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Dear Mr. Mayor and members of Pasadena City Council,

I am deeply distressed that Pasadena is not moving firmly to address the housing crisis which affects the quality of life for ALL of us!

It is a very sad commentary on the obstacles which Pasadena has placed to development of affordable rental housing which have made it necessary to transfer nearly 1/2 million dollars of Housing Successor funds to the County housing authority - for development far from Pasadena!

I am also appalled by the delays to approving the Heritage Square South proposal from staff for a development housing for our homeless seniors! All the resources are in place, the plan presented by your own staff is excellent.. To refuse it also would mean returning \$1 M.in HUD funds - a loss which is both unethical and definitely not in keeping with the image which Pasadena tries to present as a model community!!

The city should use all available funds - including the HUD money which was used to purchase the Heritage Square South site- to address the housing crisis. I plead with you : do not permit the NIMBY forces to push our zoning in directions which limit the ability to have a range of income levels among our residents. Pasadena must be open to the facts that our quality of life depends on having services and attractions which all enjoy- and the workers who provide those deserve to be able to live here too! Pasadena is a proud city - and has deserved its good reputation as a model for reducing homelessness- let us not now lose that in our fears of the poor and homeless , most of who have lived among us before they became homeless . They should be housed in dignity and make us proud to walk our streets without having to see homeless people everywhere, without being ashamed to bring visitors who wonder at the large, visible homeless population in a wealthy community such as ours!.

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