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From: Lawrence Davy
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 7:06 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Lawrence Davy
Subject: City Council Agenda Items #16 and #18

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Lawrence Davy and I am a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, here in the city of Pasadena.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

- Our church used to be full of Pasadena residents, but many of them have had to move away because housing costs are so high!
- My Godmother (and member of our church) Gwendolyn Rankin, had to leave our city due to the cost of housing. She was a faithful member and children's school teacher, not only do we miss her, but the children ask for her all the time.

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

1. Affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center.
2. Affordable housing on church land.

The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly "surplus" land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Furthermore, the need for this housing is great! Please do all that you can to speed this process along!

Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will speed up the process of building the housing we need and will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built. Please advise the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Department to make the necessary zoning change.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Lawrence Davy

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From: Jochen Strack
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 8:41 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable housing tonight at City Council meeting

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Jochen Strack and I am a member of Orange Grove Quaker Meeting in Pasadena district 3. I am also a nurse practitioner serving poor and homeless people in Pasadena.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

Affordable housing on the Ramona site in the civic center and Affordable housing on church land.

The Ramona site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly "surplus" land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Furthermore, the need for this housing is great! Please do all that you can to speed this process along!

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Thank you for your service to our community!

Jochen Strack
Pasadena District 3

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From: Elbert Newton
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 8:53 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: items 16 and 18

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Bert Newton and I am a member of Pasadena Mennonite Church.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena! We have had to help multiple families find housing and/or pay their housing costs. In some cases, housing has not been found in Pasadena, and families have had to move far away.

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

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2. Affordable housing on church land.

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Thank you for your service to our community!

Bert Newton

Pasadena, CA 91101

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Jermaine Huston and I am a member of New Life Holiness Church, located at 2005 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

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2. Affordable housing on church land.

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I am writing to express my support for having high quality affordable housing built on congregational land. I would support churches in my neighborhood wishing to do this.

An overlay zone would allow congregations to build affordable housing. Seven churches in Pasadena are interested. This will allow churches to build affordable housing more quickly and less expensively. It could save over \$100,000 in cost per development, save at least a year getting it built, and provide the certainty needed to attract a highly qualified developer. Other cities like San Diego are also creating citywide zone changes to allow congregational land to be used for affordable housing.

I'm glad to support the desire of churches' throughout the city to help address the affordable/homeless housing crisis we are currently facing. The 2020 homeless count was 527; studies show that there is an expectation of 45% increase in homelessness due to the pandemic. Churches play a vital role in the community and are interested in contributing to quality of life improvements for all.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Sincerely,


Jermaine Huston

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From: John Odell
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 9:04 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: October 5 agenda items 16 and 18, affordable housing

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Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council members:

I am John Odell, resident of Pasadena district 6 and a member of Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church, in district 2.

I know you agree our city badly needs more affordable housing. We have two major opportunities: the Water and Power site in the civic center and church land. The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many years and is certainly surplus land, which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Please do all you can to speed the process of authorizing and encouraging this use.

Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that. This zoning change will speed the process of building the housing we need and will make the process considerably less expensive. Please do all you can to facilitate the necessary zoning change.

Thank you for your service to our community!

John Odell

Pasadena, California 91103

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Jomsky, Mark

Subject: FW: Council Action

From: Kathie Freeman

Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 6:12 AM

To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Council Action

October 4, 2020

Pasadena City Council Meeting on Oct. 5, 2020

Agenda items #16 and #18.

to: correspondence@cityofpasadena.net

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Kathie Freeman, I am a member of Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church of Pasadena.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena.

My church benefits from a significant amount of privilege so that most members are able to remain living in Pasadena, but many other Pasadena church members have had to move away because housing costs are so high! There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

1. Affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center.
2. Affordable housing on church land.

The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly "surplus" land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Furthermore, the need for this housing is great! Please do all that you can to speed this process along! Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will speed up the process of building the housing we need and will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built. Please advise the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Department to make the necessary zoning change.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Kathie Freeman

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From: Karen Roberson <... et>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 10:37 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda items #16 and #18 Please read at City Council meeting

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members;

My name is Karen Roberson and I live on Hamilton Avenue in NE Pasadena and I have been assisting our neighboring families who have experienced homelessness for a number of years.

In the midst of a pandemic we have become increasingly aware of the dire situation many of our families face when they are without a home. Our community is losing out on the rich diversity and productive essential workers that make Pasadena such a great place to live. An example is a young woman who graduated from Pasadena schools. As a single parent of a 4 month old boy, she was a caregiver in a facility for patients with dementia. She was a patient and loving worker. But she could not afford to live in Pasadena so she had to leave her job and moved to Pomona.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena. **Please speed the process of making the Water and Power "surplus" land available for housing. And make it possible for churches to have zoning that allows them to utilize their land for this purpose as well.**

I fully support #16 and #18 as important opportunities to keep our rich diversity and affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration and action.

Karen Roberson
785 Hamilton Ave,
Pasadena 91104

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From: Rajeev Nandakumaran <>> 1>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 10:38 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable housing in Pasadena

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Rajeev Nandakumaran and I am a member of Vision Christian Fellowship.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena! Our church used to be full of Pasadena residents, but many of them have had to move away because housing costs are so high! Many of my friends and family members have been relocated, and it has made many community events and fostering family relationships difficult.

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

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2. Temporary shelter and affordable housing on church land.

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Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for temporary shelter and affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will expedite the process of providing temporary shelter during this time of COVID (when those experiencing homelessness cannot be in congregant shelters), and to enable affordable housing to be built. This will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built.

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Rajeev Nandakumaran

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From: Donna Lee
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 10:50 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: TODAY's COUNCIL MEETING! From a citizen, more affordable housing in Pasadena!

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Donna M. Lee and I am a member of Grace Pasadena Church.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena! Our church has such a love for our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Memorial Park. We encourage you to support two major opportunities for affordable housing:

1. Affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center.
2. Affordable housing on church land.

The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly "surplus" land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. The need for this housing in our city is large! Please do all that you can to speed this process along!

Thank you for your service to our community!

Sincerely,

Donna M. Lee
Grace Pasadena Church

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From: Swantje <
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 10:54 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Letter for agenda items #16 and #18

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Dear Mayor and City Council members!

My name is Swantje Willms and I'm a member of Lake Avenue Church.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

Some of our church members that I'm friends with had to move away from Pasadena because they can't afford to live here in Pasadena anymore.

I've also met people who've been waiting for housing for way too long.

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing right now here in Pasadena:

1. Affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center.
2. Affordable housing on church land.

The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many years and is certainly "surplus" land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. The need for this kind of housing is great! Please do all that you can to speed the process of having affordable housing here along!

Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will speed up the process of building the housing we need and will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing funding stretch further so that more buildings and units can be built. Please advise the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Department to make the necessary zoning change.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Swantje Willms

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From:
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 10:56 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Letter to the City Council

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correspondence@cityofpasadena.net

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

Quakers from the Orange Grove Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee feel that we desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

1. Affordable housing on the Ramona site in the civic center.
2. Affordable housing on church land.

The Ramona site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly "surplus" land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Furthermore, the need for this housing is great! Please do all that you can to speed this process along!

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Thank you for your service to our community!

Marianna M Rivinus,

Clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Orange Grove Friends Meeting

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From: Shannon Rubera <shannonrubera@visioncf.org>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 10:57 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable housing in Pasadena - urgent need

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Shannon Fernando-Rubera and I am a member of Vision Christian Fellowship and a healthcare provider in Los Angeles.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena! Our church used to be full of Pasadena residents, but many of them have had to move away because housing costs are so high! Many of my friends and family members have been relocated, and it has made many community events and fostering family relationships difficult. In addition to this, as you know, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many more households in both Los Angeles and Pasadena are experiencing financial instability, which has led to housing insecurity and increased rates of homelessness.

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

1. Affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center.
2. Temporary shelter and affordable housing on church land.

The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly “surplus” land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Furthermore, the need for this housing is immense! Please do all that you can to speed this process along!

Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for temporary shelter and affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will expedite the process of providing temporary shelter during this time of COVID (when those experiencing homelessness cannot be in congregant shelters), and to enable

affordable housing to be built. This will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built.

Thank you for your consideration in caring for our homeless neighbors especially during this global crisis.

Best,

Shannon Fernando-Rubera, FNP-C

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From: Corrine Ochipinti
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 10:59 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable Housing in Pasadena

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Corrine Ochipinti and I am a member of the Peace and Social Justice Ministry at St. Andrew's Parish.

I'm reaching out due to the desperate need for more affordable housing in Pasadena. As a social worker in LA County, I've come across several families on the brink of losing their homes or already having lost their homes due to the housing costs being so high. Families that live paycheck to paycheck may face an unexpected hardship (loss of job, death in the family, high medical costs) that greatly impact their finances and put them at risk of homelessness. This has happened to too many families that I've worked with in Pasadena and it's something that we should pay attention to. We have the resources.

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

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2. Affordable housing on church land.

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Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will speed up the process of building the housing we need and will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built. Please advise the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Department to make the necessary zoning change.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Corrine Ochipinti

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From: Anthony McFarland Channel <dranthonymcfarland@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 11:02 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment Today #16 and #18

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

I am the pastor of Abundant Harvest Lift Church and a member of the Pasadena CCC. Our church has been here in this city for over 20 years and used to be full of Pasadena residents, a third of our congregation over the past 8 years have left our city due to the cost of housing and employment.

As our city leaders please help make a difference with affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center and affordable housing on church land. Please advise the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Department to make the necessary zoning change. Many people are counting on you!

Anthony McFarland

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From: geo kor <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 11:11 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 10/05/20 Council meeting, agenda #16 and #18

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is George Korzen and I am writing in support of two major opportunities for affordable housing:

1. Affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center.
2. Temporary shelter and affordable housing on church land.

The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly “surplus” land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Please do all that you can to speed this process along!

Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for temporary shelter and affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will expedite the process of providing temporary shelter during this time of COVID (when those experiencing homelessness cannot be in congregant shelters), and to enable affordable housing to be built. This will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built.

Your affirmative vote for these measures will be a step in the right direction to alleviate the serious housing need facing our city and our state. I urge you to do so at today's Council Meeting.

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Thank you for your service to our community!

Very truly yours,

George Korzen

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October 4, 2020

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To: Mayor Tornek and City Council Members
correspondence@cityofpasadena.net

Re: Pasadena City Council Meeting on Oct. 5, 2020
Agenda items #16 and #18.

I am writing on behalf of desperately-needed affordable housing in Pasadena.

I was fortunate to be able to purchase a condo in Pasadena in 2002. Today, I would likely not be able to afford a unit in this same complex, as prices have more than doubled. Far too many of those who grew up in Pasadena, or who work here, can no longer afford to live here.

Two major immediate opportunities exist for the creation of more affordable housing:

1. The Water and Power site in the civic center area. This site has been vacant for a very long time. It is clearly "surplus" land prioritized by law for affordable housing. Please do everything in your power to facilitate this process.
2. A zoning change that would enable churches to build affordable units on their own land. Over a dozen Pasadena churches have already expressed interest in doing so, and a zoning change would speed the process while allowing them to make better use of their funds. Please advise the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Department to make the necessary zoning change.

Thank you, in advance, for giving serious consideration to these matters.

Bonnie Blustein, Ph.D.
2474 East Mountain Street
Pasadena CA 91104

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Gwendolyn Johnson and I am a member of New Life Holiness Church, located at 2005 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

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I am writing to express my support for having high quality affordable housing built on congregational land. I would support churches in my neighborhood wishing to do this.

An overlay zone would allow congregations to build affordable housing. Seven churches in Pasadena are interested. This will allow churches to build affordable housing more quickly and less expensively. It could save over \$100,000 in cost per development, save at least a year getting it built, and provide the certainty needed to attract a highly qualified developer. Other cities like San Diego are also creating citywide zone changes to allow congregational land to be used for affordable housing.

I'm glad to support the desire of churches' throughout the city to help address the affordable/homeless housing crisis we are currently facing. The 2020 homeless count was 527; studies show that there is an expectation of 45% increase in homelessness due to the pandemic. Churches play a vital role in the community and are interested in contributing to quality of life improvements for all.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Johnson

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is June Carr and I am a member of New Life Holiness Church, located at 2005 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103.

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I'm glad to support the desire of churches' throughout the city to help address the affordable/homeless housing crisis we are currently facing. The 2020 homeless count was 527; studies show that there is an expectation of 45% increase in homelessness due to the pandemic. Churches play a vital role in the community and are interested in contributing to quality of life improvements for all.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Sincerely,

June Carr

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From: Kathy LL <I
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 12:01 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Please act now

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Kathleen Leard and I am a member of Pasadena Mennonite Church.

There is no need to tell you about the shortage of affordable housing in our area. I know you know there is and that you do have the authority to alleviate some of this problem. I implore you to do so.

Two simple things that can you can make happen now would have a big impact:

1. Affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center.
2. Affordable housing on church land.

The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly "surplus" land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Furthermore, the need for this housing is great! Please do all that you can to speed this process along!

As a member of a Pasadena Church, we know we could have well managed, safe, attractive and most importantly, affordable housing on church property--much of which sits vacant most of the time. We need for you to make it easier for people of faith to make this happen. Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will speed up the process of building the housing we need and will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built. Please advise the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Department to make the necessary zoning change.

Please help all our communities of faith as we try to "Do justice."

Thank you for your service to our community!

Kathleen Leard

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Martínez, Ruben

From:
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 12:02 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: newlifepasadena@att.net
Subject: Pasadena City Council Meeting - Agenda Items #15 and #18

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Othella Medlock, I am pastor of New Life Holiness Church, 2005 N Fair Oaks Avenue.

The church was founded by my father, Bishop Thomas Medlock and has been part of the North West Pasadena corridor since the late 1960's.

Over the years, the church has provided community services such as after school tutoring and food distribution in cooperation with local food banks.

We are blessed to own five parcels of adjacent land across the street from the Boys and Girls Club. These lots support our sanctuary, Life Center, and three other buildings. One lot holds a house that is rented to church members.

The church has witnessed the impact of high cost housing in the city. Most of our parishioners are single parents and seniors who have moved from Pasadena to find affordable housing .

We have preliminary plans to build 43 affordable residential rental units to help address this crisis. Only one of our lots is zoned for residential use. Granting overlay zoning for all churches would foster the success of this project and attract interested developers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pastor Othella Medlock

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Gregory Johnson and I am a member of New Life Holiness Church, located at 2005 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103.

There are two major opportunities for affordable housing:

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2. Affordable housing on church land.

The Water and Power site has been sitting vacant for many, many years and is certainly "surplus" land which the law prioritizes for affordable housing. Furthermore, the need for this housing is great! Please do all that you can to speed this process along!

Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This zoning change will speed up the process of building the housing we need and will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built. Please advise the Planning Commission to work with the Planning Department to make the necessary zoning change.

I am writing to express my support for having high quality affordable housing built on congregational land. I would support churches in my neighborhood wishing to do this.

An overlay zone would allow congregations to build affordable housing. Seven churches in Pasadena are interested. This will allow churches to build affordable housing more quickly and less expensively. It could save over \$100,000 in cost per development, save at least a year getting it built, and provide the certainty needed to attract a highly qualified developer. Other cities like San Diego are also creating citywide zone changes to allow congregational land to be used for affordable housing.

I'm glad to support the desire of churches' throughout the city to help address the affordable/homeless housing crisis we are currently facing. The 2020 homeless count was 527; studies show that there is an expectation of 45% increase in homelessness due to the pandemic. Churches play a vital role in the community and are interested in contributing to quality of life improvements for all.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Sincerely,

Gregory Johnson

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