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Name Allison Henry

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Meeting Date May 11, 2020

Agenda Item Number 7 and 9

Comments Greetings Council.

My name is Allison Henry and I live in District 3. I write to support item 7, over 60 units of permanent supportive housing for seniors. Seniors are a fast growing segment of our unhoused neighbors, and we need to do more to keep them in sustainable and permanent housing. Heritage Square South is a fine addition to our Pasadena landscape.

I also write re item 9 the revised eviction moratorium. While we are grateful for further considerations such as prohibitions on harassment, it is disappointing to see the payback period be kept at 6 months and a step-back from tenant self-certification. I am concerned that in a tenant majority city, there are too many landlords on council who represent property over people. And if all members actually recused themselves, we would have no quorum. This is why people say local government is corrupt and why tenants have an uphill battle. And on this point, may we encourage council members to get their own legal counsel and NOT rely on asking the city attorney during council meetings--it makes members look uninformed and/or corrupt. The concern around conflict of interest is real and widely felt in the Pasadena community. Thank you.

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Agenda Item Number 7

Comments Dear Mayor and City Council members.

I have lived in Pasadena for 49 years and I urge you to give final approval for funding the Heritage Square South project.

Seniors are a growing segment of the area'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. There is a chance of more seniors 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.

You are to be congratulated for facilitating this project and others such as the new Salvation Army plan. Now please vote for the final funding for Heritage Square South.

Thank you.

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Agenda Item Number # 7 Heritage Square South

Comments Dear Mayor and City Council members. I want to thank you for your unanimous support of permanent supportive housing at Heritage Square South in December 2018. At that time, you recognized the urgent need to house our homeless seniors and later recommended that Bridge Housing submit a proposal so it could be fast tracked. Since then, the need has grown even more pressing due to the Covid 19 crisis. On behalf of Orange Grove Friends (Quaker) Meeting, I urge you to support funding Heritage Square South so it can be completed as quickly as possible. Orange Grove Friends (Quakers) unanimously approved the following statement in June 2018:

Orange Grove Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urges the Pasadena City Council to approve using Heritage Square South to provide permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors. The need to house this vulnerable population is urgent since number of homeless seniors increased 65% over the past three years, from 153 in 2016 to 253 in 2017. The overall homeless count increased 28% in the past two years, from 530 to 677. We feel that housing our homeless neighbors is an issue of social justice as well as a moral imperative for our City.

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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Agenda Item Number 7

Comments As a Pasadena resident of 5 years, homeowner, and concerned citizen for our most vulnerable seniors experiencing homelessness, I urge City Council to approve the "Heritage Square South" project, the budget appropriations, the key business terms, and the City Manager and City Clerk to effectuate the staff recommendation. Please do this for the residents who've contributed so much to our City over the decades, and who need our City now more than ever. Thank you.

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Agenda Item Number 7

Comments Please give final approval to Heritage Square South which will house 69 seniors who have been experiencing homelessness. We need housing that will serve this population more than ever because the economic recession caused by the Covid19 crisis is exacerbating an already severe affordable housing and homelessness crisis. The corner of Orange Grove Blvd. and Fair Oaks Avenue is an ideal location for this project because it puts very low income residents near public transit and shopping. Also, this project will not use money from the city's general fund.

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.

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