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Date: February 5, 2018

To: City Councilmembers

RE: Recommended Amendments to Staff Recommendations for Accessory Dwelling Units (Agenda Item #13)

I commend the staff and Council on diligently working through the neighborhood concerns while adhering to the spirit of the State legislation on Accessory Dwelling Units! I would recommend the following amendments to the staff recommendations in order to preserve the true character of "accessory" units and allow for more stable affordable housing stock.

- Cap Maximum ADU Size at Lesser of 50% or 800 SF for All Property Sizes Many <u>full-size</u> single-family homes in the City are 1,200 SF or less (including mine!), so anything above 800 SF is no longer "accessory". Please keep the maximum ADU size on any lot size to the lesser or 50% of the primary dwelling unit or 800 SF.
- 2. Support Option #2 for ADU Affordability to Waive Residential Impact Fee An 800 SF unit priced at 120% of LA County median income would yield a monthly rent of \$1,600, which is still high. I support staff recommendation on affordability #2 that allows for a landlord affordability agreement.
- 3. Landlord Agreement Should Exceed 7 Years for Continuity To ensure continuity for low income renters in ADUs and prevent them from being displaced due to change in ownership, the landlord affordability agreement should last the entire time the landlord owns the property. Upon change of ownership if the new owner does not preserve the affordability, residential impact fees should be assessed retroactively on the ADU.

Thanks again for your hard work!

Felicia Williams Council District 2

Jomsky, Mark

From:

Frances Hardy <fhardy@sgvhabitat.org>

Sent:

Monday, February 05, 2018 9:45 AM

To:

Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

Item #13 on City Council Agenda for Monday, February 5, 2018

To: City Council Room S228 Pasadena City Hall 100 Garfield Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101

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Warm Regards,

Frances

Frances Hardy | Director of Resource Development
San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity | 400 S. Irwindale Ave. Azusa, CA 91702
626-709-3276 | fhardy@sgvhabitat.org | sgvHabitat.org





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Martinez, Ruben

From:

Jill Shook < Jill@makinghousinghappen.com>

Sent: To: Saturday, February 03, 2018 10:00 AM Jill Shook; Jomsky, Mark; Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

re: Urgent: opportunity to support affordable housing in Pasadena at this Monday's city

council

Attachments:

Letter fot the city council for Monday 1-5-2018.docx

This Monday the City Council will vote on the fees to build an ADU-those cute tiny homes in our back yards. Right now the fees range from \$25,000 to \$31,000 for a 600 sf unit. This is excessive and needs to be lowered so that homeowners have an opportunity to address California's housing shortage, and have an extra income on their property.

Also on Monday we have a chance to support bringing more permanent supportive housing to Pasadena which ends homelessness for some of the 575 living on our streets (last year's count). This land use is being considered for the NE corner of Fair Oaks and Orange Grove.

Please carefully read the attached letter, then if you agree, please sign send to: mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net who will be sure

they are distributed to all the City Council members.

Additionally, you can make copies to distribute to your church and have folks sign them. I will have a stack of these available at my home if you wish to pick some up today and you can also bring me any signed letters you wish to have submitted by the end of Sunday and I will be sure they are submitted in a timely manner. Our address: 1628 N. Garfield Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

I can't thank you enough for this act of love for our community and humanity to make housing more affordable and help end homelessness.

Sincerely, Jill

Jill Shook, Missions Door, Catalyst <u>http://www.missionsdoor.org/missionaries/shook-jill</u> Doctor of Ministry, Bakke Graduate School

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I approve sending the letter Areta Crowell 1115 Cordova, #403 Pasadena 91106

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Marcia Hoffman <marciahoffman5@icloud.com>

Sent:

Saturday, February 03, 2018 2:27 PM

To:

Jomsky, Mark Re: land use

Subject: Attachments:

letter to City Coundil.pages

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Sincerely,
The Rev. Cynthia W. Crowell
Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pasadena
02/05/2018
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Martinez, Ruben

From:

Joan Feser <joanfeser@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, February 03, 2018 11:23 AM

To:

Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

ADU letter of support

Attachments:

ADU letter 2 3 18.pdf

Good morning. My name is Joan Feser, Vincentian from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary conference in Pasadena, I am attaching my signed letter to encourage your support vote. We ask for your help to bring more permanent supportive housing to Pasadena and to help end homelessness. As Vincentians, we can assist with many physical and monetary needs, but the one area of great struggle is finding housing. Please vote in favor of ending homelessness in Pasadena, Thank you!

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Mayor Tornek and City Council City Hall, City of Pasadena 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228 Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

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In other words, the 50% maximum size limitation would not go into effect until existing dwelling size reaches 1200 square feet.

My reason for proposing this alternative is simple and practical: A homeowner of an existing small house of, say, 800 square feet, being limited to constructing a 400 square foot (20' x 20') ADU provides little or no incentive to that homeowner to construct such an ADU. A 400 square foot ADU is *extremely* small – barely larger than a one-car garage - and would limit it to being a small studio apartment. However, at 600 square feet, a one bedroom – or possibly two-bedroom - unit could be built to provide a more comfortable dwelling.

2. Residential Impact Fees: Please consider creating a "middle ground" of Impact Fees for new ADUs – some fees that are not as expensive as the existing standard Residential Impact Fees, but not entirely eliminated as they would be under the proposed "covenant"/non-recorded landlord agreement concept. A reasonable "middle ground" should not be so expensive as to dissuade the construction of new ADUs, but also not disinsentivize landlords/homeowners from using some new ADUs for affordable housing. Perhaps fees based on square footage, such as \$5 - \$7 per sq. foot.

Thank you for your time and attention in considering these two suggestions.

With best regards,

David Whitehead

Pasadena homeowner/resident

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Monday, February 05, 2018 4:15 PM

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To support to build small house at back yard

We're agree to support this preposition

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Council Meeting 2/5/2018; Agenda Item 13; ADUs -- Size and Fees

Please distribute to the Council -- Thank You.

Linda Vista-Annandale Association

Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

Re: Council Meeting 2/5/2018; Agenda Item 13; ADUs -- Size and Fees

Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers:

The Linda Vista-Annandale Association (LVAA) has the following comments on this Agenda item.

1. Maximum Unit Size. In our view, the proposed new rules on maximum unit size will not work in much of non-hillside areas of West Pasadena, including District 7. The proposal, in effect, will give non-hillside owners/developers a 1,200 square foot new ADU as a matter of right. Most of the lots referred to in this part of the City are much larger than 10,000 square feet, and, most of the homes in this part of the City are so much larger that the 50% rule means nothing. For example, in the Linda Vista Annandale area, if a lot is approximately 15,000 square feet and the house is 4,000 square feet, in a non-hillside area, the ADU will be allowed at 1,200 square feet. This will be a very common new construction situation.

We think that you need to go back to the original proposal -- a sliding scale for larger lots. You could begin with 10,000 square foot lots at 800 square feet for the ADU, and then gradually increase the size of the lot to a common size in this part of the City -- we suggest 20,000 square feet -- to provide a 1,200 square foot ADU as a matter of right. Lots below 20,000 square feet, which is a common approximate lot size in this part of the City, but more than 10,000 square feet, should be allowed something above 800 but below 1,200, in order to preserve the underlying single-family character of non-hillside areas. An actual sliding scale also would reflect the fact that most homes in this part of the City are quite large and the 50% rule almost meaningless.

2. <u>Development Impact Fees.</u> In LVAA's view, the 7-year ADU affordability requirement to avoid nearly all of Development Impact Fees is simply too short. We suggest 15 years in order to ensure the supply of real affordable housing; and, truly and effectively avoid speculative ADU development.

Further, we oppose the proposed "cliff" ending rule for no payment of full Residential Impact Fees. As proposed, at the end of the 7 years, the owner/developer is "home free" -- no more Impact Fees required. The property then can be sold with a big increase in value since the ADU is now available for market rents. This idea completely ignores the enormous importance of Residential Impact Fees to provide open space and parks so needed in the City. We suggest that if the owner/developer abandons affordability after just 7 years, some percentage such as 50% of the original Residential Impact Fees, with a credit for what was paid, should be due and payable at that time, and, this obligation should run with the land.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Linda Vista-Annandale Association

Nina Chomsky, President