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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Chelsea			
Helena			Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Continuing homeless services--especially cold-weather shelters--is absolutely critical and something we as a community should not sacrifice or compromise. I understand that COVID-19 has made logistics surrounding city service provision more complicated, but this is a time to innovate before denying an acutely vulnerable population a potentially life-saving option. Los Angeles is a city with more resources and supports for the unhoused than many others, but even LA's services are stretched in dealing with the impact the pandemic has had on this growing, high-needs group, and Pasadena is a prohibitively long distance for some members of this population to travel to get the help they need. We need to create more avenues to access basic human rights when traditional ones no longer suffice. CDC guidance unequivocally states that homeless shelters should not close or even exclude people testing positive for COVID--rather, more shelters and alternative housing sites should be opened to accommodate overflow, reduce crowding, and include areas for quarantine and isolation. Keeping any person--sick or well--on the streets during a pandemic in which the disease targets one's respiratory system and is highly contagious is both an egregious violation of human dignity and a risk to the rest of Pasadena's population.

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Name: Jordan Rabé **Address:** Los Angeles, CA 90066

Comments:

I am commenting for the the City of Pasadena to put more efforts in giving to the unhoused population appropriate shelter and safety due unbearable weather and pandemic conditions that have affected them tremendously. I ask you all to put yourself in their perspectives that they are fighting to live to see another day and are struggling to tend to their basic human needs, including warm and comfortable shelter. The pandemic forced millions of people out of their jobs and homes and are not receiving the full extend of aid that Pasadena can potentially offer. The city needs to: fund and offer MORE hotel vouchers, allow public spaces for tents and other forms of shelter, offer the vacant FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl as shelter, allow for people to sleep in their cars in parking lots without getting fined or bothered. The country, state, county, and city are neglecting the majority of humans that need aid the most. The city needs to step in and save human lives from suffering from harsh weather and the result of a global pandemic. Please find the kindness in your hearts to bring warmth to the people who need it this holiday.

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Name: Will Dickson **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

This year, for the first time in 30 years, there will be no cold weather shelter for the homeless in Pasadena. During the worst pandemic in 100 years. Our actions during this time define us. This is who we are. Do we step up and to try and help the most vulnerable members of our society? Or do we ignore them? I realize that times are hard and resources are constrained. The pandemic makes providing shelter more challenging. However, it is at precisely such times that we must rise to the occasion and provide help to those in need. We can do this, you can do this. Please help.

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Name: Alex Fleming **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Having no bad weather shelters is not an option. We need action. Allow tents and makeshift shelters without citation. Give additional funds for motel vouchers beyond what the housing department has suggested. The very least let people sleep in their cars. Anything less is cruelty.

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Name: Brita **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pinkston , Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Too often are the marginalized and poor in our society not treated with the same respect and dignity afforded to other citizens. I ask that the council and mayor would recognize that a lack of bad weather shelter is unacceptable to the citizens of Pasadena. I implore you to find ways to humanely provide by increasing the funding to cover motel vouchers for all unsheltered, to put an end to the anti tent and any anti-homeless bans or citations or move along orders. We cannot criminalize people for not having access to shelter causing greater debt or penalty as a result. allow the use of all vacant city owned properties including the fema trailers at the rose bowl. Put an end to giving citations for sleeping in a car. We must provide more for our citizens and cannot allow this to not be addressed, covid cannot be allowed to stop us from providing basic human needs and protecting human rights. The impact to health, resulting in more emergency room visits, expensive tickets, police resources all will be impacted if we do not find housing and change policy during this winter. We as a city must act quickly and broadly.

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Name: Max Boyle **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** , Altadena, CA
91001

Comments:

Over the weekend, it was brought to my attention that the city of Pasadena is no longer offering the cold weather shelters for those experiencing homelessness. In my twelve years in pastoring and partnering with the Pasadena community, I have come into the paths of many who are dependent on these shelters to survive. If indeed the shelters are not available for the community, then the following must be in effect: the increase of funds for motel vouchers beyond what the housing department is requesting, allow tents and suspend citations for makeshift shelters, make use of any and all vacant city owned property, make use of housing facilities INCLUDING the 45 FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl, which are currently vacant and finally to allow people to sleep in their cars overnight without citation. 2020 has been a very difficult financial year for the majority of world citizens, those experiencing homelessness are not exempt from this. I plea with you to look at this issue more than a financial obstacle, but simply a human rights issue. All those who are experiencing homelessness have a right to live and let's aid them in any way we can.

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Name: Douglas Yamashita **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91801

Comments:

Since bad weather shelters will not be available this winter, under its constitutional obligation to care for the lives of the homeless currently threatened by hipotermia, the city of Pasadena must authorize safe havens to function in all parking buildings in the city, protecting the homeless from the rain as well as providing ponchos, coats and or tents!

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Name: Chris Fennessy **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** , PASADENA, CA 91106

Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident and I believe we need to do more for our unhoused community than what is proposed. We should make sure that our community is not in any danger of citations from sleeping in cars or using tents or makeshift shelters. We should increase the funding for motel vouchers beyond what the Housing Department is proposing. And we should use all available City property as shelters, including the FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl. We are in the midst of many crises, and the most vulnerable of us are hit the hardest. It is our responsibility to do all that we can to save lives. With the weather worsening at a time when the city is under stay-at-home orders, not everyone has the privilege of somewhere to stay and protect themselves from the weather and the COVID-19 Pandemic. Providing shelters for those who need them to stay safe, dry, and warm is the only way to treat them as fellow humans, and it is incumbent on us as a community to do all that we can. Thank you.

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Name: Peishi Cheng **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I am a resident in District 7 stating my support for the actions requested in the Pasadena For All letter. Explicitly, the letter requests additional expenditure of the CARES act funding in excess of the ~\$419,000 that is slated to be approved, since that amount would cover too few of our unhoused neighbors in Pasadena. The letter also requests suspension of Pasadena MC 17.50.320 which currently only allows tents set up with permits. Criminalizing homelessness under what one might call "normal" circumstances is wrong, and even more unconscionable given the situation now. I also support the suspension of overnight parking restrictions (MC 10.44.010) so that unhoused neighbors may sleep in their vehicles without of further penalization . Finally, I support the use of the the empty trailers in the Rose Bowl and other unoccupied city properties as shelter for people dealing with homelessness.

The Housing department has clearly made steps towards addressing this issue, but can and should do more. They can do more if the council expands the window of operation for the department. The Housing department should also consider purchase and distribution of tents for those who need them. The lives of our neighbors outweigh any concerns of unsightliness.

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Name: pj Johnson **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91116-6371

Comments:

City Council Members

Hear my humble cry. I write from my warm and comfortable apartment #3 Thank you Jesus. Council members you sit in your home with internet working presumably on behalf of the PEOPLE in a time of pandemic and racial unrest OBVIOUSLY. So in a time of forced isolation for the health of the world why aren't we showing the charity, goodwill and compassion this season is so often about. Please Council Members do the right thing in Providing: Funds for Motel Vouchers beyond the request from Housing Department,

-Allow tents and suspend citations for makeshift shelters

-Make use of any and all vacant city-owned property, INCLUDING the reported 50 FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl, which sit vacant.

-Safe parking shelter for people to sleep in their cars overnight without citation

When you did it to the lease of them goes the scripture... Corona has not hurt the people it is those in power who turn their heads when they should have extended their hand. Corona gives us the opportunity to show the humanity we all possess. City Council please show your humanity in the face of this time of utter destitution, and be a part of the beginning resolution.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Sarah Cruz		4	Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Please don't let people die on the streets. Keep these essential shelters open. Let's show that Pasadena has humanity and we are all in this together.

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Name: Leah Bartels **Email:** ' **Address:** Glendale, CA 91208

Comments:

I beg the council to provide bad weather shelter as a way to support the unhoused, who have protections from neither the elements NOR the coronavirus without our support. The FEMA trailers at the rose bowl are vacant; surely this is the time for more accommodations, not fewer? Have a heart.

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Name: Lexine Mackenzie **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Temple City, CA 91780

Comments:

Given the ongoing pandemic, it is unacceptable that there will be no bad weather shelter and no alternatives this winter for our unhoused neighbors to stay safe. Many spaces previously used for shelter are inaccessible due to pandemic restrictions, making it all the more vital that the city step up to ensure those without homes are not left out in the cold. I support the proposed solutions of additional motel vouchers, allowing tents and suspending citations for makeshift shelters, using vacant city properties such as the FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl, and allowing people to sleep in their cars overnight without fear of parking citations. Please keep in mind the humanity of those who will be left out in the rain and the cold if you do not act. Please keep in mind the lives that may be saved by enacting these proposed solutions.

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Name: Topher Mathers **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Mayor and City Council, the cold winter is upon us and homelessness continues to be a serious crisis. We as a City need to do whatever we can to address the needs of our unhoused neighbors by doing the following: 1) Funds for motel vouchers beyond what the Housing Department is requesting.

2) Allow tents and suspend citations for makeshift shelters.

3) Make use of any and all vacant city-owned property, housing, facilities INCLUDING the reported 50 FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl. These trailers were provided by the state for the city to use them as they see fit, and are currently sitting vacant.

4) Safe parking by allowing people to sleep in their cars overnight without citation.

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Name: Anthony Manousos **Email:** **Phone:** - **Address:** Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I support wholeheartedly the homeless services provided by Union Station and Friends Indeed, but I am concerned that the Pasadena police have been increasingly citing homeless people during the past few years. Even though the number of homeless people in our city has declined, the number of citations has increased threefold, according to Pasadena Now. See <http://pasadenanow.net/main/pasadena-homeless-arrests-citations-soar/#.X9engthKg2w>. Please direct the police to show more mercy towards our homeless neighbors and minimize citations during this pandemic period. In addition, I request the Council to direct the City Manager to determine whether there are vacant, city-owned properties that could be used for shelter during the winter, such as covered parking structures. If so, we ask the Council to suspend any applicable municipal code provisions to allow unsheltered residents to sleep in those properties overnight this winter. Just as the Council made allowances for restaurants to use city sidewalks and streets for their business, let's give a break to our homeless neighbors to make their life more tolerable this winter.

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Name: Adriana Bautista **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

How is it that Pasadena, City of Roses, thinks it's okay to leave the houseless population without any bad weather shelter in a year when it's most needed? Pasadena needs to up this assistance vigorously this year and for as long as it's needed. We bailed out the Rose Bowl and for what? They are refusing to help this City's most at-risk during a pandemic. We can't take no - force them to set up the trailers. No trailers, no more money. Amend that contract. Find a site in the City and put the public health of ALL of Pasadena's residents first. People are loosing housing as we speak due to lack of support and widespread evictions and unemployment. As a City that has its own Public Health dept, we should be aiming for better than the County's measures not worse. And we certainly should not be leaving the houseless citizens stranded. Motel vouchers are a start not a finish.

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Name: Scott O'Connor **Email:** **Address:** Aladena, CA 91001

Comments:

I fully support the measures proposed by our local church and outreach groups, including, expanding vouchers for motel stays, allowing those who live in their vehicles to park overnight without harassment, and allowing tents for our unhoused neighbors without vehicles. This is a public health crisis within the COVID public health crisis, and we must act accordingly, creatively, and compassionately.

Thank you.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Margaret Muñoz			, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Margaret Muñoz. I am Sierra Madre resident, a PUSD graduate, and a member of Pasadena for All. Our organization is a volunteer-run grassroots organization providing street outreach to unsheltered Pasadena residents. While volunteering, I have witnessed the saddening living conditions of our unhoused neighbors. Over the past few weeks, Pasadena for All has received countless requests for sleeping bags, blankets, warm pants, jackets, and beanies. Devastatingly, these requests always outnumber our available supply. The lack of bad weather shelters this winter will only worsen conditions for our most vulnerable, who are already trying to survive a pandemic. This should not be happening in Pasadena. The current proposed plan and motel vouchers are not enough. The City of Pasadena must do more. I ask you to immediately consider implementing four solutions. First, more funds for motel vouchers. Second, suspend citations so people can shelter in tents. Third, all vacant city-owned properties must be used as shelter. Fourth, citations need to be suspended to allow people to sleep in their cars overnight. As one of our unhoused friends said during an outreach, "It doesn't have to be this way."

Margaret Muñoz

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address: _____
Patricia			ie, Sierra Madre,
Muñoz			CA 91024

Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a Sierra Madre resident and the parent of a PUSD graduate. Though I live in Sierra Madre, many of my daily activities take place in your great city. It troubles me to learn that the City of Pasadena will not be hosting any bad weather shelters this winter. In the coming weeks and as winter arrives, Pasadena, like most of Southern California, will experience lower temperatures, especially in the evening as we all well know. It is under these winter conditions that unsheltered people die every year in Los Angeles County. In the three years leading up to 2019, 13 unhoused individuals died from cold weather exposure in LA County. These deaths occurred though bad weather shelters were operating at that time. I cannot image how many unhoused people may die this winter if cities like Pasadena do not provide bad weather shelters. Our unhoused neighbors risk dying if nothing is done. The current proposed plan and motel vouchers are not enough. The City of Pasadena must do more. It is never too late. I ask you to immediately consider implementing Pasadena for All's four proposed solutions.

Thank you,

Patricia Muñoz

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Name: Thomas McNamara	Email:	Phone:	Address: e, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
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Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Thomas McNamara. I am a Sierra Madre resident and the parent of a PUSD graduate. I am extremely worried about the potentially catastrophic consequences of the City of Pasadena's decision to not host any bad weather shelters this winter. Pasadena's homeless are at great risk of illness and death due to Covid-19, coupled with incoming cold and rainy winter weather. The City of Pasadena strives to set an example for neighboring SGV cities. If Pasadena hopes to continue setting an example, the City must do more to ensure our unhoused residents are safe and sheltered this winter. It is crucial that the City of Pasadena reevaluate its current proposed plan, as it is not enough. A new plan must be devised, including some or all of Pasadena for All's four proposed solutions at the very least. There is great community interest in supporting the unhoused this winter. The City of Pasadena must cooperate with advocates and community organizations so that we can work together to ensure the safety of unhoused Pasadenans this winter.

Respectfully,

Thomas McNamara

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Name: Jill Suzanne Shook	Email: -----	Phone: -----	Address: Pasadena, CA 91104, Pasadena, CA 91104
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Comments:

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

Congratulations to all who won elections!!

Ultimately cities are judged by how they treat the most vulnerable. With an average of three homeless folks per day dying on the street in LA, we can stop such tragic statistics in Pasadena before it happens again. I say again, because sometime between 1986-87 a man died of hypothermia on a Pasadena bus stop, motivating Joe Collette to help start the Bad Weather Shelter. I understand the challenges of COVID to keep the shelter open, but I believe we can and must do more. Please consider:

1. More Funds for motel vouchers beyond what the Housing Department is requesting
2. Expand Safe Haven to more churches, allow tents and suspend citations for makeshift shelters.
3. Make use of all vacant city-owned property, INCLUDING the reported 50 FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl.
4. Permit Safe parking by allowing people to sleep in their cars overnight without citation and well as on church parking lots.

Let's make sure Pasadena is judged by how we show compassion, how we care for the most vulnerable, by treating them as we would want to be treated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Shook

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Allison			, Pasadena, CA
Henry			91104

Comments:

Dear Council,

I'm a District 3 resident and I signed onto the Pasadena For All letter submitted. I've spent years advocating on behalf of tenants in Pasadena trying to stave off homelessness. I urge the council to do MORE for our unhoused neighbors!

The city made tremendous efforts to work with our restaurant community to come up with creative, flexible solutions. We need to focus that same power and WILL to figure out bad weather shelter for winter. We have provided council with some suggestions—be creative, be compassionate, be brave. People are dying on the streets of LA County. Already we have surpassed 2019's number of deaths of unsheltered residents. And this in addition to suspending the homeless count—one of the few tools available to gather data on our biggest economic problem.

Pasadena has its own health department. Can't we leverage their knowledge and creative capacity to figure out and support best COVID19 protocols and practices? I know that the council is interested in supporting additional work and efforts, and that includes volunteers. While volunteers can and have stepped up, we can do better.

The specter of a cruel, Victorian holiday season is unacceptable. Thank you.

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Name: Kimberly Douglas
Email:
Phone:
Address: Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I find it unconscionable that the City of Pasadena is unable to organize shelter relief for those left outside particularly at this time of year. At the very least it has to be possible to arrange for safe overnight parking immediately. Afterall, in the coming months the renter community is facing possible evictions at a scale not seen in many many decades. People and families will aim to stay close to those they know, schools for the children, and existing workplaces to keep a job. The City should want them to stay close to their safety network as they work to resolve individual situations.

I urge the City to take this very seriously because it is likely to only get much worse with no financial or regulatory relief from either the State or Federal governments.

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Name: Jochen Strack **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I am a nurse and a nurse practitioner in Pasadena. I worked with Union Station to visit homeless people as a nurse practitioner and continue to do so through ChapCare. The people on the streets who have been there for many years need a shelter during winter. More people die on the street from cold weather in greater Los Angeles than in New York City. It does not need to be below 32F die from cold weather.

This is the season where we celebrate a family that could not find decent housing. Let's help those today!

Jochen Strack, NP

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