

Jomsky, Mark

From: Bogaard, Bill
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:04 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Zoning Code changes

Mark: Will you please arrange for distribution? Thx, BILL

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From: david powell [mailto:dopowell@earthlink.net]
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Subject: Zoning Code changes

Honorable Mayor Bogaard:

This is an open letter to the community as a whole and to the Council as a whole. I trust that you will provide copies to other council members before the meeting of May 21.

There is on the agenda for that meeting an extensive revision to Pasadena's Zoning Code which could have substantial impact on the property rights of every Pasadena property owner. This document is 36 pages in length, complex and incomprehensible unless read in conjunction with the existing Zoning Code. It has been sprung on the public with basically four days of notice. I recognize that it may have undergone discussion at recent Council meetings, but since a number of recent meetings have not been telecast, any such discussions cannot legitimately be claimed to constitute notice to the public. I further recognize that there may well have been meetings of Council committees and advisory bodies at which the changes under consideration have been discussed, attended by a miniscule proportion of Pasadena's population and which in no way could be legitimately considered as outreach to the community as a whole.

I therefore strongly urge that any action on his matter be deferred until the community as a whole (and not just a favored few) be given the opportunity to fully understand this changes in the Zoning Code and communicate to the Council its views on such changes.

The City has excoriated the Pasadena Unified School District for its failure to accommodate public participation in the policy making process. Perhaps it is time for you to apply the same standards to yourselves.

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