage Square South

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am a documentary filmmaker who lives in Pasadena. I attend the Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church. I am concerned about ending homelessness because no one should have to live on the streets, especially seniors.

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Sincerely,

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José Enrique Pardo
617 North Summit Avenue
Pasadena,, CA 91103
thecamilovargas@gmail.com

December 3, 2018

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council Members,

I am a member of St. Elizabeth parish and a resident of the Pasadena-Altadena area. As a person of faith and a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, I am committed to ending homelessness in our city. We are called to advocate for the rights of the poor, to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

I am urging the City Council to consider using the Heritage Square South property for 69 units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) for homeless seniors, which has the overwhelming support of Northwest Pasadena residents, especially people of faith. This property was purchased with HUD and other funds for affordable and very low-income housing and should be used for that purpose.

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Studies show that permanent supportive housing is key to reducing and ultimately ending homelessness. I urge you to approve homeless housing at Heritage Square South so that community engagement and education necessary to have motel conversions into permanent supportive housing can begin in other parts of our city. I support your ordinance on motel conversion to PSH and support having homeless housing dispersed throughout our city. The City reduced its homeless population by 50% in the past and we can do this again. thereby fulfilling God's commandment that we "give shelter for the homeless" (Isaiah 58:7, NLV).

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Connie O'Donnell

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Name:

Willie Merchant Jr

Address:

51A 515 ROYCE PASADENA CA 910

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Name: _____

Peggy Williams

Address: *1329 N. LOS ROBLES AVE., PASADENA CA 91104*

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Name:

Laura White, Laura White

Address:

3000 Glenrose Avenue, Altadena CA 91001

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Sincerely, Debra Johnson
Name: _____
Address: 1315 N. Marengo #2

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Name: Johnny Dixon
Address: 762 N FAIR OAKS PASADENA CA

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Address: 825 E. Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena, CA. 91104

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Name: MARIA REYES / Maria Reyes

Address: 470 N. VINEYARD PL. PASADENA CA. 91107

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Name: _____

Arvin Robinson

Address: _____

*1317 N. Sycamore #
Burbank, CA 91506*

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Sincerely,

Name: KEVIN HOULEMARD

Address: 474 N. DAISY 91107

Jomsky, Mark

From: Elbert Newton <elbertwalkernewton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Permanent Supportive Housing at Heritage Square South

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I support the building of permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors at the Heritage Square South site.

I believe that the Ed Tech committee will be recommending affordable housing at the site, a proposal which is a great improvement over previous plans to sell the land. I urge you to commission the Housing Department to build a specific type of affordable housing: permanent supportive housing which serves people experiencing homelessness. This type of housing includes case management, mental health, and other services which help people with special needs be successful in their housing.

In addition to living in the neighborhood where this project will be built, I also work in Pasadena at a Full Service Partnership program assisting people with serious mental illness who have ended up on the streets or in jail/prison. Housing the participants in our program has become increasingly difficult due to the steep rise in housing costs. Additional buildings dedicated to housing this population will go a long way toward decreasing the number of homeless people wandering our streets, which is something that I think everyone wants.

I understand that more funding is available for permanent supportive housing for seniors than for other types of affordable housing, so choosing this route will increase the likelihood that the project will be successful.

I understand also that our whole neighborhood is largely supportive of permanent supportive housing at this site.

Thanks for considering my input.

Bert Newton
551 N. Madison Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Jomsky, Mark

From: Lisa Finlay <lisadannerfinlay@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: request for ED tech committee to pursue permanent supportive housing in Pasadena

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am a licensed psychologist working in Pasadena, and I attend Pasadena Mennonite Church. I am concerned about allocating resources to help end homelessness. I once worked with a man who had been homeless for 20 years. His own path into sobriety, employment, and wellness was unique to him, but he never lost a deep sympathy for the homeless. He told me that begging for money was by far the hardest work he ever did.

Studies show that permanent supportive housing is key to reducing and ultimately ending homelessness. I understand that there is an opportunity to create 69 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors at Heritage Square South. I also understand that funding is available and the community overwhelmingly supports it. Please take action as soon as possible to address our city's homelessness crisis.

Thank you,

Lisa Finlay, PhD
1106 N Cedar St
Glendale CA 91207

Jomsky, Mark

From: Dr. Andrea Davis <andreadavisphd@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2018 12:50 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Steve Salinda
Subject: Homeless senior housing - 69 units

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am the founder and director of Greenhouse Therapy Center in Pasadena where we help many families by providing relationship-based therapeutic intervention for their children or adults with autism. I know the Mayor is supportive of these Pasadena-based relationship-based therapeutic efforts for patients with autism, as he was honored at the PCDA Harvest Moon Gala in October.

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Let's do the right thing and start a wave of justice that follows in Pasadena's footsteps!!

*Andrea Davis, Ph.D., Director
Greenhouse Therapy Center....for growing people
685 E California Blvd.
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From: Thea DeGroot <tkdegroot1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2018 4:48 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark

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Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council members,

I am a resident home owner who lives at the corner of Raymond Ave and Orange Grove. This one block from the proposed site for a homeless senior housing development with supportive services, Heritage Square South. I want to voice my **strong support** for the project.

As a member of the neighborhood, I can tell you that the homeless already live here. I've encountered a number of homeless residents of my neighborhood and can greet several by name--such as Naomi who hangs out on the corner of Fair Oaks and Orange Grove. I wish there was appropriate housing for my homeless neighbors, especially on rainy cold days such as today.

As a city, we have the resources to help our homeless residents like Naomi. Please take the necessary steps to push forward on this proposed project. It will benefit not only the people who would be housed, but also other members of our neighborhood. We would see the improved circumstances of our currently homeless neighbors, as well as a--hopefully--well maintained new development on a somewhat neglected corner lot.

Thank you for your attention to my thoughts and this issue,

Dorothea DeGroot
675 N. Raymond Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103

Jomsky, Mark

From: Lisa Muthiah <lisa.muthiah@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2018 6:59 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Affordable Housing in Pasadena

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I have been a teacher in PUSD for seventeen years and my three children attended Pasadena schools- McKinley and Pasadena High School. Although I currently live in Altadena, I lived in Pasadena for many years and I am currently a member and attend Pasadena Mennonite Church. I am concerned about ending homelessness, specifically in Pasadena, because my faith calls me to it and because many of my former students have and continue to struggle to find affordable housing. Learning is difficult, if not impossible, when you are not provided with a safe place to live.

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Lisa King Muthiah
2056 Sinaloa Ave
Altadena, CA 91001

Jomsky, Mark

From: Annika Buxman <annika@demilodesign.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2018 7:36 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: support housing for homeless seniors at Heritage Square South

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I live and work in South Pasadena but much of my day is in Pasadena at Kelly Paper, Blick Art Supplies or Paper Source. The many homeless people I meet while on the Goldline traveling back and forth compel me to write this.

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Annika Buxman
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Instagram [Sustain & Heal](#)
626 403 0317
1401 Mission Street #103
South Pasadena, California 91030

Jomsky, Mark

From: Bautista, Glory <Glory.Bautista@methodisthospital.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2018 1:49 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: pasadena's need for permanent supportive housing

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Dear Mayor and City council members,

I live in Pasadena and am an ordained clergy person, and member of Pasadena Mennonite Church. I also work at a nearby hospital in Arcadia that offers services to Pasadena neighbors. In my daily work and commute I see the high need for seniors to have additional housing support. It can be very challenging for us at Methodist Hospital to find options to safely discharge our homeless patients.

I have recently learned that funding is available for the creation of 69 units of permanent supporting housing for seniors who live outside via property on Fair Oaks named "Heritage Square South". According to a neighborhood survey I also read, our Pasadena community is largely supportive of this.

I'm writing to say that I too am in strong support of this and ask that you not delay, but take prompt action, for Pasadena in this way. The number of our citizens without homes is staggering – and growing. So I ask that you use your power to represent us in advocating for and seeing this project through to completion.

And as always – thanks for your continued political work. It's not a job I envy, and so I especially appreciate people like yourself who are willing to take it on.

Best,
Glory

Rev. Glory Bautista
ACPE Associate Certified Educator
Methodist Hospital of Southern California
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Arcadia, CA 91007
(o) 626-898-8815
glory.bautista@methodisthospital.org

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From: Anne Tipton <annemtipton@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2018 5:54 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Heritage Square South

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I attend Pasadena Mennonite Church and have family members who live in Pasadena. Pasadena. I am concerned about ending homelessness because

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Thank you,

Anne Tipton
2269 Navarro Ave, Altadena, CA 91001

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From: BRINELL ANDERSON <drbrinelland@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2018 9:49 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Heritage Square Housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am a parishioner at All Saints Church and a resident and business owner in the city of Pasadena. I am concerned about ending homelessness because every human being deserves to have dependable and respectable housing.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Brinell Anderson
756 Coniston Road
Pasadena, CA 91103

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tom A Polenzani <polenzani@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2018 10:35 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Elizabeth Polenzani; Tom Polenzani
Subject: Heritage Square South

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December 3, 2018

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council Members,

I am a member of St. Elizabeth parish and a resident of the Pasadena-Altadena area. As a person of faith and a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, I am committed to ending homelessness in our city. We are called to advocate for the rights of the poor, to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

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Tom and Elizabeth Polenzani

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Thomas A. Polenzani
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626-675-4729

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From: Joe <bautista.joe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 7:52 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please build permanent supportive housing on that plot next to Church's Chicken

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Dear Mayor, City Staff, and City Council,

Isn't it time that we built on the land that the City bought years ago for affordable housing? I'm talking about that plot of land adjacent (north) of Church's Chicken on Orange Grove and Fair Oaks.

Friends of mine and fellow advocates want the City to build permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors. And I'm fine with that; it's a good idea. But whatever you all decide, I just want the City to build something on that empty plot that will house people - something that will be affordable for people with very limited or even no income.

Please.

(What are we waiting for?)

Joe Bautista
1989 Casa Grande Street
Pasadena, CA 91104

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From: Donna Sider <dsider13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 10:19 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Vote YES on Heritage Square South!

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Dear Mayor. Margaret McAustin and City Council members,

As a 35 year resident of Pasadena, who attends All Saints & Pasadena Mennonite Church, I'm writing to say IT IS TIME to approve Heritage Square So. There is broad community support for this project as evidenced by:

- Hundreds of signatators on petitions representing those living near the proposed project.
- Over 400 concerned citizens supporting this permanenat supportive housing for homeless seniors to date.
- Organizing actions on the site by ~90 people.

IT IS TIME to acknowledge mistakes of the recent past at the Ramada project by not creating ANY further delay! Residents of NW Pasadena have spoken. They, like many in this city view permanent supportive housing to this city's homeless as enacting justice, providing dignity to this basic human right of being housed.

We in faith communities across the city, URGE YOU to support creating these 69 units NOW, not only because the community supports it, and not only because there is a huge unmet need, but also because it will also set a powerful example to other districts where the residents clearly don't understand the value of permanent supportive housing for the homelessness crisis in Pasadena.

Donna Sider
District 2

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Address: 520 E. Orange Grove Blvd
Pasadena, CA

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Sincerely,

Name: Peggy Craik

Address: 520 East Orange Grove Boulevard Pasadena 91104

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Address: 520 E Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91104

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Name: *Sarah Eggers* Sarah Eggers
Address: 606 N. Daisy Ave Pasadena CA 91107

Jomsky, Mark

From: Nolty, Robert <nolty@alumni.caltech.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 3:03 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Heritage Square South

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Hi --

I've lived in Pasadena since I arrived at Caltech in 1988, though I just became a first-time homeowner at Raymond and Orange Grove, just a few dozen yards from the Heritage Square South site, in Victor Gordo's district.

As a neighbor, I want to express my deepest support for creating **69 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors**. This neighborhood is full of homeless seniors; my family has particularly befriended Naomi and Miles (sorry I don't know their last name).

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Thanks for considering this request,
Bob Nolty

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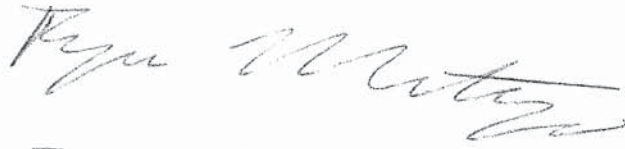
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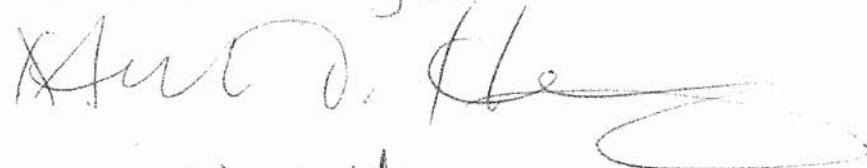
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Amber Height


291 N. Madison Ave

#259

Pasadena, CA 91101

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281 N Madison Ave #130

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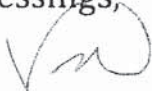
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116 S El Molino Ave
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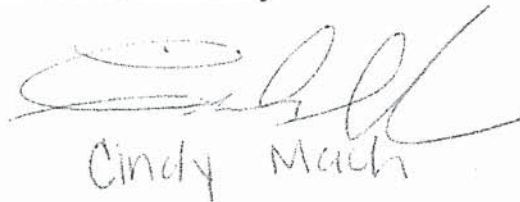
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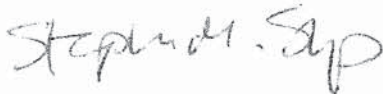
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Name: Brandon Miller

Address: 2485 HANWING Ave PASADENA CA

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Address: 572 E. Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena 91104

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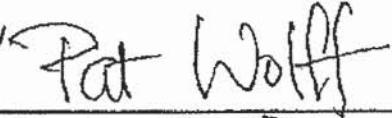
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Member of Orange Grove Friends Meeting

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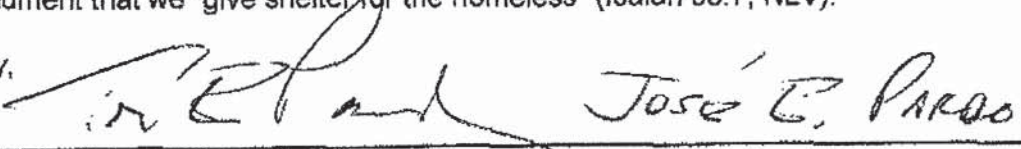
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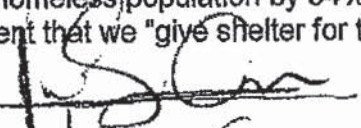
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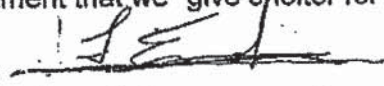
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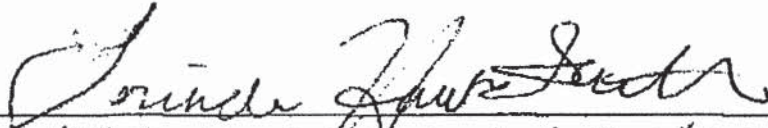
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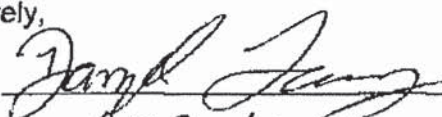
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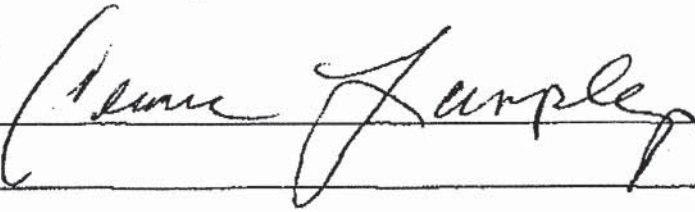
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Georgia Daniels - Pasadena native & owner

Small-business

Address:

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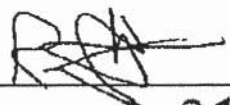
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Name: Eлизаbета M. Jansson

Address: 942 S. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91106

December 3, 2018

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