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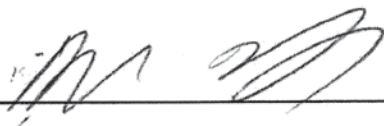
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**To:** Jomsky, Mark; Tornek, Terry; Kennedy, John; Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; McAustin, Margaret; Masuda, Gene; Madison, Steve; Wilson, Andy  
**Subject:** Continued opportunities to address the housing crisis

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Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council members,

I am a 31-year resident of Pasadena. For the past 20 years I have lived in the piece of District 3 that is surrounded by District 5, north of the 210 freeway between Los Robles Ave. and El Molino Ave. Therefore, what I consider "my community" straddles the areas represented by both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Gordo.

You know as well as I do the severity of the affordable housing situation in Pasadena, and you all confront the complexity of finding solutions more than most of us. I wish to thank you for your recent steps to address the issues of homelessness and the need for affordable housing. We are at a critical moment for several decisions that will affect the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of residents, decisions that will be made at the Council's meeting on November 4, 2019.

In the fall of 2016, I began tutoring "Abby," a second-grader at my neighborhood elementary school, as part of a reading intervention program. Our relationship continued for two more years, both as tutor/tutee and, once she was reading at grade level and no longer needed intervention, as a mentor and friend. Abby and her mom lived with two other families in a two-bedroom apartment just across the street from her school (which is in Mr. Gordo's district). In early 2019, they were informed that they would have to move out. The landlord wanted to fix up the apartment and then was going to charge more rent, which Abby's mom couldn't afford, despite working two or three jobs. They searched in vain for another apartment, planning to share it with another family who also had to move. In May, just before the end of the school year, both families picked up and moved to a city far to the east of Pasadena, and I have only seen them twice since then. The lack of affordable housing, even in the areas of Pasadena where it is supposedly concentrated, has disrupted my relationship with Abby and her mom, and I grieve for it.

What if there had been an ordinance restricting the landlord from evicting Abby and her mom without due cause? What if they had found an affordable apartment so that Abby could have stayed at her school and her mom could have remained close to her support network? The City Council may not be able to change the past, but it has the power to protect families like Abby's in the future. Therefore, I urge you to do two things at your meeting on November 4:

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am grateful for the many steps that the Council has taken this year to address the housing and homelessness crisis in our city. This letter addresses four items on the agenda for the Council's meeting on November 4, 2019.

1. I commend the Council's decision to support mixed use of Heritage Square South—commercial development and homeless senior housing.

**I strongly urge you to consider similar mixed use at the Civic Center. We need more permanent supportive housing and affordable family housing.**

**I support the proposal by National CORE and Ratkovich calling for commercial development plus "94 units for low income families.... with 46 units for permanent supportive housing for households who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. . . ."** This proposal best meets the needs of our city and will show that Pasadena cares about its people, not simply profits.

2. Eviction is a significant cause of homelessness and extremely hurtful for low-income families and individuals. **I support the Pasadena Tenants Union. I appreciate that the urgency of the eviction crisis is being taken seriously, and that you are fast-tracking a Tenant Protection ordinance. I urge you to make this ordinance as strong as possible.**

3. I commend the City Council for raising the inclusionary set aside to 20%, raising the in-lieu fee, and eliminating trade downs.

4. I note that the issue of "overconcentration" is being discussed during this session. I believe that affordable and homeless housing should be dispersed throughout our city in every district and area, including Northwest Pasadena. Given the growing impact of gentrification and the exodus of over 25% of African Americans from Pasadena, it makes sense for the city to support affordable housing in Northwest Pasadena where housing prices and rents have skyrocketed and low-income people are being forced to leave. **I urge you to remove the so-called "over-concentration" policy that precludes further affordable housing in that part of the city.**

Thank you for the time and attention given in reviewing this letter.

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Pasadena Resident