

Martinez, Ruben

From: Lynn Spen <jlspen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Approval of Housing

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Good Morning,

Please approve Supportive Housing Project at Heritage Square South and The Salvation Army Site.

Thank you.

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From: James Scoggins <scogginsjames@att.net>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Heritage Square South/Salvation Army Proposals

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Greetings in the name of the Lord,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your unanimous approval of the homeless senior housing at Heritage Square South in 2018. Additionally, I also want to thank you for your 100% vote in support of the Salvation Army proposal to build permanent supportive housing. To this end, I urge you to give the final approval for both of these proposals. Pasadena's homeless population will undoubtedly increase as a result of the COVID 19 crisis and its anticipated economic fallout. The Salvation Army proposal meets an increasingly urgent need, here in our fair city. In regards to the Heritage Square South proposal, it has wide-spread community support from churches and neighbors in Northwest Pasadena. I believe that both of these sites are ideal for meeting the needs of their targeted residents, while at the same time showcasing the great vision and compassion of the City of Pasadena's leadership. Heritage Square and the Salvation Army site are both close to amenities that this population needs (e.g. a pharmacy, grocery store, restaurants and public transportation). Additionally, Heritage Square South is next door to another senior facility that can provide supportive services. I believe that using this site for affordable housing is appropriate since it was purchased with HUD funding for this very purpose. It is also noteworthy to mention that both of these projects will not use of the City's General Funds and will provide millions of dollars in economic benefits to our city because of the 20-20-20 rule. I respectfully submit my comment because the approval of these projects will help address an urgent growing need in our city. There is no doubt in my mind that the sooner we house our city's homeless population, the better it will be for our businesses and residents; especially for those without a place to call home!

Yours in Christ,

James Scoggins

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From: Andrea Johnson <andreeaa7105@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Request for Housing Approval

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Hello, I am a member of Pasadena Community Christian Fellowship, I am requesting approval of the permanent supportive housing at Heritage Square South and Salvation Army site.

If you need to speak with me please contact me at 726-421-4568.

Thank you,
Andrea Johnson

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From: Trina Edwards <farfromusual@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support of permanent housing

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Greetings and Salutations:0)

I hope and pray all is well....

I am writing this email as support to housing at Heritage Square South and Salvation Army site.

Thank you for your time and Godspeed in all your endeavors....

V/R

Trina Hope Edwards

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From: Alexandra Hopkins <alexahop@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Please give final approval to Heritage Square South and Salvation Army homeless housing projects

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As someone who attends church in Pasadena, I am saddened by the number of homeless people in our city.

I urge you to give final approval for two housing the homeless projects: Heritage Square South senior housing and the Salvation Army proposal to build supportive permanent housing. Thank you for the strong support that you have provided both projects in the past. I urge you to bring both proposals to the finish line.

The homelessness crisis is even more urgent now, due to Covid-19, than when these projects were first proposed. This crisis is not only tragic for those who are homeless, it presents a health danger to all of us. And homelessness casts a pall on all of us.

When I see a homeless person, I feel a darkness, a sense that we are failing our fellow human beings. In one of the wealthiest societies on Earth, and in one of the wealthier cities, we can end homelessness. These two projects will bring us two steps closer to doing so.

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Neither housing project will draw on the City General Fund. And, in fact, the City runs the risk of having to return HUD funding if the Heritage Square South project is delayed instead of approved.

Thank you, again, for your past support for the Heritage Square South senior housing and the Salvation Army proposal to build supportive permanent housing. I urge you to give both projects final approval.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Hopkins
2748 Prospect Ave.
La Crescenta, CA 91214
(818) 542-9500

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From: biferno@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Funding for the Heritage Square South project

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am a senior citizen, retired from Caltech/JPL, and currently live in Arcadia. I still spend a good deal of time in Pasadena these days, shopping, visiting the Senior Center, and visiting friends. I am aware of a large homeless population in the area. Overall, I believe Pasadena does make a significant effort to help the homeless. However, more help is still needed.

I urge you to give final approval for funding the Heritage Square South project.

Seniors are a growing segment of the area's homeless population and urgently need housing.

According to the 2019 Homeless Count, one third of Pasadena's homeless population is 55 years old or older. Many are on the street because of rising rents and a lack of affordable housing. Heritage Square South is an ideal site since it has wide-spread community support from churches and neighbors in Northwest Pasadena. It is close to a pharmacy, grocery store, restaurants and public transportation. It is next door to another senior facility that can provide supportive services. Using this site for affordable housing is appropriate since it was purchased with HUD funding for this use. It will not use the City's

General Funds and may add tax revenue since the project also includes commercial use. The sooner we house our city's elderly homeless population, the better!

Thank you for your help,

Janice Biferno

Your email should be directed to publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net, should reference **Agenda item #7 in the subject line**, and can be sent anytime before noon on May 11.

Please include a bcc to Anthony Manousos at interfaithquaker@aol.com in order for us to track how many letters are sent.

Thank you for whatever you are able to do!

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Barbra Bowman <barbjean211@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Heritage Square South Agenda item

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and Staff,

My name is Barbra Bowman and I live in District 5 near Villa Parke. I also work at Union Station Homeless Services as a program manager overseeing housing matching and data for single adults who are homeless.

I am writing in support of the Heritage Square South development. This is a win-win-win for Pasadena. We need more supportive housing for seniors. I can attest to this as someone at the frontlines managing the data and connections to housing for homeless adults in Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley. Seniors are one of the fastest growing segments of our homelessness population. This space offers great commercial opportunities. And, this development does not rely on any money from the City's General Fund. I encourage you to move this development forward.

Creating more affordable and supportive housing is the only proven way to solve homelessness.

Thank you for your time and commitment to date to moving this project forward. Stay safe!

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From: Gale Salisian <gsalisian@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item #7

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Dear Mayor and city council members,

I live and worship in Old Pasadena. It breaks my heart to see the many homeless people - especially seniors - who live on our streets and in our parks.

I understand there is a project called Heritage Square South under consideration to be used for supportive senior housing. This project has support from neighbors and churches in Northwest Pasadena. It is ideally situated near services and another senior facility. It is my understanding that it was purchased with HUD funding for this use.

I urge you to give final approval to this project! At this time, especially, when these vulnerable homeless senior citizens lack the resources to escape the deadly COVID-19, this project could be a life-changer for so many!

Respectfully,

Gale Salisian

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From: Patricia Watson-Wood <pwatson-wood@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Heritage Square South

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I urge you to give final approval for funding the Heritage Square South project. I am familiar with the Heritage Square housing north of this site and have been very impressed with the services offered in that building. Another building just south of this building is definitely needed.

Seniors are a growing segment of the area's homeless population and urgently need housing. According to the 2019 Homeless Count, one third of Pasadena's homeless population is 55 years old or older. Many are on the street because of rising rents and a lack of affordable housing. Heritage Square South is an ideal site since it has wide-spread community support from churches and neighbors in Northwest Pasadena. It is close to a pharmacy, grocery store, restaurants and public transportation. It is next door to another senior facility that can provide supportive services.

Using this site for affordable housing is appropriate since it was purchased with HUD funding for this use. It will not use the City's General Funds and may add tax revenue since the project also includes commercial use. The sooner we house our city's elderly homeless population, the better!

Thank you in advance for your time.

Patty Watson-Swan

818-929-8321 cell

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From: Anthony Manousos <interfaithquaker@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:05 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support Heritage Square South for Permanent Supportive Housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I want to thank you for your unanimous support of permanent supportive housing at Heritage Square South in December 2018. At that time, you recognized the urgent need to house our homeless seniors and later recommended that Bridge Housing submit a proposal so it could be fast tracked. Since then, the need has grown even more pressing due to the Covid 19 crisis. On behalf of Orange Grove Friends (Quaker) Meeting, I urge you to support funding Heritage Square South so it can be completed as quickly as possible. Orange Grove Friends (Quakers) unanimously approved the following statement in June 2018:

Orange Grove Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urges the Pasadena City Council to approve using Heritage Square South to provide permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors. The need to house this vulnerable population is urgent since number of homeless seniors increased 65% over the past three years, from 153 in 2016 to 253 in 2017. The overall homeless count increased 28% in the past two years, from 530 to 677. We feel that housing our homeless neighbors is an issue of social justice as well as a moral imperative for our City.

Yours in friendship and peace,

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Blog: <http://laquaker.blogspot.com/>

"Common folk, not statesmen, nor generals, nor great men of affairs, but just simple men and women, if they devote themselves ... can do something to build a better peaceful world."--Henry Cadbury, 1947"

The humble, meek, merciful, just, pious, and devout souls are everywhere of one religion; and when death has taken off the mask, they will know one another, though the liveries they wear here make them strangers."--William Penn.

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From: Gloria Newton <glonewton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support for Final Approval for Heritage Square South

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Dear Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Council Members:

I would like to thank you for your unanimous approval of homeless senior housing at Heritage Square South in 2018. Now the time has come to give final approval for this proposal. Time is of the essence; it has already been 17 months since the project was initially approved, and homelessness has and will continue to be a crisis without swift action. Heritage Square South has wide-spread community support from churches and neighbors in Northwest Pasadena. Using this site for affordable housing is appropriate since it was purchased with HUD funding for this use. Completion of this project will not use the City's General Funds and will provide millions of dollars in economic benefits to our city because of the 20-20-20 rule. The need is urgent, and growing. The sooner we house our city's homeless population, the better for our businesses and residents.

May you continue to be guided by wisdom in these challenging times, and remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
Gloria Newton
551 N. Madison Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101 (District 3)

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From: Connie Casey O'Donnell <ccod66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Letter in support of Heritage Square South Project

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I thank you for your unanimous approval of homeless senior housing at Heritage Square South in 2018. Pasadena's homeless population will undoubtedly increase as a result of the Covid 19 crisis and its economic fallout. Heritage Square South has wide-spread community support from churches and neighbors in Northwest Pasadena. Heritage Square is close to amenities that this population needs: a pharmacy, grocery store, restaurants and public transportation. And, Heritage Square South it is next door to another senior facility that can provide supportive services. Using this site for affordable housing is appropriate since it was purchased with HUD funding for this use. This project will not use the City's General Funds and will provide millions of dollars in economic benefits to our city because of the 20-20-20 rule. The need is urgent, and growing. The sooner we house our city's homeless population, the better for our businesses and residents—but especially those without a home!

1. There has been overwhelming public support for housing homeless seniors at this site from churches and neighbors. Over 1,000 letters and signatures were gathered to support this project. Hundreds of people have shown up in support during Council meetings. Opposition has been minimal. That's why the Council unanimously approved mixed use (homeless senior housing and commercial) for this site in December 2018. The Council was so eager to house homeless seniors that it fast-tracked this project by quickly identifying an experienced developer to come up with a proposal and vet it with the community asap. That process has taken two years. It will take another two or three years to complete the project once it is approved.
2. The Covid 19 crisis has shown us that homeless seniors are the most vulnerable population and therefore have the greatest need for housing. According to the 2019 Homeless Count, one third of those experiencing homelessness in Pasadena are 55 years old or older, and many are homeless because of rising rents. The sooner that this population is housed, the better.

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3. This is an ideal site for seniors. It's near public transport, pharmacy, grocery store, and restaurants—everything that elderly people need. It's also next door to another senior housing center (Heritage Square North) so resources can be shared.

4. If the project is delayed, it could jeopardize funding. This land was purchased with HUD money for affordable housing 15 years ago and at some point the money will have to be returned if the site isn't used for this purpose. Since this project doesn't require money from the City's General Fund, now is the time to act and let this much needed project move forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Connie O'Donnell
1142 Boston Street
Altadena, CA 91001
ccod66@yahoo.com

Jomsky, Mark

From: Bert Newton <bert@makinghousinghappen.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Item 7 on council agenda, Heritage Square South

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Thank you for approving, in Dec. 2018, the 69 units of permanent supportive housing at the corner of Orange Grove Blvd. and Fair Oaks Ave. for seniors experiencing homeless. I urge you to grant final approval to this project.

Bert Newton
551 N. Madison Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Connie Casey O'Donnell <ccod66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Public Comment
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Thank you for your consideration,

Connie O'Donnell
1142 Boston Street
Altadena, CA 91001
ccod66@yahoo.com

Martinez, Ruben

Subject: FW: Heritage Square South, And Salvation Army Hope Center

From: Peter Hartgens <pch.knowledge@icloud.com>

Date: May 11, 2020 at 9:25:43 AM PDT

To: publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net

Subject: Heritage Square South, And Salvation Army Hope Center

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Once again, the situation four the need of permanent supportive housing for the homeless, has come before you. You have shown great commitment to making this happen. And your positive decisions, to date, to make this goal happen is deeply appreciated. It is hoped that you will now vote for the creating of the 69 units at Heritage Square south and the 65 units that's the Salvation Army plans to build at their Hope Center. At the center of your moral ethical being, through the medium of Conscience, you know these two projects must be seen through to completion as soon as possible. Particularly, in the time of this pandemic, the tragedy of homelessness, in general, is not going to go away, but more than likely significantly increase. Before you sits two major steps that can be taken to go fourth in this battle against homelessness. In a positive and hopeful anticipation of your voting to approve these two projects, sincere thanks!

Sincerely,

Peter C Hartgens, OFM, MSW

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Suzanne Bruins <sbruins@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: In Support of Heritage Square South

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My name is Suzanne Bruins and, although I live in Altadena, I do attend Pasadena Presbyterian Church. I strongly strongly encourage you to give final approval to Heritage Square South to house 69 homeless seniors. I go up and down Lake Avenue often and am most saddened by the number of older adults that I see with their possessions on just that street alone. So much has already been done to initiate this project, so let's send it on its way to completion. Thank you!

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