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February 10, 2020

**City Council**

c/o Mark Jomsky

City Clerk

100 North Garfield Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: **Traffic Study**

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council members:

Livable Pasadena recently raised community funds to do a traffic study, looking at traffic conditions and traffic operations in great detail. The study examined traffic as a system, rather than narrowly looking at a single intersection. It is important to look at traffic as a whole and how it interconnects. The LOS statistics for any given intersection may hide real problems because the LOS (such as in the city's traffic studies) is reported as the average of all four-intersection approaches. For example, you can have a LOS F on one approach with cars backed up and waiting through multiple signal cycles, and also a free flowing LOS A on another approach. The average of these two intersections would be LOS C, which could be viewed as adequate. Traffic reports that only show the overall average LOS will gloss over the real problems. The impact of new development, and the resulting additional traffic, could be under-estimated and would negatively impact an already bad situation. A copy of the completed study was submitted by Erika Foy in support of a letter she provided for tonight's City Council meeting.

This traffic study also looked at traffic conditions leading up to an intersection, including the long delays of some approaches. We observed, for example, that at the intersection of Arroyo and California cars are waiting up to 4 signal cycles. This can result in aggressive driving, in which cars are running red lights trying to get through the signal rather than wait another light. This makes a very unsafe situation for pedestrians, people on bicycles, and other drivers.

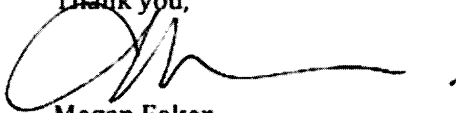
By identifying the types of problems that exist, together with the safety issues that go along with frustrated drivers, we hope that the city will find real solutions to fix the traffic problems in Pasadena. We cannot ignore these issues and simply allow more development to continue without traffic mitigation. The traffic engineering in Pasadena is an important part of life in our city. Drivers of vehicles are part of the Complete Streets Act of 2008, which stipulates that all modes of traffic must be paid attention to, not solely bikes and pedestrians. Furthermore, traffic mitigation and careful traffic engineering will directly benefit pedestrians and individuals on bicycles. Currently, these individuals are dealing with the crowding of crosswalks and bike lanes where unmitigated car conditions are spilling over. Vehicle delay, although no longer an EIR impact, can lead to safety problems. In fact, according to the statewide SWITRS database for Pasadena, the City of Pasadena has had a very steady increase in

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vehicle related accidents over the past 5 years, up 6%, rising from 715 collisions in 2014 to 756 collisions in 2018. Pedestrian collisions with vehicles and fatalities also are trending up in the past 7 years.

We hope that you will take the time to read and review the study we have had prepared, and will consider it's findings when you are reviewing the impacts that proposed development projects would have on the surrounding neighborhoods and across the city. We also hope that you will look for ways to improve the current traffic situation so that cars, pedestrians, and bicycles can travel easier and safer throughout Pasadena.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Foker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Megan Foker

On behalf of Livable Pasadena

## **Martinez, Ruben**

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**Subject:** FW: Stop the Traffic, Stop the Overdevelopment, Stop the Insanity, Stop 253 S. Los Robles

From: Ken Perry  
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 1:17:25 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

Tonight you will be discussing the approval of yet another huge condo development. It seems like these developments are coming up for approval at almost every council meeting. Depressingly, most are getting approved.

With every new condo or apartment, our streets get more clogged and our city becomes uglier. When will this stop?

Do we have to build one continuous condo development from Eagle Rock all the way to the Arcadia border? We are quickly coming to that breaking point.

Where is all of this development getting us? More affordable housing? Not really. It just trickles in with each development.

California could probably build a continuous condo development from the Pacific Ocean to the Arizona border and still not have enough affordable housing. Look at West Hollywood or Downtown Los Angeles. There is hardly one square inch of land left to develop in those areas. And where is the much promised affordable housing? Density does not equal affordability.

These developments are not helping our local schools which are closing and where unfortunately most of the student test scores are abysmal.

Meanwhile, our roads are clogged and traffic gets worse every day. And yet we have a Department of Transportation that tells us that things aren't so bad. Now private citizens have to raise their own funds to come up with their own traffic studies which gives the real picture. Hardly anyone that I talk to in Pasadena thinks that traffic here is not getting to a crisis situation. Someone needs to press the Department of Transportation to be accountable to the majority of residents who actually live here.

Stop the unneeded condo monstrosity at 253 S. Los Robles.

I am among the many voters looking for candidates in the upcoming election who are willing to stand up to developers and stand up for Pasadena.

I will be watching your discussion and your vote tonight.

Ken Perry

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