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May 9, 2019

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council members,

Pastoring a church in an urban setting like Pasadena is a unique privilege as I have the opportunity to minister to folks that span the breadth of the socioeconomic spectrum. Few things are quite as disheartening as walking alongside folks experiencing homelessness when you know you don't have the resources to change their circumstances. As the lead pastor of First Baptist Church Pasadena, I am writing out of concern for our city's homeless population, both within and outside the walls of this church, and to urge you to approve the conversion of the historic YWCA into permanent supportive housing. The Julia Morgan YWCA building lies directly across the street from First Baptist and many of our members have fond memories of this facility and would love to see it revitalized and utilized as originally intended. This church is blessed to have congregants that are residents of Centennial Place and several others that have found housing with assistance from the partnership between the City of Pasadena Housing Department and Union Station Homeless Services. In January, several pastors, deacons and key leaders from First Baptist participated in Pasadena's Annual Homeless Count. Though the task is daunting, we are encouraged by our city's commitment to providing for the poor and marginalized. Thank you for the work begun, the work in progress, and know that your neighbors at First Baptist are praying for the work that will surely come.

In faithful partnership,

Pastor John Jay Alvaro

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Subject: permanent supportive housing at city-owned YMCA

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Dear City Council,

I want permanent supportive housing and public use, not private commercial development, at the city-owned YWCA. I don't want developers to encroach on the Robinson park. This is a historic legacy.

Let's house people who are living on the streets.

You all have so much on your plates - you juggle so many issues and needs - thank you for your service to all the citizens of Pasadena.

May your day be filled with faith, love, and purpose,

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RE: Comments on the DRAFT "Request for Proposal for the YWCA Adaptive Reuse and New Civic Center Opportunities"

Dear Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers, Mssrs. Mermell, Klug and Reyes:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DRAFT YWCA RFP (RFP). In summary, the RFP in its current form will not attract enough quality, feasible proposals for this complex project, given the environmental, financial, and legal challenges of the project. The 42-day response period (June 4 – July 15, 2019) for proposal submissions is wholly

inadequate for the complexity and importance of this project to the Civic Center and to the City of Pasadena. It is perhaps one of the most difficult, complex and contentious project ever proposed in the City.

A *ninety-day response proposal period* would lend more credibility to the City's selection process. Ninety (90) days will give adequate time for proposers to familiarize themselves with the voluminous material associated with this offering and to write and produce the Proposal itself. Previous City development RFPs have provided twice the time allowed on this RFP. The RFP does not give adequate time for team formation, site tours of the YWCA and the DWP site, a pre-proposal conference, evaluation of the voluminous material associated with the YWCA, and writing the proposal.

The abbreviated 42-day time frame means, *de facto*, that preference will be given to those Responders who are more intimately familiar with the YWCA building and the Department of Water and Power (DWP) sites, including those who participated in the prior 2012 YWCA RFP proposal process. A two-step process would be ideal with a Request for Qualifications, including vision/concept for the site, followed up with a proposal from the 2-3 top ranked teams.

I respectfully submit the following nine comments and suggestions:

Recommendation #1: Allow 90 days for RFP responses.
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1. The 90-day response period will provide the needed time for Responders to form their teams and participate in tour(s) of the YWCA and the DWP sites.
2. A 90-day response period is a requirement of State AB 2135 so that Homeless and Affordable Housing Developers will have time to visit the site and prepare a proposal.
3. Commercial, Housing, Homeless and Affordable Housing Developers should have time to tour the site.
4. This recommended period will provide needed time for the City to convene a pre-proposal conference for Responders and to distribute information provided at the pre-proposal conference.

RFP PROJECT PARAMETERS

Recommendation #2: Offer the sites for “...low and moderate income housing, park/open space and recreational purposes, and for the clustering of housing and commercial development within walking distance of a major transit station” as required by the State of California’s “Surplus Land Act”; determine whether these sites are needed for the “purpose for which it was acquired” or for any other public purpose, pursuant to the City’s Municipal Code.

1. The RFP states that “The City’s preference is for the private market...” (p. 9) However, the City Council expressed no preference for private market proposals and agreed that proposals for development should be allowed to “bubble up”. [City Council Meeting, April 8, 2019]
2. Moreover, the stated proposal evaluation criteria and submittal requirements set forth in the RFP clearly favor proposals from the private sector and may inhibit proposals from non-profit and other public entities.
3. The need to house those without homes who live on the streets of Pasadena is clearly documented and is an issues other cities, the state and the nation are dealing with.

Recommendation #3: Allow Responders to exclude the existing public, 100-year-old Civic Center Gardens owned by the City since 1923 located at the Southwest corner (adjacent to the YWCA building) and Northwest corner (adjacent to the YMCA building) of Garfield Avenue and Holly Street as part of the project and as part of the building mass for the project. The Civic Center Gardens must remain intact. This should be explicitly stated the RFP.

The RFP specifically states: “Any new construction on both of the Sites shall be setback 45 feet from Garfield Avenue...” (p. 16) This stipulation needs to be changed. Not only does this requirement significantly compromise the existing Civic Gardens bit it also constrains the foot print of any forthcoming proposals.

Recommendation #4: The RFP should set forth the adopted City goals for creating more parks in the Central District, protecting open space from loss to new development, and creating and enhancing social gathering places and other pedestrian oriented area.

1. The RFP “Project Goals and Objectives” Section completely ignores well-established and overriding General Plan goals for open space and parkland in Pasadena*.

**[Ref: The Open Space and Conservation Element (2012), the Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan (2007), the Central District Specific Plan (2004), and the Land Use Element (2016)]*

2. Offering the Civic Center Gardens for development flies in the face of these long-established goals for open space and parkland in the Central District and in the City of Pasadena.
3. The best way to assure continued symmetry which has been the design basis of the City Beautiful Civic Center over time is not to sell/lease the Civic Center Gardens across from City Hall on Garfield or built on them. In that way, if the YWCA site moves forward, the symmetry of the Civic Center will be protected and maintained into the future.
4. The RFP states that the Water and Power site can be added “as an option”; however, to maintain the symmetry of the and to realize the City Council-approved symmetrical drawing showing a “setback” 45 feet from Garfield Avenue, both parcels would have to be built-out at the same time and/or legal agreements that they will be. On this basis, there are no guarantees that if this option is not exercised, and if the YWCA site moves forward, that the symmetry of the Civic Center will be protected and maintained into the future.

Recommendation #5: The desired and defining characteristics, features and requirements for the YWCA project should depend upon what the City’s parameters are for the project, not whether it is sold or leased. No rationale is given in the RFP why there are different conditions depending upon whether it is sold or leased.

1. Only if the YWCA building is sold, conditions for the project include publicly accessible ground-floor uses, dedication of any remaining open space as city parkland, and establishment of a historic facade easement on the YWCA building. Why the difference?
2. The City has reserved the right to “add additional conditions in the event of a sale.” What are they? These “additional” conditions should be set forth in the RFP.

RFP PROCESS

Recommendation #6: The property should be offered *after the law suit* between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Civic Center Coalition has been resolved.

1. It is misleading to potential Responders to state that the Pasadena Civic Center Coalition’s law suit should be completed by the end of the year. There is no evidence to substantiate this statement. Asking Responders to act at their own peril regarding the pending litigation could have a “chilling effect” on the offering.
2. An updated title report is needed to accurately reflect current tax status and litigation. The posted title report is from 2012 and is inaccurate and misleading.

Recommendation #7: Priority “weights” for each evaluation criterion should be determined ahead of time and clearly stated in the RFP.

1. **The evaluation process is serious flawed.** According to the RFP, Review Panel members will score each response in “their own preferred order”. In order to avoid inconsistencies and arbitrariness in scoring, and to better ensure a more transparent process.
2. **Detailed evaluation criteria and scoring are needed.** Detailed criteria and scoring should be provided to ensure a fair process and to guide Responders to be responsive to the City’s request. The City has detailed scoring for all RFPs, from real estate development and management to public art. (See sample scoring criteria below from 2014 Decker House Relocation RFP; 2017 Master Lessee RFP for 1015 N. Lake, and 2017 Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program III RFP.)

3. Responders and Review Panel members should understand the relative importance of individual criterion ahead of time to ensure a more consistent and transparent process in evaluating the Proposals.

Recommendation #8: Schedule a mandatory pre-proposal conference and multiple site tours for potential Responders before the proposals are due. If the YWCA building is not safe enough to tour, the City needs to ensure its safety as provided for when the City funded safety improvements for this purpose in the amount of \$500,000.

Proposers cannot bid on the project "sight unseen". Interested parties have been denied access to the building with the promise of a site tour during the RFP process. (See mandatory conference description below from 2011 Heritage Square RFP.)

Recommendation #9: Detail the RFP approval process, including a projected timeline and the process for addressing any conflicts of interest should be disclosed.

1. Respondents should understand the various ministerial and discretionary approvals that will be needed to make a final decision so this can be incorporated into their timelines. The public should have confidence that any conflicts of interest of any City Councilmembers are disclosed and affected Councilmembers are recused from final decision-making.
2. A detailed description of public engagement and meetings required for discretionary actions and project approvals, including City Commission and City Council meetings should be part of the timeline.

Respectfully submitted,

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City of Pasadena RFP Examples

2011 Heritage Square Senior Housing RFP – Mandatory Pre-bid Conference Example

2.1 Mandatory Proposers' Conference

A mandatory Proposers' Conference will be held for all prospective proposers interested in responding to the RFP and connecting with potential development team members. The conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Renaissance Plaza Community Room, 649 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Suite 203, Pasadena, CA 91103 (second floor of the Renaissance Plaza shopping center at the corner of Fair Oaks and Orange Grove). A development team member from each applicant must attend this conference in order to be eligible to apply. Attendees will receive a written Proposers' Conference Confirmation.

2014 Heritage Square Decker House Relocation RFP – Detailed Criteria #1 of 7

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring System:

Maximum Points

A. Developer Experience and Capacity: 30

*This criterion measures the experience and capacity of the Developer (Developer/development team, architect, contractor) to effectively undertake, design, develop, manage and market the proposed project. **Threshold Requirement:** Developer must have completed at least one (1) historic restoration/rehabilitation project (per Secretary of Interior's Standards) and one (1) move-on project within the past ten years (or contracted with a restoration architect or historic preservation consultant who has this experience).*

Scoring:

Capacity of development team – Excellent	10 points
Capacity of development team – Satisfactory, average	5 points
Capacity of development team – Unsatisfactory	0 points

Move-On Experience:

Nine or more projects completed within past 10 years:	10 points
Six to eight projects completed within past 10 years:	7.5 points
Three to five projects completed within past 10 years:	5 points
Meet threshold requirement (one project):	2.5 points

Historic Restoration/Rehabilitation Experience:

Nine or more projects completed within past 10 years:	10 points
Six to eight projects completed within past 10 years:	7.5 points
Three to five projects completed within past 10 years:	5 points
Meet threshold requirement (one project):	2.5 points

2017 Master Lessee RFP for 1015 N. Lake – Selection Criteria and Points

The competitive selection evaluation criteria are as follows:

A.	Property Management/Operating Experience	25 points
B.	Nonprofit Collaboration	20 points
C.	Organizational Stability	15 points
D.	Project Approach	20 points
E.	Local Pasadena Business	5 points
F.	Small and Micro-Business	5 points
G.	Independent Review Panel Interviews	10 points

2017 Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program III RFP – Detailed Criteria and Scoring for \$12,000 Project

Selection will be based on:

A.	Appropriateness of existing sculptural works and/or proposed site-specific work. The Selection Panel shall review as a whole the location, theme, scale, community context and proposed materials in the evaluation of all submittals.	50%
B.	Artistic achievement as demonstrated in the résumé of artist or artist team and quality of proposed artwork or previous projects.	20%
C.	Demonstration of quality and durability of existing or proposed artwork materials and construction methods. Scoring of this criterion will be completed by an art conservator.	20%
D.	Local Pasadena Business: To receive a 5% preference as a local business, the PROPOSER shall have an official business address within the City of Pasadena from the date/time that this proposal is officially posted.	5%
E.	Small and Micro-Businesses: To receive a 5% preference, PROPOSER must be certified by the State of California as a small or micro-business - http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/sbcert.htm .	5 %
	TOTAL	100 %

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Dear Mayor and City Council members:

There is overwhelming and broad-based public support for the Mayor's proposal that the Julia Morgan Y be used for homeless housing and civic/community use, including some kind of social enterprise restaurant. There is also wide-spread support to maintain the 100-year-old Civic Gardens located at the southwest and northwest corners of Holly and Garfield Avenue. Dozens of people showed up for public comment explaining how the Julia Morgan Y would be an ideal site for this purpose. Members of all Saints Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, the First Presbyterian Church, Orange Grove Quaker Meeting, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Faith Partnership to End Homelessness, Union Station, and housing advocates all stood up or signed petitions in support of this adaptive reuse of the Y.

Apart from five City Council members, no one spoke up in favor of commercial development during the entire City Council meeting.

Nonetheless, Margaret McAustin rushed through a vote at around midnight that resulted in a Request for Proposals (RFP) that's biased in favor of commercial development and blocks homeless housing or non-profit public use. This RFP also raises legal issues and minimizes a pending lawsuit that could delay or even stop a commercial development like the failed Kimpton hotel. We are deeply disappointed that five members of the City Council think that they know better than the constituents they are supposed to represent.

This is a time to engage in a proper process since the community has spoken and doesn't want another failed Kimpton. We are calling for:

1) Extension of the RFP response time to 90 days, including a site visit, as specified in State AB 2135, so that Homeless and Affordable Housing Developers will have time to visit the site, identify funding and prepare a proposal. This RFP is being rushed through contrary to customary city practice and to AB 2135 which requires prioritizing homeless and affordable housing on surplus land and giving them 90 days to present a proposal. Here's what the AB 2135 requires:

Enacted in 1968, the Surplus Land Act requires local agencies—such as cities and transit agencies—to prioritize affordable housing, as well as parks and open space when disposing of surplus land. Specifically, local agencies must provide a first right of refusal to entities that agree to use sites for affordable housing or parks and open space. When local agencies dispose of surplus land, they are required to give notice to local public entities and organizations involved in affordable housing development. Once a preferred entity expresses interest, the parties must enter into good faith negotiations to determine a mutually satisfactory sales price or lease terms. Prior to AB 2135, if the parties did not agree to a price within 60 days, the local agency could then dispose of the land without further requirements....**AB 2135 extends the negotiating period between local agencies and purchasing or leasing entities from 60 days to 90 days.** See <http://www.publiccounsel.org/tools/assets/files/0679.pdf> and https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2065.

By prioritizing affordable, including permanent supportive housing, the Mayor was following this state law and respecting the desires of his constituents. By rushing this RFP through and blocking homeless housing

developers to submit a proposal, the City Council may be violating the law; it is definitely arousing opposition and suspicion from the public.

2) Allow the "set back" to be up to 109 feet and include in the RFP the preservation and development of the Robinson park area. The current RFP requires a 45-foot "setback" that would encroach upon the Civic Gardens, across from City Hall, which is a historic garden/park. The RFP also provides virtually the same concessions regarding the setback, height, and parking that were granted to the failed Kimpton Hotel project, which aroused fierce opposition from many in our city and led to the project being rejected. We are concerned that the RFP is misleading by implying that this pending litigation will somehow disappear by the end of the year. This is not what the litigants believe or anticipate. Developers need to be told that there is intense community opposition to commercial development on the Civic Gardens would likely lead again to delays in the rehabilitation of the YWCA and public outcry that could delay or even stop development.

The Civic Gardens at the SW Corner and the NW corner of Holly and Garfield is part of the 100-year historic setting of Pasadena's Civic Center, going back to the Bennett Plan in the early 1920s. As recommended by the Civic Center Implementation Task Force, the City should commission a Cultural Landscape Report to establish the historic significance to this. Instead, they commissioned a landscape architect, Olin, who was tasked with providing plans for developing this site in keeping with the aesthetics of City Beautiful/Beaux Arts period. By choosing Olin, the Council assumed that the land had no cultural or historical significance worthy of preserving. See <https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/36-cultural-landscapes.htm>. We agree that a Cultural Heritage Report should be done before encroaching on the 109-foot parkland with Sister City trees and statues of Mack and Jackie Robinson.

The RFP should include some statement about the maintenance and development of this park. The City has been looking for park space for years to develop in the central district. Every residential unit in the City, except for those designated as affordable, contributes about \$20,000 for parks. This park space already exists in this ideal location next to City Hall. This park should be funded, designed, and managed by the City.

3) Prioritize public use and permanent supportive housing through a detailed scoring and point system. This RFP is biased in favor of commercial development and blocks housing for homeless people by not including homeless housing in the project goals and objectives and stating that the project should "serve as a catalyst for continued economic growth and provide economic benefits" (p. 5). We are also concerned that only city staff will be involved in considering RFPs. How can we be sure that they will reflect the community's concerns? For this reason, we propose that there be detailed scoring criteria and points which include the use of the Y for permanent supportive housing, non-profit, and public uses (which aren't mentioned in the RFP). As the Mayor rightly pointed out, prioritizing commercial development will divide the City, delay this much-needed project, and cause further damage to this precious historic legacy. We are urging the City Council to put this RFP in abeyance to allow other projects to be considered such as a community project that includes housing for homeless individuals, nonprofit uses, and public space in the Y. This is what the public wants, and what we feel is in the best interest of the city.

Yours in friendship and peace,

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"Common folk, not statesmen, nor generals, nor great men of affairs, but just simple men and women, if they devote themselves ... can do something to build a better peaceful world."--Henry Cadbury, 1947"

The humble, meek, merciful, just, pious, and devout souls are everywhere of one religion; and when death has taken off the mask, they will know one another, though the liveries they wear here make them strangers."--William Penn.

We Support Homeless Housing and Public Use of the Julia Morgan YWCA

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We are concerned that this RFP favors commercial development rather than homeless housing. As the Mayor pointed out, this will divide the City and delay this much needed project. We urge the City Council to reconsider this RFP and give preferential consideration to mixed use development that includes homeless housing and nonprofit use of public space at the Y.

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An Open Letter to the Pasadena City Council

Restore the Julia Morgan YWCA to its Original Intent: A Home for Women in Need

On December 17, 2018, Mayor Terry Tornek recommended that the city-owned YWCA, located next to City Hall, be used to house our homeless neighbors, many of whom live on the nearby streets. He noted that Centennial Place, the former YMCA adjacent to the YWCA, houses 144 homeless individuals and is a "good neighbor."

Advocates for homeless housing, including Union Station, GPAHG, the Faith Partnership to End Homelessness, and community leaders listed below, applaud the Mayor's recommendation. We believe that this property should be preserved and restored to its original intent—a home for women in need. If you agree, please contact the City Council at mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net.

On Wednesday, Feb 20, some Centennial Place residents and community activists held a candlelight vigil at the YWCA, praying that this property be used for God's intention, just as many people prayed at Heritage Square South, where 60 units for homeless seniors was approved on Dec. 17, 2018..

Some history: This YWCA was designed by famed architect Julia Morgan, best known for designing Hearst Castle. She also had a heart for the poor and vulnerable and designed a number of YWCAs. Built in 1921, Pasadena's historic YWCA has sat vacant for over 20 years. In 2010 the City of Pasadena, concerned about the lack of care and maintenance, invoked eminent domain, purchased the building and later began negotiations to convert the building to a 150-room boutique hotel. See <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/the-old-ywca-building-pasadena-california> A huge pushback ensued from the community and in 2017 the City Council unanimously rejected the Kempton Hotel concept. Public land should be used for the public good. <https://la.curbed.com/2017/5/24/15686404/pasadena-ywca-julia-morgan-city-council-rejects>

Why Permanent Supportive Housing?

Using this YWCA for PSH makes sense. It is better to have homeless people housed than hanging around City Hall and the Central City area.

There is a desperate need for homeless housing in the City, especially around the City center.

As of the 2018 homeless count:

- 677 people in Pasadena are homeless
- 462 are living on the street
- 104 are in families
- 70% are men, 29+% women, <1% other

Since Centennial Place is across the street from the YWCA, and since Union Station Homeless Services works with Centennial Place, Union Station could work more efficiently in both locations. Union Station has had over 45 years of experience successfully addressing

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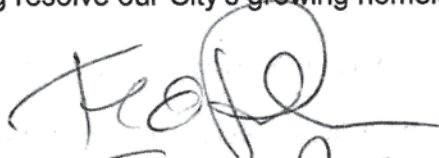
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It's a real need for the building to be available for those who need the most, who are the least women. I would be blessed if I could see it transformed as a place to transform the lives.

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Open Space – It is essential that we preserve public open space on this site. We would only support a proposal that preserves the park area with the Robinson statutes and Sister City trees. If additional units are added, they should only be added on the surface parking lot on the south side of the lot.

This proposal ensures that YWCA would remain a landmark in the city, while meeting a genuine need– a fitting tribute that honors Julia Morgan’s concern for the poor and vulnerable as well as the community spirit and compassion of Pasadena. We urge the Pasadena City Council to restore this historic YWCA, embracing the intent for which it was originally built and thereby helping to solve our City’s growing homelessness crisis.

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- Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater, Friends In Deed
- Pastor Jon Stewart, New Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church
- Pastor Tera Little, Throop Unitarian Church
- Pasadena First Presbyterian Church
- Pastor Connie Milsap, First UMC of Pasadena
- Pastor Larry E. Campbell, IMA, FAME, Pasadena
- Pastor John B. Bledsoe, Pastor Emeritus IMA
- Pastor Tyrone Skinner
- Minister Jacques Bolt
- Pastor Camille Wooden, Abundant Life Covenant Bible Church
- Evangelist Burh, Zion Star M.B.C.
- Van Edward White, AME Church, Pasadena
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- Mercy Young, Fuller Seminary
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Phil Way

Orange Grove Friends Meeting

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ALL SAINTS (PASADENA)

Stephen Peterson

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purchase at least 20% of their supplies locally. Commercial developers do not have this same requirement. Heritage Square North generated over \$6 million dollars into the Pasadena economy due to this policy.

The city of Pasadena could also save money by moving one of its five off site office locations to this this building. Since the City owns this property, it wouldn't need to lease on another site. Additional parking could also be included in the proposal.

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Michelle Richardson Bailey PUSD School Board Member *From Baptist Church*

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Ed Fisher <eofisher@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 8:07 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: YWCA property development

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As a Pasadena resident and taxpayer, I endorse permanent supportive housing and public use at the city-owned YWCA. Any development absolutely must not encroach on the Robinson park. Please record my position on this vital issue.

**Edward Fisher
619 East California Boulevard
Pasadena 91106**

Jomsky, Mark

From: Elbert Newton <elbertwalkernewton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 3:20 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please convert the YWCA into permanent supportive housing

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Dear City Council,

I support permanent supportive housing and public use, not private commercial development, at the city-owned YWCA. I don't want developers to encroach on the Robinson park. This is a historic legacy.

We have a crisis of homelessness in California. Even though Pasadena's homeless count is down this year, we know that it could be temporary, and that it could result from an increase in the arrest of homeless people, which has dramatically increased.

We desperately need more supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness.

Thank you,

Bert Newton
551 N. Madison Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Jomsky, Mark

From: Lambert Giessinger <lmgarch@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Klug, David; Reyes, David
Cc: Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy; Tornek, Terry; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Civic Center Request For Proposals

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Dave and David,

Thank you for allowing comments on the Civic Center RFP. As you know, I was the District 4 representative on the Civic Center Task Force. One of our principle recommendations was the completion of a Cultural Landscape Report to inform a greater understanding of the importance (or not) of the Civic Gardens and how this long-standing open space contributes (or doesn't) to the historic setting/front yard of City Hall. The RFP delineation of reducing the open space to 45' seems arbitrary given that no analysis has taken place per the Task Force recommendation.

Lambert Giessinger