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From: jonathan williams >
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 12:24 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable Housing: City Council for agenda items #16 and #18

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Jonathan E. Williams and I am a member of Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church, Pasadena. More affordable housing is desperately needed in Pasadena!

Our church used to be full of Pasadena residents, but now our congregation is aging and dwindling in size. The members that remain are older and established residence in Pasadena when homes and apartments were affordable. The youth that grew up in the church have moved away, because they cannot afford the cost of housing in Pasadena. We also had a number of students at Fuller Seminary that worshiped with us. They too are leaving, because of Fuller's discussions about relocating the campus. Fuller Seminary is also struggling with the impact of high housing costs on their students.

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.

We look to each of you to continue to identify opportunities and strategies to increase affordable housing in our area. Our community's public schools and many businesses' survival depend on your prompt action.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Jonathan E. Williams, Jr.

Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church

Pasadena, CA 91103

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Jacqueline Oyefeso 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!

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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,

Jacqueline Oyefeso

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From: pj johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 1:47 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: (#18 #16)

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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to encourage staff to support an overlay zoning that would permit churches to build affordable housing on their land (item #18).

Churches are and have been for many years an indispensable part of our City's social fabric and have dedicated themselves to feeding the homeless, tutoring children, raising the City's youth, keeping people in their homes. This history of investment in the community and neighbors creates a perfect marriage with new neighbors living in affordable housing on their property.

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is PJ Johnson a single mom living in Pasadena. I am a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master in Theology and an emphasis in International and Urban Development. I am proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated and an active member of Pasadena Tenants Union. My church is Fellowship Monrovia. My son attends and is a part of the youth group at First United Methodist Church [FUMC]. Me an my son attend and are a part of church bodies who advocate for their community and the world that they are in. I say this to say I am nothing without community and I can do nothing without the power my God gives to me.

Fellowship Monrovia and FUMC are fierce advocates for homelessness and social Justice Both Pastor Sandy Olewine and Pastor Tate speak truth to Power and are fierce Christ-like stewards in there leadership. Allowing Churches who have shown good stewardship over what God has given them is what we need to end homeless ness. As it states in scripture, Matthew 25:14-30. We need to be good stewards over what we have and we should not be panelized when we are good. 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. 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! 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!

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From: Diane Rogers <
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 2:17 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pasadenacitycouncilmeeting - agenda items #16 and #18

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Diane Rogers 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:

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

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Thank you for your service to our community!

Sincerely,

Diane Rogers

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From: Cindy Koh <cindykoh@visioncf.org>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 3:18 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Please approve church land for zoning for Affordable Housing in Pasadena

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Lucinda Koh. I am a member and married to the Senior Pastor at Vision Christian Fellowship. I have served as a pastor at VCF.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena! We have many members who long to move closer to church to be part of our activities here - as far away as Riverside, but find that the housing is unaffordable. We also have elderly who we could more easily help if they were closer to our church. Every generation is of value to us, and we believe that fixed income members of society are needed in Pasadena!

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Thank you for your service to our community!

Cindy Koh

Vision Christian Fellowship

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From: Jeehong Min <
Sent: > Monday, October 05, 2020 3:56 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable Housing in Pasadena

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Jeehong Min and I am a board member of Vision Christian Fellowship in Pasadena, CA.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena! Even in our relatively small congregation, of which 150 or so are adults, we have ministered to 3 men and 2 women who have faced homelessness in the past few years. If there were more affordable housing, these ones would not have to face homelessness and trek across Los Angeles looking for temporary shelters many of which are full. My parents live in affordable housing in Pasadena - they are very fortunate, but the wait list is currently 5 years.

There are two major opportunities to increase affordable housing in Pasadena:

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 great! 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.

Jeehong Min
Board of Vision Christian Fellowship

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From: Len Tang
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 3:43 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: support for affordable housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Len Tang and I lead Missio Community Church in Pasadena. I am asking you to support affordable housing in Pasadena to keep the diversity that makes Pasadena a vibrant and just place to live. I'm advocating for 1) affordable housing at the Civic Center and 2) allowing affordable housing on church land.

Thanks you for your consideration,
Len

Len Tang, Lead Pastor
Missio Community Church

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From: Megan Katerjian <megan.katerjian@doorofhope.org>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 5:22 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: affordable housing and the Church

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Megan Katerjian and I am Executive Director of Door of Hope, a Pasadena-based service provider of transitional housing to families experiencing homelessness, and eviction prevention services to families at-risk of homelessness.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena! Speaking from our experience, the lack of affordable housing is: (1) the main cause of homelessness for the families we serve, (2) the biggest barrier for families in our shelters to transition successfully into permanent housing, and (3) the main reason families in the community seek our homelessness prevention assistance.

As a Christian social service provider, we partner with many local churches in Pasadena, and we are excited that churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing! However, they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! That is why I'm writing to express my support for the City of Pasadena's consideration to rezone church land for affordable housing.

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!

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Sincerely,

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