

CORRESPONDENCE

Reese, Latasha

From: Peter Hartgens <pch.knowledge@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:19 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Heritage Square, South project.

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Dear mayor and city Council members,

A further thanks in the good work that you and the council members have been doing as to low-cost housing and supportive housing for the homeless. It is much appreciated.

Therefore, please continue in this forward progressive manner in approving the Heritage Square, South project. It would be a very important step forward in this much-needed work. Therefore I even employee you are to approve this project. Thanks

Sincerely,
Peter C Hartgens OFM, MSW

Sent from my iPad

Reese, Latasha

From: Kathy Simpson <KSimpson33@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Please approve the Heritage Square South Housing for Homeless Seniors

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Dear Elected Officials:

I am writing to urge you to pass the initiative to house homeless seniors in our community at the Heritage Square South facility. The critical need for Pasadena to have housing for homeless seniors has now reached emergency status due to the Corona Virus. As you know, without housing our homeless seniors are hopeless and cannot begin to get their lives on track. Inevitably, the incidence of serious illness and death will increase if we continue to not service this population in our beautiful city.

In addition to the impact to them, having homeless people in general, but specifically senior citizens, increases the risk to our population at large in terms of infection spread.

I am asking you to pass this initiative so that we can move forward in our efforts to reduce homelessness in Pasadena.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn Simpson
1425 Rutherford Dr.
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Reese, Latasha

From: Melanie Dzugan <dzuganmelanie@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support for homeless senior housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing to voice my support for funding homeless senior housing at Heritage Square South. This measure has great potential to alleviate homelessness 1) at this moment of social empathy, 2) due to its location and surroundings, and 3) previously expressed support from the community.

I have lived in Pasadena since 2018 as a Fuller student earning a PhD in Ethics. In this time, I have built relationships with homeless and formerly homeless neighbors in our city through Centennial Place and Union Station. Through their experiences, and now through our shared experiences working from home during social distancing, I realize it's difficult enough to work and live in the comfort of your own home let alone if one does not have the stability, resources, and safety that a house provides. A housed community offers hope, and this moment and location at Heritage Square South is particularly hopeful.

Please approve funding for this homeless senior housing at Heritage Square South.

Many thanks,

Melanie Dzugan

Reese, Latasha

From: david mccann <davidmccann11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Housing for the Homeless

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

As a new resident in the area, I am concerned about the right rate of homelessness I see around me. I know all of us could be that person under unfortunate conditions a few months from now.

I thank you for your unanimous approval of homeless senior housing at Heritage Square South in 2018. I urge you to give final approval for funding this project. At that time, you wisely urged the current developer to submit a proposal asap. Seniors are a growing segment of the City's homeless population and urgently need housing. According to the 2019 Homeless Count, one third of Pasadena's homeless population is 55 years old or older. Many are on the street because of rising rents and a lack of affordable housing. Heritage Square South is an ideal site since it has wide-spread community support from churches and neighbors in Northwest Pasadena. It is close to a pharmacy, grocery store, restaurants and public transportation. It is next door to another senior facility that can provide supportive services. Using this site for affordable housing is appropriate since it was purchased with HUD funding for this use. It will not use the City's General Funds and may add tax revenue since the project also includes commercial use. The sooner we house our city's elderly homeless population, the better!

1. There has been overwhelming public support for housing homeless seniors at this site from churches and neighbors. Over 1,000 letters and signatures were gathered to support this project. Hundreds of people have shown up in support during Council meetings. Opposition has been minimal. That's why the Council unanimously approved mixed use (homeless senior housing and commercial) for this site in December 2018. The Council was so eager to house homeless seniors that it fast-tracked this project by quickly identifying an experienced developer to come up with a proposal and vet it with the community asap. That process has taken two years. It will take another two or three years to complete the project once it is approved.

2. The Covid 19 crisis has shown us that homeless seniors are the most vulnerable population and therefore have the greatest need for housing. According to the 2019 Homeless Count, one third of those experiencing homelessness in Pasadena are 55 years old or older, and many are homeless because of rising rents. The sooner that this population is housed, the better.

3. This is an ideal site for seniors. It's near public transport, pharmacy, grocery store, and restaurants—everything that elderly people need. It's also next door to another senior housing center (Heritage Square North) so resources can be shared.

4. If the project is delayed, it could jeopardize funding. This land was purchased with HUD money for affordable housing 15 years ago and at some point the money will have to be returned if the site isn't used for this purpose. Since this project doesn't require money from the City's

General Fund, now is the time to act and let this much needed project move forward.

Thank you, David McCann

Reese, Latasha

From: Sabrina G Liao <dragolfotter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 8:26 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Final approval to the Heritage Square South project

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I heard that there will be a Pasadena City Council Meeting session on May 4th. I thank you for your unanimous approval of homeless senior housing at Heritage Square South in 2018. I urge you to give final approval for funding this project. At that time, you wisely urged the current developer to submit a proposal asap. Seniors are a growing segment of the City's homeless population and urgently need housing. According to the 2019 Homeless Count, one third of Pasadena's homeless population is 55 years old or older. Many are on the street because of rising rents and a lack of affordable housing. Heritage Square South is an ideal site since it has wide-spread community support from churches and neighbors in Northwest Pasadena. It is close to a pharmacy, grocery store, restaurants and public transportation. It is next door to another senior facility that can provide supportive services. Using this site for affordable housing is appropriate since it was purchased with HUD funding for this use. It will not use the City's General Funds and may add tax revenue since the project also includes commercial use. The sooner we house our city's elderly homeless population, the better!

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I know this just feels like a template many use to bring this to your attention, but I wanted to make sure this got in front of your eyes. Please believe that anyone who hears about these efforts will be that much more ecstatic about getting this seen through, so please give this the last push it needs!

Respectfully yours,
Sabrina

Martinez, Ruben

From: Beverly DeVoy <beverlydevoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2020 12:20 PM
To: De La Cuba, Vannia; Public Comment
Subject: Approval of Heritage Square South

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As residents of district 5 we want to city council to vote and appropriate answer of "YES" to approve this housing project. As citizens of 35+ years living in urban Pasadena, we know and understand the challenges for the homeless. Let district 5 be a leader in saying yes. Bev DeVoy & Jim Doyel husband & wife , 99 N.Catalina Ave # 2, Pasadena Ca 99106

Reese, Latasha

From: Connie Millsap <cmillsap@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Anthony Manousos
Subject: Heritage Square South

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Thank you for your support of the development this project to date. Today is the final vote to move forward. I am not aware of any obstacles that would prevent this final approval.

Our City stats on the demographics of our unhoused neighbors indicate that there is a large percentage who could benefit by having Senior Supportive Housing if available. Permanent Supportive Housing is one of the answers to the larger affordable housing issue.

On behalf of the congregation of First United Methodist Church, I encourage you to continue to support the development of Heritage Square South with an affirmative vote.

Sincerely,
Rev. Connie Millsap
First United Methodist Church
Liaison to Making Housing and Community Happen/Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

Martinez, Ruben

From: director Friends In Deed <director@friendsindeedpas.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Heritage Square South

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I thank you for your unanimous approval of homeless senior housing at Heritage Square South in 2018. I also want to thank you for your 100% vote in support of the Salvation Army proposal to build permanent supportive housing. I urge you to give final approval for both these proposals. Pasadena's homeless population will undoubtedly increase as a result of the Covid 19 crisis and its economic fallout. The Salvation Army proposal meets an urgent need, and has not met with much opposition from neighbors. Heritage Square South has wide-spread community support from congregations and neighbors in Northwest Pasadena.

The work of Friends In Deed supports the folks that will live in these places, and we know firsthand how critical it is to have safe and supportive housing for our most vulnerable neighbors, including the many seniors amongst us. The Bible tells us to "do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord;" I can't think of a better way to live out this teaching than by building these two important housing locations.

Thank you for your leadership and best wishes,
Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater

Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater
Executive Director, Friends in Deed

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'Doing Together What We Can't Do Alone'

Martinez, Ruben

From: A c Spencer <spencer33ang@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 7:04 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Permanent supportive housing project

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Please approve the permanent supportive housing project at Heritage Square South and Salvation Army site

Thank you

05/11/2020
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