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Name: Renee Aldridge **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am writing to encourage you to approve declaring the Ramona site surplus land because it makes good economic sense to build affordable housing on this site. The City's RFP states that the project should "serve as a catalyst for continued economic growth and provide economic benefits" (p. 5). As you know, affordable housing is an economic stimulus since it is required to have 20 percent local hires, 20 percent local contractors and 20 percent local materials. This will bring millions of dollars to the Pasadena economy at a time when such an influx of funds is urgently needed. Financial considerations are not only or main reason to use this site for affordable housing, however. The need for such housing, especially for families, is critical. Homeless people who currently sleep on and around this vacant property desperately need housing. As a person of faith, I believe we have a moral imperative as well as financial incentive to use this site for affordable and supportive housing. The prophet Zechariah tell us that the LORD Almighty calls us to "administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another" 7:9 (NIV)

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Comments:

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Carol Daley and I am a co-founder of Foothills Kitchen which operates in Monrovia. Why are we interested in affordable housing in Pasadena? Because your hungry and unhoused Pasadena citizens come to us for a meal. Out of the 53 we served this past weekend, we had 22 of your citizens show up for a meal. They come for the food and then they return to their home on the street in Pasadena. They need homes they can afford! (They formerly had homes there.)

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

You have two great opportunities for affordable housing in your city:

1. The potential of affordable housing on the Water and Power site in the civic center
2. Temporary shelter and affordable housing on church land. You are so blessed that you already have Churches in your city that show interest in putting affordable housing on their own lots to help with the housing shortage. A congregational land overlay plan seems like such a 'no-brainer.'

May we please count on your support of taking advantage of these two opportunities? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carol Daley

October 5, 2020

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