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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on January 11, 2021 about Agenda Item 7

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Name: Sonja K Berndt **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a longtime resident of Pasadena and a retired attorney. I want to thank our Housing Department for bringing forward the request for authorization to enter into a contract with Housing Rights Center to provide legal services and assistance to Pasadena households at risk of falling into homelessness. Many renters in our City owe many months of back rent because of job loss or mounting medical bills due to the pandemic. Renters have defenses to eviction and need to be on a level playing field with landlords who routinely have legal representation. Housing justice should never depend on who has the financial ability to retain an attorney and who does not. Further, providing legal representation to someone at risk of falling into homelessness will prevent needless human suffering and can save the City substantial costs associated with homelessness. The Housing Rights Center appears to be uniquely qualified to provide legal assistance to our residents at risk of falling into homelessness for the reasons stated in the staff report. I urge the Council to grant the authorization requested and to invite the Department to return for additional funding requests for this important purpose. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Ferne Hayes **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I support agenda item #7 to allocate additional funds to provide legal services and assistance to Pasadena households at risk of falling into homelessness. The city's lack of sufficient affordable housing and an economic environment worsened by lost income due to Covid-19 have placed many in housing jeopardy. Eviction protections are complex and difficult to wade through. It is wise to use CESH funds to offer legal support to Pasadena renters and help prevent further homelessness.

Thank you

Ferne Hayes

District 7 resident

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Name: Connie Millsap Tamkin **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Monrovia, CA
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Comments:

#7 I support the authorization of a contract in support of the Housing Rights Center to assist our residents in their housing needs which have arisen due to the pandemic. Rev. Connie Millsap Tamkin

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Comments:

In my conversation with Lola Osborn a few weeks ago, she indicated that indeed many folks in Pasadena are struggling to keep their homes. To assure community stability, prevent displacement and further homelessness, please allocate even more additional funds for the Housing Rights office so they might be able to expand their efforts. Our organizing team for a Community Land Trust throughout SGV is hoping to help those who are facing foreclosure by changing the ownership structure so that they would own the home, but not the land. The land would be placed into the Trust. This would make the home, without the land, more affordable and enable folks to stay in place. We hope that members of the City Council might explore this option with us. As we move forward with our team, we hope to partner in some way with the Housing Rights office.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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