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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:29 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 15, 2021 about Agenda Item 1 B - COVID relief

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Name: Paul Little - Pasadena Chamber of Commerce	Email:	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91106-1745
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Comments:

The City of Pasadena will receive \$52 million in relief funding from the most recent stimulus package. According to Mayor Gordo, the City has suffered about \$30 million in revenue losses or additional unanticipated costs due to COVID-19.

While it is prudent to reserve some of the additional funding for possible future liabilities, there are millions of dollars you could use to provide additional relief to your local business community, especially those hardest hit by the closures: fitness and yoga studios, local event venues, tourist and visitor dependent enterprises.

I hope as you consider spending funds from the stimulus package, you do what you can to save the local small businesses so devastated by the pandemic.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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

Comments:

I am a longtime Pasadena resident. I commend to the Council former Pasadena Mayor Rick Cole's Guest Opinion in Pasadena Now today asking that the City use wisely, the reported \$52.2 million it will receive in COVID relief from the federal government. What an extraordinary opportunity this will present to help provide meaningful services to our unhoused neighbors and lift them out of homelessness! We have far too little interim or permanent housing for our unhoused neighbors. Hundreds of our residents sleep on our streets every night. Thousands of our residents are at risk of falling into homelessness. Yet the funds our Housing Department currently receives are far too small to effectively address the myriad, complex problems related to our housing and homelessness crises. Moreover, the resources of our nonprofit organizations are stretched too thin to provide sufficient outreach assistance to our unhoused neighbors. Finally, our City needs to develop an effective crisis intervention program for our unhoused persons experiencing mental illness or substance use disorders. We need round-the-clock mobile crisis units with trained mental health professionals. I hope the Council will consider these critical needs going forward as it prioritizes expenditures of the COVID relief funds. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Item 1B

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Name: Donna Sider **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91106

Comments:

Councilmembers, mayor,

Be VERY mindful of WHY this generous government 52 million was given. It is ONLY for leveling vast differences between citizens of this city. Namely, to provide basic human rights - primary among them HOUSING! I applaud former mayor Rick's recommendations and urge this council to vote swiftly and decisively for shelter of all types for our unhoused neighbors. Specifically for a CAHOOTS-type crisis response for our unhoused, more permanent housing, more interim housing, and more money for our Housing Department.

We will be watching to ensure accountability over those funds!

Donna Sider

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Iraheta, Alba

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

Comments:

I am pleased to hear that City will receive \$52 million in COVID relief. As you thoughtfully consider how best to utilize this funding for emergency needs, please consider long-term investment in a permanent and supportive housing fund. It would be prudent to replenish the affordable housing trust fund with \$5-10 million since these funds could be leveraged four or five fold and help to alleviate our city's growing housing crisis. These funds could be used to preserve existing affordable housing as well as adaptively reuse office buildings and motels. In order to keep affordable housing permanently affordable, I encourage you to work with the San Gabriel COG to establish a community land trust whereby homeowners own their homes and not their land and agree to limited equity in exchange for affordability. To meet our RHNA numbers and the growing need to house our low and very low income residents, we need not only bold solutions but funding. Since many of those who are most cost-burdened with rents are people of color, this is also a matter of racial justice. Let's use some of these funds to help those most impacted by the COVID pandemic and most in need.

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Iraheta, Alba

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Name: Jill Suzanne
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Comments:

I love the village concept of growing Pasadena, with walkable distances to shops and places to connect throughout in places like E Washington Blvd, N. Lake, and N. Fair Oaks by allowing a second or third floor if it's affordable housing and with 20 percent PHS. This would create the kind of cozy inclusive community that helps businesses thrive. I recommend that at least 20 million or more be placed into the housing trust fund to incentivize such development along with the following: incentives for naturally occurring affordable housing to become more environmental in exchange for preserving affordability; to make these units affordable in perpetuity via a community land trust, which also would preserve affordable homeownership throughout SGV. Additional funds should also be used for seed money for adaptively reuse of offices, motels, and St Luke's. To help those who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads, create another rental assistance. And fund whatever programs that serve to end homelessness.

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ITEM 1B

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Name: Teresa Eilers **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Hello, my name is Teresa Eilers and I work with Union Station Homeless Services doing community engagement.

I strongly urge the city of Pasadena to use its relief check to address homelessness. Solving homelessness is challenging, but is not impossible. It takes strategic thinking and resources.

I suggest that the city commit to addressing the entire pipeline that contributes to homelessness. The city should invest in tenant protections and consider passing a right to counsel ordinance which would entitle anyone facing an eviction to city-paid legal services. The city should also invest in temporary bridge housing solutions, such as an increased number of motel vouchers and other creative solutions such as pallet shelters. And, the city should invest in long-term solutions such as social services and supportive housing so that individuals who are currently living on the streets get the help that they need to find their way back in doors. I assume that the Housing Department would be charged to implement most of this work, and I ask that they be given additional funding to match the need. The Housing Department is understaffed considering the growing urgency around homelessness especially during the pandemic.

Thank you

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Name: Cynthia Kirby
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Comments:

My name is Cynthia Kirby, a Pasadena resident and member of Union Station Homeless Services' Board of Directors.

I strongly urge the City of Pasadena to use the ~\$52M in government relief to address the homelessness crisis and commit to a multi-faceted approach to addressing the needs of our neighbors experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The city should invest in tenant protections and consider passing a right to counsel ordinance which would entitle anyone facing eviction to city-paid legal services. Evictions disproportionately affect our black and brown community members and offering city-funded legal services would be a great first step towards establishing greater racial equity in housing protection. The city should also invest in temporary bridge housing solutions to fill the gaps created by decompressing existing shelters, such as an increased number of motel vouchers and other creative solutions like pallet shelters or tiny homes and expanding the current Safe Haven program being operated at All Saints. I would also like to see the city invest in long-term solutions such as expanding social services and supportive housing so that individuals who are currently living on the streets get the help that they need to find their way back indoors.

Thank you.