

Greg Gunther
700 E. Union Street, #301
Pasadena, CA 91101

July 14, 2018

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers:

I am writing to urge your support for the "Space Bank Project" at 3200 E. Foothill Blvd.
It's clear that the current uses of this parcel do not reflect the Highest Good - or the real and positive opportunities we now have before us...

Does the City urgently need more housing supply? Yes!

And this project adds to our housing stock with a project that shows appropriate restraint - creating less units than are permissible "on paper" as well as including:

- Open space
- Affordable housing
- Thoughtful placement of parking (and low impact access/egress)

Is the project consistent with the General Plan and East Pasadena Specific Plan? Yes!

You now have an opportunity to put the right project in the right spot - creating a vibrant mixed use complex within ½ block of the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station. You will also help to actualize the promise of Transit-Oriented Development - bringing the benefits of our Metro system to hundreds more Pasadena residents across a range of incomes.

Do we now have an opportunity to remediate residual toxicity from previous uses? Yes!

And we receive the benefits of the developer's investment to address those issues...

In short, we have a strong national developer who wants to invest in us - one who respects our history and our values. Please, let's do everything we can to bring this one home!

Thanks in advance -



// Greg Gunther

Iraheta, Alba

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Sunday, July 15, 2018 11:28 PM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Space Bank project

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Susan Buchanan <susanbuchanan@sbcglobal.net>
Date: July 15, 2018 at 11:49:10 AM PDT
To: Gene Masuda <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>, Margaret McAustin <mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net>, Tyron Hampton <thampton@cityofpasadena.net>, Victor Gordo <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>, Steve Madison <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>, John Kennedy <jkennedy@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: J Siques <jsiques@cityofpasadena.net>, Mark Jomsky <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>, David Reyes <dreyes@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Space Bank project

Dear Mayor Tornek, and Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing today in opposition of the proposed project at the Space Bank property at 3200 E Foothill Blvd.

I agree with the objections of Councilman Masuda, Councilman Hampton and Vice Mayor Kennedy:

This contaminated property is not a healthy location to house over 500 families. The actual contaminants in the soil are unknown but I can't imagine marketing a previous Naval weapons testing site as a wonderful neighborhood to live in. In addition the proximity to the freeway is detrimental to one's health.

This strip of Foothill Blvd is already a challenging corridor to navigate as it seems to be congested most of the day . I especially avoid driving there between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM. The plans for future development at the Panda site and the Avon site will only make this worse.

I also agree with Councilman Hampton that the idea of providing less parking for residents will not reduce the desire/need to have a car. People will park their cars on adjacent neighborhood streets. Housing is already unaffordable in Pasadena yet you propose to make it even more expensive by charging residents an additional fee in order to park their cars. This fee would need to be very high to discourage people from owning their own vehicle.

Respectfully,
Susan Buchanan
Pasadena Resident

Iraheta, Alba

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Sunday, July 15, 2018 11:28 PM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: 3200 Foothill Development Project

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Begin forwarded message:

From: D Frederick Sparks <dfredsparks@gmail.com>
Date: July 15, 2018 at 11:58:26 AM PDT
To: "Masuda, Gene" <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>, Terry Tornek
<ttornek@cityofpasadena.net>, Mark Jomsky <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: 3200 Foothill Development Project

Hello all

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Space Bank development. This seems to be one of a number of development proposed and supported by people, who do not live in the area, that would negatively impact our neighborhood from traffic and other standpoints. Before you support something you should ask yourself how you would feel if this were proposed or happening in YOUR neighborhood.

We must come up with ways to combat the issue of available and affordable housing without disproportionately placing the burden of negative impacts on neighborhoods that may not have the same degree of economic and social clout as others.

Thank you

David Sparks

Iraheta, Alba

Subject: FW: Opposition to Planned Development 36 - 3200 East Foothill Boulevard Mixed Use Project : 3200 East Foothill Boulevard

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wilson, Andy" <awilson@cityofpasadena.net>
Date: July 15, 2018 at 1:16:25 PM PDT
To: "jeanette.mann2014@gmail.com" <jeanette.mann2014@gmail.com>
Cc: "Masuda, Gene" <gmaseda@cityofpasadena.net>, "Jomsky, Mark" <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Re: Opposition to Planned Development 36 - 3200 East Foothill Boulevard Mixed Use Project : 3200 East Foothill Boulevard

Jeanette — adding the city clerk so he can include in public record

Andy Wilson
Councilmember
City of Pasadena
District 7
awilson@cityofpasadena.net

On Jul 15, 2018, at 9:43 AM, jeanette.mann2014@gmail.com wrote:

Dear Councilmember Wilson,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider your support of the Planned Development 36 – 3200 East Foothill Boulevard Mixed Use Project: 3200 East Foothill Boulevard

Last week Councilmember Gene Masuda voted against this project for four excellent reasons:

1. Potential health risks caused by pollution from thousands of cars at a site directly next to the 210 Freeway.
2. Known toxic chemical contamination in the soil from the naval weapons testing at the site during World War II.
3. The totality of all the current and future residential projects in the area including these 550 residential units will add more traffic and congestion to Foothill Blvd. Even though the Transportation Department will try to mitigate the traffic, there is only so much you can do when you force too many cars onto the street.
4. The saturation of intersection of Foothill Boulevard. and Sierra Madre Villa Avenue with traffic from the on/off ramps from the 210 Freeway, entrance/exit to the Gold Line Station, backed-up traffic at the entrance of the mall of Bed, Bath & Beyond going north, entrance/exit to Kaiser-Permanente, and Fire Station #37 which is right in the middle of the residential units that

are completed and proposed. Fire trucks need clear access to Foothill Boulevard in emergencies in order to service the community with a rapid response.

In spite of my work for the past several years in support of affordable housing in Pasadena, especially for young people transitioning out of foster care, I strongly support Councilmember Masuda's position. The addition of 550 residential units and 9800 square feet of retail/restaurant space proposed in this project will create more traffic and congestion and will endanger the health and safety of the residents of East Pasadena.

The intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Madre Villa Avenue is a nightmare that has only been exacerbated by the reduction of Sierra Madre Villa Avenue from two lanes to one lane between Foothill Boulevard and Rosemead Boulevard. The addition of 550 multiple-family dwellings and 9800 square feet of retail/restaurant space will only increase the traffic congestion—and often gridlock—on Foothill Boulevard. Although the proposed housing will be adjacent to the Gold Line station, it is contrary to past experience to expect the residents of these units to use the Metro if the more than 500 market rate units are comparable in value to those in the Bell (formerly Ellington) Building, just a block away on East Foothill, which rent for \$2,995 to over \$3067 per month. Ridership on Metro trains has declined fifteen percent in the past five years. This decline can be attributed to a combination of factors, including changes to immigration policy, competition from Uber and Lyft and more people buying cars — as well as perceived problems with existing transit service and security. In a 2016 survey nearly two-thirds of former Metro riders told the agency that they stopped riding because transit service was inefficient, inconvenient or difficult to reach. An additional 29% said they stopped riding because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable on buses and trains. The vast majority of those people now drive alone. <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-metro-ridership-20180124-story.html>

Therefore, I am urging you to reconsider your support of this project.

Cordially yours,

Jeanette Mann

2195 E Orange Grove Boulevard

Iraheta, Alba

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Sunday, July 15, 2018 11:26 PM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Foothill Space Bank proposed Development

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ellie Podway <kruznk9@mac.com>
Date: July 14, 2018 at 11:14:30 PM PDT
To: "Masuda, Gene" <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>, Terry Tornek
<ttornek@cityofpasadena.net>, Mark Jomsky <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: Sullivan Noreen <nsullivan@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Re: Foothill Space Bank proposed Development

Dear Mr. Matsuda , Mr. Tornek and Mr. Jomksy,

My wife and I are definitely opposed to the development of the Space Bank Project on Foothill Blvd in East Pasadena. . Our opposition is based on the current traffic congestion that exists , the issues of toxicity that have not been fully examined, as well it's addition to density and affecting quality of life, already in jeopardy due to the potential Home Depot within a 1/4 of a mile, for those that live in what has been considered a charming neighborhood, Daisy Villa. Let alone East Canyon Wash and Lamanda Park. Now our neighborhoods will be just another casualty of development certainly we are not deserving of the blanket accusations that we are opposed to change. We are willing to compromise and have done so. But our District is one of the the highest producing revenue in the city and ironically now is viewed as fox would view a cage of chickens as a place to develop every inch .

We have neighborhoods directly adjacent to development all along this part of Foothill and it appears that neighborhoods, which are one of the cornerstones of our city are now, not even in the equation of where and how to develop . Its just a matter of how much development can we force upon neighborhoods and repeatedly ad nauseam hear that the residents of these neighborhoods are just "resistant to change". Insulting? Yes.

Please register my wife and I as opposed to this development.

Thank You.

Mr and Mrs. Marty Podway
Daisy Villa Neighborhood



COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Space Bank project, 3200 Foothill Blvd. is coming back for another vote this Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Pasadena City Hall Council Chambers

Please attend and express your opinion about this project!

I voted against this complex project last week because I have the responsibility to think about the quality of life for all the residents plus the following reasons that made it difficult for me to support this huge 550 unit residential development:

1. Potential health risks caused by pollution from thousands of cars directly next to the 210 Freeway. Air quality should be an important concern for everyone.
2. Known toxic chemical contamination in the soil. The Navy did weapons testing after WWII at the site.
3. The totality of all the current and future residential projects in the area including this 550 residential units will add more traffic and congestion to Foothill Blvd. The Transportation Department will try to mitigate the traffic, but there is only so much you can do when you force too many cars on the street.
4. The intersection of Foothill Blvd. and Sierra Madre Villa Ave. is saturated with traffic from the on/off ramps from the 210 Freeway, entrance/exit to the Gold Line Station, backed up traffic at the mall of Bed, Bath & Beyond going north, entrance/exit to Kaiser-Permanente and a critical concern is Fire Station #37 right in the middle of the residential units that are completed and proposed. Fire trucks need clear access to Foothill Blvd. in emergencies to service the community with rapid response. The addition of 550 residential units for this project will create more traffic and congestion.

The Space Bank project is coming back for a vote this Monday, July 16th because Councilmember Gordo wasn't at the last meeting. So a full council vote will occur Monday. The vote was 4 to 3 in favor of the project but you need 5 votes for anything to pass.

http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/councilagendas/2018%20Agendas/Jul_16_18/agenda.asp

Thank you,

Gene



Gene Masuda
Pasadena Councilmember, District 4
City of Pasadena
(626) 744-4740 gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net

I agree with Mr. Masuda's vote against the development of the Space Bank property on Foothill. Pasadena is becoming over developed with condominiums, changing the flavor of the City. As a resident of the adjacent Daisy Villa neighborhood I see that this density of housing will increase the traffic along Foothill.

No more condos.

Thank you, Lise Keen
506 Castano Ave.
Pasadena

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From: Office of the City Clerk <CityofPasadenaWebMaster@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 14, 2018 9:45 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Contact Form from Website

Name :

Phone:

Email:

Message:

Please vote no for this terrible idea to build over 500 residential units at 3200 Foothill. As a long time resident in the area - I am concerned about the terrible congestion, pollution, and adverse affect it will have to our homes and neighborhoods.

Submitted from: 107.141.114.118

User Information

IP Address: 107.141.114.118

User-Agent (Browser/OS): Apple Safari 11.0 / OS X

Referrer: <https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/contact/>

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From: Office of the City Clerk <CityofPasadenaWebMaster@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 14, 2018 9:33 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Contact Form from Website

Name : ann cargal
Phone: 6264372232
Email: anncargal@gmail.com

Message:

Enough is enough!!! East Pasadena DOES NOT need an additional 550 families with 685 cars living on Foothill where the closest N/S street is Sierra Madre Villa/ which is down to 2 lanes.

Your bike share program was a total disaster- metro ridership is down by double digits- but somehow you think that cramming more people into this space will be an improvement? Traffic is already a mess in that area- and our resources are being overwhelmed.

My family and I totally oppose this development and others that will impact quality of life in our lower Hastings ranch neighborhood Ann Cargal

Submitted from: 107.77.212.128

User Information

IP Address: 107.77.212.128

User-Agent (Browser/OS): Apple Safari 11.0 / OS X

Referrer: <https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/contact/>

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From: Office of the City Clerk <CityofPasadenaWebMaster@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 14, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Contact Form from Website

Name : Kim Santell
Phone: 6264497298
Email: kimbeagle@sbcglobal.net

Message:

Almost all of us who live near this area DO NOT want it developed into much of anything. You are already over taxing our water supply, police, fire and more, not to mention all the traffic near this area Stop all the damn development. We vote, remember that!

Submitted from: 108.85.194.160

User Information

IP Address: 108.85.194.160

User-Agent (Browser/OS): Google Chrome 67.0.3396.99 / Windows

Referrer: <https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/contact/>

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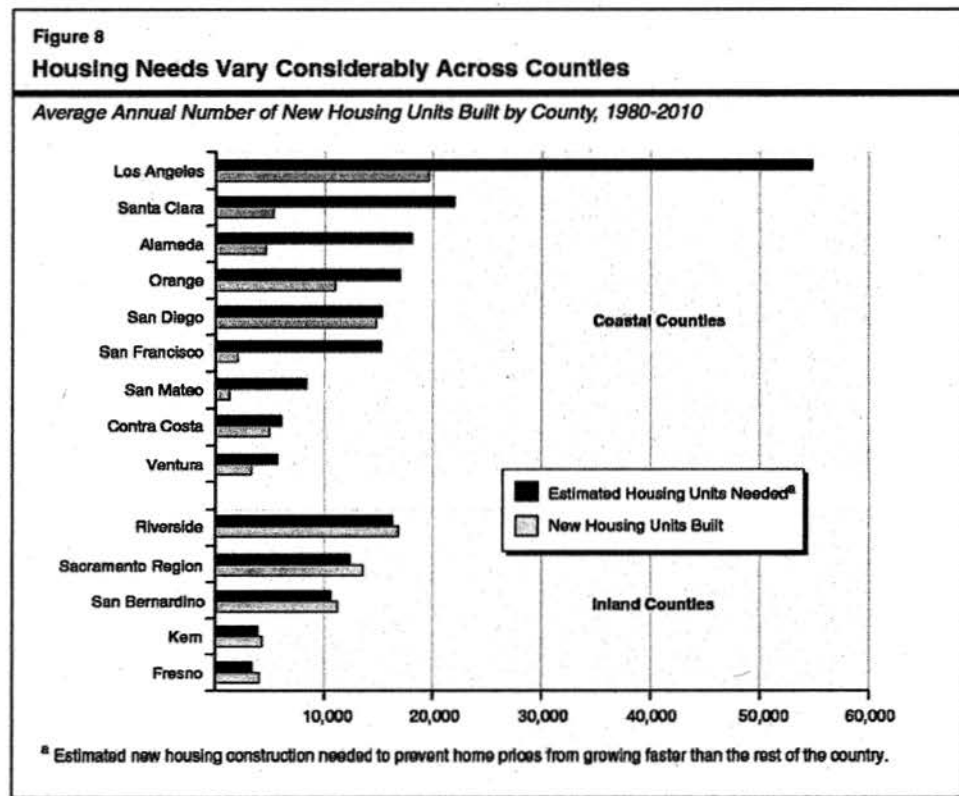
Pasadena City Council
100 Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

**Public Comment: PLANNED DEVELOPMENT 36 – 3200 EAST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD
MIXED USE PROJECT: 3200 EAST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD**

Dear Mayor and Council,

For the below listed reasons, our household supports transit-oriented, mixed-use, infill development enshrined in the City's adopted General Plan.

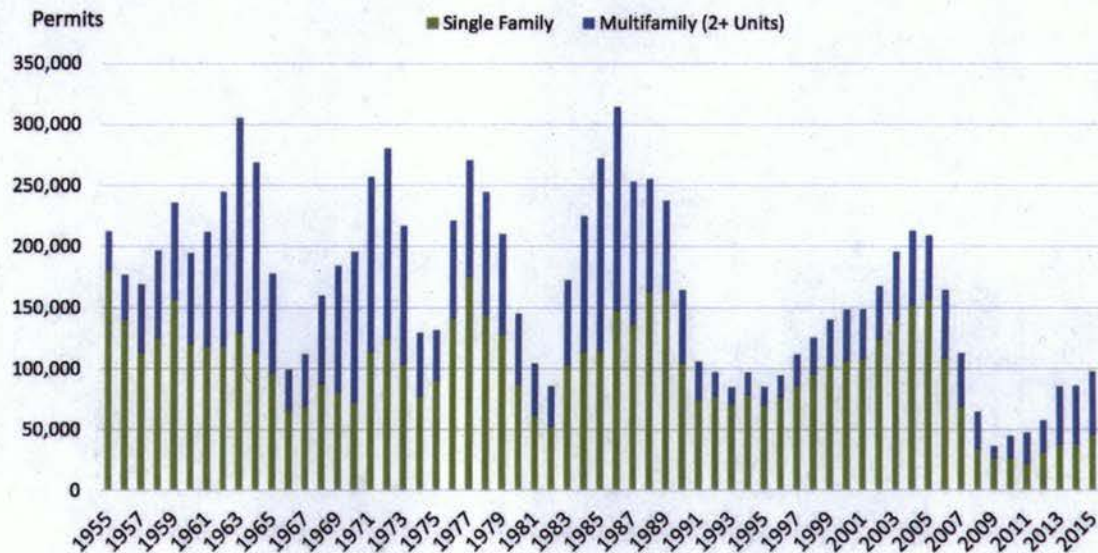
- 1) **Los Angeles County, and California as a whole, continues to construct too little housing**, with significant negative impacts to younger generations, businesses, suburban sprawl and homelessness.



Source: Legislative Analysts Office

- 2) **Development levels are well within historical standards**, despite fears that recent growth is unchecked.

Annual Production of Housing Units 1955-2015



Source: Construction Industry Research Board/ California Homebuilding Research Reports 2005, 2013, 2015; Graphic by HCD

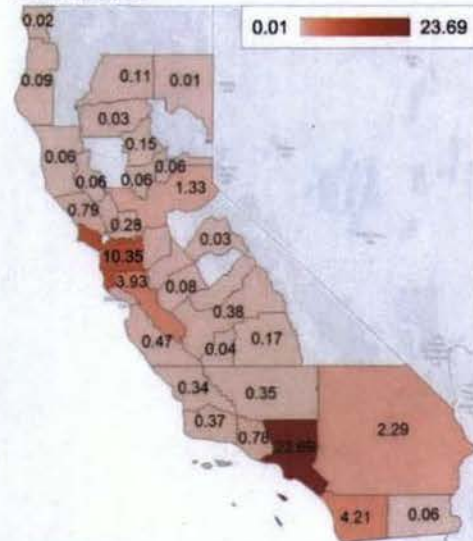
- 3) **Pasadena and other cities across California are becoming increasingly unaffordable**, at a time when wages for many Californians have not kept up with the rising cost of living. While current homeowners are largely insulated from the negative impacts of this trend (and actually directly benefit from a regional failure to build adequate housing to meet the growth in job), younger adults and renters are increasingly forced to accept substandard housing, extreme commutes, and a lower quality of life if they wish to live close to work or school. Runaway housing costs also reduce the amount of money these residents have to spend to at local businesses, save for the future, and invest in their professional growth, further hurting our community and state.

At least 30 percent of people in every metropolitan statistical area (MSA) cannot afford local rents; that share is 60 percent in some areas

Households in MSA unable to afford rent
Thousand



Distribution of affordability gap
\$ billion per year



¹ Number of households in MSA unable to afford the local cost of rent, as a share of the total number of households in MSA.
NOTE: Shaded regions represent 98% of state population; unshaded regions represent 2% of state population and lacked sufficient data for analysis.

Source: Los Angeles Times, March 29, 2018

- 4) **LA County voters overwhelmingly supported transportation investments over the past decade, self-imposing two sales taxes (Measures R and M) to expand and improve Metro Rail, Metro Bus, and Metrolink public transit.** The billions already and currently being spent on projects like the Foothill Gold Line Extension to Claremont only make sense if robust, transit-adjacent housing is developed along the corridor. Constructing mixed-use housing within easy walking and biking distance to the stations will provide future residents of the City the option of living in a transit-friendly neighborhood where an automobile is not required to access frequent, convenient transit lines like the Gold Line.



TOD adjacent to Del Mar Station

- 5) **Infill development and preserving historic neighborhoods is not mutually exclusive.** The City's adopted General Plan was very much a compromise between a vocal minority who sought 'no change' and no new development in the City, and those who wanted to see Pasadena facilitate growth in its downtown districts and along the Foothill Gold Line. As you know, the Plan was developed over the course of years with dozens of opportunities for residents to weigh in on and engage in the process. The proposed development is consistent with the Plan's adopted compromise of focusing new development around transit and protecting single-family neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Wes and Kristin Reutimann
1361 Wicks Rd.
Pasadena 91103

Iraheta, Alba

Subject:

FW: Public comment for 7/16: I support the Space Bank Project.

From: Candace Seu <cswmseu@gmail.com>

Date: July 16, 2018 at 9:50:55 AM PDT

To: MJomsky@cityofpasadena.net

Subject: Public comment for 7/16: I support the Space Bank Project.

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

Please accept and forward this comment to the Mayor and Councilmembers, as it regards the Space Bank vote to be taken tonight (July 16). Thank you!

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am a resident of Pasadena and I write in support of the Space Bank project at 3200 E. Foothill Blvd.

My bottom line is that **we are in an affordable housing crisis, and we need to increase our stock of housing.** We now have the opportunity to create that housing in addition to other city revenue-boosting commercial amenities in a transit-oriented development zone. Our housing and financial concerns are pressing, and we should be looking for ways to make the best use of this land to solve those problems.

I would like to comment on some concerns that have been raised by project detractors:

Health impacts of car emissions: Car emission come from cars, full stop. **If we are truly concerned about the environmental impacts of car emissions, then we need to build systems that enable people to get around without cars.** Building housing near transit is an excellent way to do it. By contrast, doing nothing is an excellent way to continue wallowing in our own pollution.

Toxic waste at building site: I was a chemist for many years. Here's what I can tell you about chemical waste management: Contamination spreads if you don't clean it up. Leave it, and risk your health and your ability to get things done. Here we have a known mess, and someone who is motivated to foot the bill and clean up the mess. Leaving it as-is because we are afraid of the contamination just doesn't make any sense - **the contamination is already impacting us, and will continue to impact us until we deal with it.**

Quality of life: Financial instability is a potent stressor. **Our lack of affordable housing exacerbates the suffering of some of our most economically vulnerable community members.** When you consider the quality of life in Pasadena, I respectfully ask you to remember these people. Many of them may not have the flexibility or resources to advocate for themselves tonight, but their quality of life matters, too. I would argue that a city that attempts to remedy these inequities will have a higher quality of life, in the long run, than a city that allows the preferences of a privileged few to trump the needs of those who have much less.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my perspective.
Respectfully yours,
Candace Seu

Iraheta, Alba

Subject:

FW: Space Bank Project

Jessie M. Vallejo
306 S. El Molino Ave #103
Pasadena, CA 91101

July 16, 2018

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to support the Space Bank Project at 3200 E. Foothill Blvd.

This project is important for the health of everyone in our community because it will allow us to invest in our community and remediate the residual toxicity from past chemical tests.

The Space Bank Project will allow us to increase affordable housing, create more open spaces, and construct improved parking arrangements.

The project is also consistent with priorities outlined in the city's General Plan and the East Pasadena Specific Plan.

Finally this project will help us repurpose the land in a way that serves the Higher Good of the people in our city. It will help us reduce the number of car trips per day, and therefore decrease traffic-related pollution, by increasing transit-oriented housing. This will help us improve the air quality for all the homeowners and residents who live in close proximity to the 210 Freeway (e.g., Maple Avenue, where I used to live and suffered asthmatic-related issues due to the volume of car traffic).

This is our opportunity to invite investors to help us improve our community. We politely request that you choose to support the greater good of your constituents and our health.

Sincerely,
Jessie M. Vallejo_____

Jessie M. Vallejo, Ph.D.

Ethnomusicologist | Mariachi Director | Assistant Professor of Music
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona | Department of Music
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Iraheta, Alba

Subject:

FW: OPPOSITION TO THE 3200 FOOTHILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

From: Blaine Teamer <nmyownwords@hotmail.com>

Date: July 16, 2018 at 10:36:47 AM PDT

To: "vgordo@cityofpasadena.net" <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>

Cc: "mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net" <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>, "gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net" <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>, "ttornek@cityofpasadena.net" <ttornek@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: OPPOSITION TO THE 3200 FOOTHILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Dear Council Member Gordo,

I am a homeowner who resides in District 4, and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Space Bank development project.

My opposition is based on the:

- Current traffic congestion
- Health risk of the air and noise pollution from the additional traffic
- Contaminated soil from the military that has not being reported
- Negative impact the additional traffic would have on Fire Station #37
- Quality of life that's already at risk due to the possibility of a Home Depot being built with a ¼ mile of our home

This appears to be yet another development project proposed and supported by people, who do NOT live in the area, that would negatively impact our District. How would the members who voted for this react if this was happening in their neighborhood?

PLEASE help put an end to disproportionately placing the burden of negative impacts on neighborhoods that may not have the same degree of economic and social clout as others, and vote against this.

Thank you

Blaine Teamer

Daisy Villa Neighborhood

Iraheta, Alba

Subject:

FW: Space Bank project - Item #10

Begin forwarded message:

From: Blair Miller <blairmiller1@yahoo.com>
Date: July 16, 2018 at 11:17:04 AM PDT
To: Gene Masuda <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>, Terry Tornek <ttornek@cityofpasadena.net>, Margaret McAustin <mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net>, Andy Wilson <awilson@cityofpasadena.net>, "Councilmember Victor M. Gordo" <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>, Steve Madison <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>, Tyron Hampton <thampton@cityofpasadena.net>, John Kennedy <johnjkennedy@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: Mark Jomsky <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Space Bank project - Item #10

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of the Space Bank project at 3200 E. Foothill Blvd.

I am familiar with this development team, both from my professional work and also having had the opportunity to review an earlier version of the proposed development as a member of the Design Commission. This is one of the more accomplished development teams I saw in my three years at the Design Commission. If we lose this opportunity there is no guarantee that the next team that comes along would be anywhere near as committed to **quality design, construction and property management**.

I politely disagree with people who say we cannot build our way out of our crisis of housing affordability and homelessness. Indeed, I believe that increasing all types of units, not only subsidized affordable units, is a key way to address this issue. High housing prices also impact Pasadenans' ability to save and to spend, especially families with young children and seniors.

One of the concerns about additional housing in Pasadena is the impact on traffic. That's why not building at this location would be a lost opportunity, due to the proximity to Metro and major shopping.

The other lost opportunity would be the chance to have this toxic site cleaned up sooner rather than at some unknown future date. The existing contamination has the potential to impact us now, and getting it cleaned up now is the best option for this area.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments, and I hope you support this development.

Thank you,

Blair Miller
2395 East Woodlyn Avenue, CD 4

Iraheta, Alba

Subject:

FW: Public comment for 7/16: I support the Space Bank Project

Begin forwarded message:

From: Topher Mathers <tophermathers@gmail.com>

Date: July 16, 2018 at 11:19:01 AM PDT

To: mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net, "Gordo, Victor" <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>, "De La Cuba, Vannia" <vdelacuba@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Public comment for 7/16: I support the Space Bank Project

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am one of that many millennials that live and love Pasadena but can't afford to purchase a home, so I rent and my rent continues to rise. I work hard but do not come from money and did not have the opportunity to buy a home in the 70's, 80's or even 90's. I have to compete in the 2018 market place. Our supply of apartments and homes does not meet our demand and that fact is making our city, county and state unaffordable.

Please approve this project.

Iraheta, Alba

Subject:

FW: Space Bank project at 3200 E. Foothill Blvd.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jonathan Edwards <jedwards@gmail.com>

Date: July 16, 2018 at 11:59:33 AM PDT

To: Mark Jomsky <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>

Cc: Steve Madison <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>, "John J. Kennedy" <JohnJKennedy@cityofpasadena.net>, Margaret McAustin <mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net>, Terry Tornek <ttornek@cityofpasadena.net>, Victor Gordo <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>, Gene Masuda <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>, Tyron Hampton <thampton@cityofpasadena.net>, Andy Wilson <awilson@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Space Bank project at 3200 E. Foothill Blvd.

I agree with Staff's and the Planning Commission's review and analysis of the the Space Bank project at 3200 E. Foothill Blvd.

I urge you to support the project because it is consistent with and promotes the **goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan.**

The council's job is to implement the General Plan.

Please approve the staff recommendation as written.

Jonathan Edwards

Pasadena, California • cellphone (626) 676-3466

Jomsky, Mark

From: Morales, Margo
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 4:23 PM
To: City_Clerk
Subject: Public Comment 7 16 18Spacebank Development



Margo L. Morales
District Representative to Councilmember McAustin
(626) 744-4742
(626) 744-3814 fax
To Join Our Mailing list go to ww5.cityofpasadena.net/district2/mailling-list

On Jul 16, 2018, at 4:11 PM, jonas stafford <warriaresjhs3@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello Council Member McAustin-

I am supportive of the project. I work in Pasadena and have stored at Spacebank for 21 years. I have lived near East Pasadena for 33 years. I think the homeless problem keeps getting worse in East Pasadena which also affects the surrounding communities. There is littering, theft, and drug use associated with the homeless community. I know many are mentally ill, but some are just nomadic young people.

I was surprised to find out that many of Spacebank's tenants are homeless. Somehow they can afford to pay for storage when so many people can not. I have witnessed people sleeping in their spaces or pretending to be sorting items (but they are there every day). I know Spacebank's policy is that a tenant must provide a billing address. Homeless tenants may be giving a family member's address. In any event Spacebank does not allow people to sleep in their spaces, do drugs or break into people's spaces, but these things will happen because of this community if they can get away with it.

I hope you will vote to revitalize Spacebank/East Pasadena and clean up the hazardous waste underneath it. The pollution is a clear public health problem.

Thank you,
Jonas Stafford

Jomsky, Mark

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To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Space Bank Project

Dear Mayor Tornek, Vice Mayor Kennedy, Councilpersons Masuda, Wilson, Gordo, Madison, McAustin, and Hampton: Out of an abundance of caution, I contacted the DTSC today to gain information on what is involved in cleanup of the site. The spokesman for DTSC gave me some detailed information that caused me to pause because I believe oversight on this very serious contaminated site is not what the public was lead to believe. First of all there is not one clear overseer. There is more than one agency involved-the DTSC AQMD, United States EPA- who all have their own agenda. It seems that Trammel Crowe will make the decisions on how they will clean the site. There is no full-time inspector at the site. The developer provides documentation and lab sample reports to the DTSC who look at the documentation and deem it acceptable or not acceptable. The dirt is removed and hauled off in trucks. Soil must be kept moist because hazardous materials are released in dust. Also trucks carrying dirt off site have to be covered and wheels rinsed off. This is controlled by AQMD, an agency that I did not have time to get through their maze, but again got the impression there was no inspector on site during the entirety of this operation. AQMD takes confirmation samples also.

This is a complex site. I was told by DTSC that it is a collection water point because of a runoff channel. Since at the beginning of the process Trammel Crowe used values for analysis that were inappropriate for residential use, I am not filled with confidence that oversight is adequate. Everyone makes mistakes. I believe the City needs to mandate and choose a firm to physically oversee the cleanup and protect the chain of custody in the testing of samples. This, of course, does not address the pollution from the proximity of the freeway that all residents and users of the site will be subjected. Diane Kirby