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Name: Sonja K Berndt **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I urge the Council to address Pasadena's severe affordable housing crisis in a productive way, rather than waste time and resources appealing SCAG's draft RHNA Allocation. The new Allocation Plan will help our City to become a thriving, vibrant community, which requires residents of all income levels. Fighting the State in a losing battle on RHNA Allocation or housing legislation does nothing to solve our affordable housing crisis. We recently closed several public schools due to declining enrollment caused, in part, by our high housing costs. Families are moving away because they cannot afford to live here. We know that our economic disparities fall harder on women and people of color. Lower-wage workers such as teachers, cashiers, salespersons, food service workers, bus drivers, and others are not going to commute four hours a day to work in Pasadena, nor should we expect them to do so. Pasadena's employers and institutions such as Hilton, Day One, All Saints', PUSD, Trader Joe's, PCC, and restaurants along Colorado Boulevard and Lake Avenue rely on people being able to live here, and live here affordably. Please move forward with plans to ensure our City is affordable for residents at all income levels. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Susan Barry Baggott **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91106

Comments:

My husband Robert C Baggott and I have lived in Pasadena for 32 years. We and our five children are active in the community helping the homeless through the decades and especially now. We strongly oppose this measure to allow over 9400 units to be added to our already bulging beloved City of Pasadena. Please please please vote to appeal this most harmful allocation that would forever ruin and change our city and its ability to thrive again.

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Name: Erika Foy **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

One State mandate after another has attacked Pasadena's "Local Control" over our City's vital interest in managing land use policies and decisions. Local control is even more important to a City like Pasadena, which is a charter city and entitled to a high level of local control.

Recently, an article, on local control and RHNA allocation appeared in the Santa Monica Mirror. The title of the article is "Losing our City!" "Once our "infill" neighborhoods are densified, our city gridlocked with unplanned 20%+ resident increases...there will be no going back when the {urban planning} experiment fails. The future of our city is slipping out of our hands . . .unless we pay start paying attention."

This is exactly our situation in Pasadena: we are losing our City. Consider what has happened to Pasadena from the current RHNA Allocation which is a fraction of the next one: the character and scale of our City is slipping out of our hands. This Council must start to take back local control as an important step: Appealing the next SCAG Pasadena RHNA Allocation is a must and we need to tell our state representatives that this legislation is unacceptable.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Livable			
Pasadena			Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

We urge Council to vote to appeal Pasadena's housing allotment. Development and housing are local issues that we should be able to tackle ourselves. It should not be driven by arbitrary declarations from Sacramento. We can find solutions that work for us. Now is the time to fight to keep local control over Pasadena's future. Livable Pasadena believes the vote to appeal or not appeal will be one of the most consequential of decisions to be made by this council that will have decades of repercussions for the future of our city. There will be no going back if this legislation is not challenged. The RHNA allocation uses highly contestable assumptions that allow developers to expand their stranglehold on our city while making a fortune at our city's expense. Who will pay for all the infrastructure needs to keep our city running while adding this incredible density? This RHNA allocation is a threat to every Pasadena residents quality of life and must be challenged. Once we become this densified, our city will be gridlocked and mega developments lacking in character, scale and open space will be the norm. The time has come to stand up for Pasadena..

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Name: Anthony Manousos **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I'm writing in support of authorizing a contract with a consultant to help with the Housing Element. We need to plan our Housing Element wisely so we can produce the units required by SCAG and at the same time maintain the character of our city through smart growth and appropriate design and planning. As a person of faith, I'm concerned that the Housing Element take into account the need of low-income residents for affordable housing, and ensure that city workers, teachers, and essential workers do not have to commute long distances to work here. 55% of Pasadena teachers commute because of rising housing costs in our city. A quarter of the African American community has left our city for similar reasons. I also want our next Housing Element to zone our city in such a way that we don't see an exodus of the Latinx community as we have done with the African American community due to gentrification. To affirmatively further fair housing, we need engagement from these communities as the Housing Element is revised. As affordable housing advocates, we're willing to assist the city to help ensure that these voices are heard.

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Name: Areta	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Crowell			, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

The RHNA requirement gives Pasadena an opportunity to creatively meet the needs of the city , to live up to its stated goals of socioeconomic and ethnic diversity while helping to meet the urgent need for more housing. But for concerned citizens to understand fully how we can help those who work here to live here , to meet the RHNA goals, we need more data .

The city should make available data on such items as vacancy rates. We hear rumors that there are many vacant units!

We need data on potential building sites according to current zoning , and data on the number, location and quality of existing rental stock. A rental registry would be a great service and assist with planning to meet our needs.

Pasadena should make clear where high rise/high density can be encouraged. Such projects can help meet our housing needs while being good for the environment.

I do not think it is worthwhile to fight the RHNA assignment- better to put resources into getting good data to guide necessary zoning and master plan changes . Our beautiful city can remain beautiful and still help more people to make their home here.

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Name: Anne Marie Molina
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Phone:
Address: PASADENA, CA 91104

Comments:

Please reconsider an attempt to appeal SCAGS RHNA allocation I would encourage you to consider using your resources towards meeting the ethical goals set forth.

Due to the economic crisis we've had a loss of local businesses, students leaving PUSD, and members of our church congregations. There is an idea that there is an overconcentration of affordable housing in Northwest, who in NW would say yes, we are flooded with safe affordable housing?

Our local churches are now commuter congregations instead of local places of worship. We have so many churches on N. Fair Oaks that are interested in building affordable units that will support our churches and create a more vibrant community.

On a personal note as an NW resident I'd like to share our struggle with the smoke and ash and attempting to provide protection to our families from COVID. I have heart disease and on disability and might not be able to afford rent this month my family of 7 could not even fit in our 5-seat car if we needed to evacuate. I am blessed to be currently housed but many of our neighbors are in imminent danger. I pray you use your positions to make systemic economic reformative housing justice in our beautiful city.

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Name: Nina Chomsky, for the Linda Vista-Annandale Association
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Comments:

Pasadena should appeal the next RHNA Allocation.

At the Planning Commission and the Legislative Policy Committee, Planning Director Reyes argued that Pasadena does not need to Appeal because the City will meet basic RHNA process, i.e. sufficient Zoning and Housing policies and Planning. This ignores that the RHNA Allocation process is more than one step. The second step is production of most, if not all, of the allocated units with major feasibility challenges. And, consider where we are now: several projects in scale and character with Pasadena, and many massive, dense buildings providing mainly expensive “luxury” housing. Plus, all this in our primarily “built-out” City.

Further, the next RHNA Allocation is regulatory, and there are penalties for failures. At the Planning Commission, staff argued that there will be little risk of penalties because Pasadena will comply with Zoning and Housing Policy rules.

Yet, the Staff Report for this Council meeting lists penalties for both Planning and production failures. Several penalties allow the State to look through and challenge Pasadena’s “paperwork”.

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Plus, what is to stop the Legislature or administrators imposing new penalties, undermining Local Control, if there is displeasure with Pasadena's Planning paperwork or production efforts?

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Name: Martha Kriley
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Comments:

I wish to express my concerns about my city's affordable housing shortage. Exclusionary zoning and land use practices have led to an undersupply of affordable medium- and high-density housing near jobs and transit, and have perpetuated segregated living patterns and the exclusion of historically disadvantaged communities.

Several new state laws have strengthened the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which sets a housing growth target for jurisdictions and requires jurisdictions to update their housing elements in compliance with these targets.

Based on recent commentary from Pasadena's elected officials, we are concerned that Pasadena will fail to fulfill its obligation to update its housing element in a way that fully accommodates the RHNA target and conforms with state law.

 It is possible for Pasadena to accommodate 9,409 more homes by the end of the decade; this will require Pasadena to update its zoning and land use rules, allow more higher-density housing production, and to prioritize funding for affordable housing opportunities. This will increase the supply of housing at all income levels, especially near jobs and transit, and bring down rents. As the housing element update process begins, we urge you to embrace the opportunity to make Pasadena a more affordable, inclusive city and help end our region's housing crisis.

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Name: Dan Beal **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA
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Comments:

Attached to the joint letter on this agenda item from the Linda Vista-Annandale Association, the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association and the West Pasadena Residents' Association is a summary of input from several cities within SCAG. These cities are concerned about the impacts of these next RHNA Allocations on their cities, and it appears that most, if not all, will appeal. These letters raise important issues: why is Pasadena so passive in the current RHNA Allocation process and why is Pasadena not committed to appealing it? It seems that Pasadena would be stronger in partnership with other cities challenging the upcoming RHNA process and seeking significant changes to this State mandate. These cities, plus Pasadena, may have the combined power to seek and make constructive change to this next RHNA process. Pasadena should appeal this next RHNA Allocation, joining, it appears, several other SCAG cities.

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Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Council,

We have a grand opportunity given to us by the state's RHNA numbers to provide housing for all our people, all our sisters and brothers. We have an opportunity to stop displacement, begin to correct the racist housing policy of the past, and end homelessness in our city.

We have been tasked with building almost 6,000 units of affordable housing. This is a completely realizable and necessary goal, but we'll need to use every possible means to achieve it.

One of those means that I want to emphasize is to change zoning for churches so that churches can partner with affordable housing developers to build the needed housing. More than 7 churches in Pasadena want to build, but the zoning needs to be changed.

The state has given us a way to overcome our own hesitancy and doubts about building the needed housing by requiring this of us. Let's not fight it but rather rise to the challenge to establish justice in our city and build the beloved community that MLK talked about, where, in the words of the prophet Micah, everyone has a home to live in with no one to make them afraid (Micah 4:4).

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Name: George Korzen **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

“Make Pasadena Great Again” is the catchphrase the council should adopt as it continues to vainly yet relentlessly obstruct efforts to ease California’s housing burden. Some racial and ethnic lines have ever so slightly blurred in our “Fair City, lulling most of us into a wonderland of complacency. When in fact, the line between the “Haves” and “Have nots” only sharpened as a result of the real estate industrial complex. Using code such as “fabric of the neighborhood” is simply an effort to replace overt redlining and covenant agreements. For example, if Pasadena had thoughtfully loosened its stranglehold grip on ADU restrictions years ago, Sacramento’s effort to enact legislation and hold our city up as another poster child against equity as justification would be unnecessary. Pasadena’s legacy is fraught with the lack of opportunity, yet brilliant at marketing the opposite: Jackie Robinson, looked upon as a favored son, as a child was only allowed to swim one day a week at the Brookside pool while the white children could swim any day they pleased. A situation which took 33 years to resolve. How long will our current dilemma take? The clock ticks and the world outside Pasadena moves on.

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Name: Mic Hansen **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

The Linda Vista Annandale Association, the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association, and the West Pasadena Residents' Association — representing many of Pasadena's historic neighborhoods — comprised of thousands of single-family homes, are together expressing their shared concerns regarding the 2021-2029 SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocations, with specific focus upon our city APPEALING Pasadena's draft allocation.

We request that Pasadena OPPOSE the SCAG Draft 2021-2029 allocation, and act to appeal the assigned numbers.

At its last meeting on Sept. 9, 2020, the Planning Commission voted to support appealing Pasadena's 2021-2029 SCAG RHNA allocation. Staff report to the Council appended to this Agenda item does not include any mention of this important action.

The current RHNA allocation process includes an expanded appeal process which is just beginning. We realize that the appeal process is complex and narrow, and likely may be difficult, but considering the lack of feasibility and the impacts on Pasadena the new allocation will bring-- including changes to the physical character of Pasadena and possible serious penalties-- it seems obvious to our three associations that Pasadena has no alternative but to appeal.

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We have also sent a letter summarizing our concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Mic Hansen

WPRA

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Philip Burns			5, Pasadena, California 91105

Comments:

As chair of Making Housing and Community Happen's Congregational Land Committee, I urge Pasadena to do its part, as all cities must, to accommodate our RHNA requirements for new affordable and attainable housing. A Congregational Land Overlay Zone, which has been discussed conceptually by the Planning Department and Planning Commission, would be an important contribution to our requirements for very-low and low-income housing. There are seven churches in Pasadena which are actively considering building affordable housing on their campus; they could accommodate up to 700 affordable units if zoning enabled them.

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Name: Pasadena Heritage - Andrew Salimian	Email:	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91105
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Comments:

Pasadena Heritages hopes the City Council will strongly consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to appeal the 6th Cycle RHNA Allocation. We believe these numbers are unrealistic and unachievable. While this cycle makes steps to address some of the "fair share" issues of small, affluent cities that have been able to forgo any responsibility to build collective housing for the region, it still puts an undue burden on cities that have made efforts to improve transit and attract jobs, as Pasadena has done. We believe that cities opposed to housing will undoubtedly appeal their allocations, increasing Pasadena's final allocation. For these reasons, we believe an appeal is warranted. That said, we do believe Pasadena is in a strong position to plan for and build new housing units, as we have done throughout the current RHNA cycle, but we need to start with a more reasonable allocation than the one that has been proposed.

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Iraheta, Alba

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Comments:

Well it seems at the outset that traffic is a result of more housing research with the urban land Institute in my own experience dictate otherwise. When people have housing they can afford close to jobs research shows that it actually lowers traffic.

Years ago when Westgate was being planned, 800 units in their initial proposal, and a tremendous amount of fear over traffic. The city made them to the study traffic study twice with the same good results. At the time Westgate had Zipcar's shared cars and easy access to the freeway. Today you can drive Around Delacey Between green and Del Mar and see very few cars. Please do not let fear of traffic be a reason not to support meeting the full RHNA numbers. This amount is reachable Without significant change to the to our community.

<https://www.losgatosca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2716/Myths--Facts-about-Afford--Hi-Density-Housing>

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