

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

February 26, 2013

Honorable Mayor Bill Bogaard
Honorable Council Members
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue, Room 235
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Council Members:

RE: GENERAL PLAN UPDATE/POLICIES

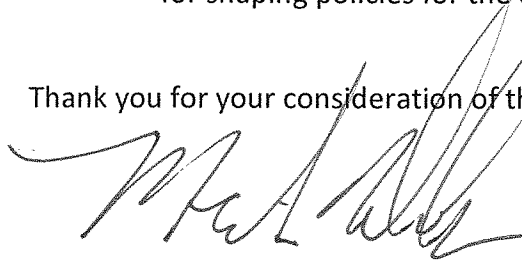
The Human Services Commission appreciates the opportunity to discuss and make comments on the General Plan and its impact on the citizens of this community. Please be advised that the Human Services Commission is in support of the guidelines/policies as outlined below. We recommend implementation of these policies as appropriate into the General Plan on behalf of the citizens of Pasadena, and assert that they are in the best interest of all of the citizens of Pasadena.

Recommendations implementation of the policies as outlined below to the General Plan
From
The Human Services Commission

1. In line with the first guiding principle we recommend a clear policy which states that any loss of affordable housing will be replaced one for one for each affordable house loss (no overall loss/decrease of affordable housing).
2. Again in line with guiding principle # 1, we support staff's recommendation to switch from hard development caps (number certain of units to be built), to more flexible development levels based on supply and demand.
3. We recommend that the City immediately eliminate the in lieu fee in the inclusionary housing ordinance.

4. In line with guiding principle # 3 we recommend that the City establish concrete guidelines for living wage jobs for local Pasadena residents and PUSD students and families in and around the City including incentives for private business to hire locally. As a new policy, establish a local community oversight committee to monitor the compliance and commitment of the city to local hiring.
5. In line with guiding principle # 5 we recommend that the City establish and promote subsidized transportation for local students, workers, seniors, persons with disabilities and other transportation challenged residents including, but not limited to, free access to transportation.
6. That the City adopt a guiding principle # 8 which states: "A vibrant public education system is valued and supported as the shared responsibility of our community." That in line with the guiding principle that as a policy priority the City identify dollars and in-kind services that (in addition to police on campus at 2.5 million dollars) can be directed to the District that would bring the greatest added value to the District and lead to a higher retention and graduation rate for our public school youth.
7. In line with guiding principle # 7 that the City reaffirm its commitment to the Commission System and its expansion as it is required by the community including a commitment to truly provide citizens with timely and "understandable" information on planning issues and projects so they may actively participate in plans for shaping policies for the city's future.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.



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