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**From:** City Web  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 09, 2020 12:33 PM  
**To:** Public Comment; City\_Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on May 11, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

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**City** Pasadena

**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91101

**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

**Agenda Item Number** 7

**Comments** Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and Staff,

My name is Barbra Bowman and I live in District 5 near Villa Parke. I also work at Union Station Homeless Services as a program manager overseeing housing matching and data for single adults who are homeless.

I am writing in support of the Heritage Square South development. This is a win-win-win for Pasadena. We need more supportive housing for seniors. I can attest to this as someone at the frontlines managing the data and connections to housing for homeless adults in Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley. Seniors are one of the fastest growing segments of our homelessness population. This space offers great commercial opportunities. And, this development does not rely on any money from the City's General Fund. I encourage you to move this development forward.

Creating more affordable and supportive housing is the only proven way to solve homelessness.

Thank you for your time and commitment to date to moving this project forward. Stay safe!

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**From:** City Web  
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**City** Pasadena

**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91107

**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

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**Comments** My name is Sonja Berndt and I am a long-time resident of Pasadena. I urge the City Council to approve the proposed key business terms and budget amendment for the Heritage Square South project, which will include 69 units of critically-needed permanent supportive housing for our homeless seniors. This is an incredible opportunity for our City given that no general funds will be needed for the project AND it will provide for retail space as well. Moreover, the project has requirements for local hires, local contracting, and local purchasing agreements which will likely bring millions of much-needed dollars to the City. This exceptional project provides critical social, as well as economic, benefits to our City. However, given that project completion is not expected until early 2024, I urge the Council to task the Housing Department with researching and presenting to the Council more immediate solutions for our unsheltered neighbors in the meantime, such as modular housing and safe parking programs. Thank you for your consideration and many thanks to our Housing Department for the detailed and thoughtful report in support of its recommendations.

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

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**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

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**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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**City** Pasadena

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**Zip Code** 91104

**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

**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.

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**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91107

**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

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**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.

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

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**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91101

**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

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**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 aloud during the meeting.** Yes

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**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91106

**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

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**Comments** I join Teresa with Everyone In, Sonja with GPAHG and other supporters in urging the City Council to approve the proposed key business terms and budget amendment for the Heritage Square South project, which will include 69 units of critically-needed permanent supportive housing for our homeless seniors. This is an unparalleled opportunity for our City given that no general funds will be needed for the project AND it will provide for retail space as well. This exceptional project provides critical social, as well as economic, benefits to our City. However, given that project completion is not expected until early 2024, I urge the Council to task the Housing Department with researching and presenting to the Council more immediate solutions for our unsheltered neighbors in the meantime, such as modular housing and safe parking programs.

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**Zip Code** 91107

**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

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**Comments** I am in full support of the Heritage Square South development. The city of Pasadena has shown time and time again that we are the leaders on the issue of homelessness and we must continue that trend by approving supportive housing that will help our most vulnerable population, seniors. Stand with what is right and move forward with this development!

**I consent to have  
my comment read  
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Yes

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**Meeting Date** May 11, 2020

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**Comments** Dear Mayor and City Council Members  
I write to ask you to approve Heritage Square South project. I thank you for all the great work which Pasadena has already done and think this is an excellent step forward to ending homelessness. We need the 69 units of Permanent Supportive Housing which this project provides.  
Before the Covid-19 crisis I walked often to Pasadena Presbyterian Church and never failed to meet persons experiencing homelessness on the streets along the way. Our congregation provides meals twice weekly; we grieve to see our friends leave for the streets. As a retired Director of Mental Health Services in LA County I can assure you that many of them need the extra help which Permanent Supportive Housing provides .  
Furthermore, our city homeless counts, in which I have participated for 3 years, shows the largest increase in our homeless population is seniors. This project -with 69 units of Permanent Supportive Housing - is appropriately designed to help fill the needs of this group. It is an excellent proposal, well designed .There are so many good reasons to enthusiastically support the Heritage Square South - I urge you to give it final approval today.

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

Yes

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