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To: Honorable Mayor Bogaard and Members of the Pasadena City Council

From: Ken Grobecker AICP, Land Use Chair
West Pasadena Resident's Association (WPRA)

Subject: **City Council Agenda Item #10, Council Meeting of November 17, 2014
Recommended Changes to Development Review Process re: Design Review**

Date: October 17, 2014

Mayor Bogaard and Council Members all:

The Planning and Community Development Department staff's agenda report for this evening recommends amendments to the Municipal Code significantly impacting the Development Review Process as pertains to Project Design Review in the City.

These amendments are material and of serious concern. On behalf of our Association, I ask that you delay any decision until not only the development community but the citizen community – including our Association – has had adequate opportunity to study these recommendations and their possible consequences and to offer our thoughts and opinion.

Briefly, our concerns focus on the following amendments:

- Elimination of the "optional" 50% Concept Review in the Design Review process
- Modification of the make-up of the Design Commission, effectively reducing the number of members from the current nine to seven; and,
- The specific qualifications for the members of the Design Commission.

We were not given adequate notice to prepare a written or oral position.

I have informally shared my finding with fellow members of the Board of Directors of the WPRA, and have requested authorization to present an opinion on behalf of the Association Board after additional review. We ask postponement of action and adequate time to respond.

Respectfully submitted,



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