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From: Anthony Manousos <i>.....</i>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:01 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Regarding Heritage Square South item #7

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing in support of supportive housing for seniors at Heritage Square and am urging the LA Board of Supervisors to find the funding—either federal, state, or county-- to make this possible. I live only a mile from this site and have been a strong supporter of using it for housing our unhoused seniors for several years. I see many unhoused people hanging out in front of Churches Chicken or the CVS and it breaks my heart. They are often people of color, and almost all over 55. They sleep in the parking lot. I am proud to say that NIMBYism isn't a problem in Northwest Pasadena. Residents here want affordable and homeless housing. During a community meeting in March, 2018, led by Council member Kennedy, 80% of the community supported using this site for affordable housing. Religious leaders and churches have signed over 1000 letters in support of homeless housing for seniors, and two prayers vigil on the property attracted 20 and 60 people, many from the nearby neighborhood. I was one of half a dozen people who slept overnight on this site to be in solidarity with unhoused women who sleep in the parking lot. Their stories moved me to tears. As a person of faith, I want them to be housed with dignity and so does the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, which comprises most of the African American churches in this area. We have gone door to door surveying businesses and neighbors and most were willing to sign petitions of support, which were sent to the City Council. In 2018 the Council unanimously voted to support supportive housing for seniors on this site. I feel strongly that the time has come for the County to step up and do its part to meet this critical need in our city. Our elderly neighbors deserve to be decently housed!

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From: Jill Shook <Jill@makinghousinghappen.com>
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Dear Katherine Barger and Pasadena City Council members.

We so appreciate having a city Council that approved heritage Square South. About 25 years ago the neighborhood decided they wanted affordable housing in this area because of the great need. Folks were willing to sell their land to the city so they could assemble a lot large enough to do a significant project. It took years to get a project that the city would approve but finally Heritage Square North was built --a tribute to the quality and architectural beauty of affordable housing, and its value economic benefit. With Pasadena's 20-20-20 rule, \$6 million was infused into our city via local jobs, local contractors, and local materials. A RAND study indicated that \$1.20 was saved for every dollar spent on supportive housing due to the cost incurred by seniors living on the street. This population in particular occurs exceptionally high health cost. There's many other economic benefits especially to this location for senior permanent supportive housing. Being so close to a business district, businesses will improve as they see those experiencing homelessness housed, that now lay on sidewalks around their businesses. But none of these benefits will happen if the funding is not secured to move this project forward. It's only fair that the county supply \$6 million to help build the funding needed to move this project forward. Please assure that this funding will be supplied to the city of Pasadena as soon as possible. They need is urgent. They need is now. Thank you!

Dr. Jill Suzanne Shook, ED, of Making Housing and Community Happen www.makinghousinghappen.org

"If a man does not know what port he is steering towards, no wind is favorable to him."

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From: Sonja Berndt <sonja.berndt19@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:09 PM
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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR JOINT SPECIAL MEETING 3/31/2021

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Dear Members of the City Council and Supervisor Barger:

I wish to submit public comments on two agenda items: Numbers 3 and 7. Unfortunately, the agenda lacks transparency and is obscure about the specific issues to be discussed within the stated general subject matter areas. Respectfully, this is a disservice to members of the public who wish to advocate for people in our City who have no voice, like our unhoused neighbors. Please consider that transparency and adequate notice to the public regarding meeting agendas are critical in order for the public to participate in matters of community concern.

#3. Update and Information on Mental Health Services Provided by LA County Department of Mental Health.

Pasadena is in critical need of crisis intervention teams composed of persons other than police officers to respond to calls involving our unhoused persons who also suffer from mental illness. The Pasadena Police Department publicly reports that it is sending uniformed police officers to respond to 9-1-1 calls dealing with persons officers know are mentally ill and also know respond defensively when approached by police officers. I understand that LA County has a pilot project with a CAHOOTS-type model sending teams of mental health professionals and outreach workers rather than uniformed police officers to respond to 9-1-1 calls involving unhoused persons with mentally illness or substance use disorders. The City of Pasadena needs funding for this type of safe and effective crisis intervention.

#7. Discussion Regarding Heritage Square South Application for LA County Affordable Housing Funds.

Pasadena has over 500 unhoused persons in our City, including many seniors who are vulnerable to severe and debilitating conditions, including COVID-19, due to their difficult life on the streets. The number of homeless seniors has increased 65% in the past three years. It is my understanding that LA County is not going to provide the necessary funding from its budget for the Heritage Square South development for our seniors experiencing homelessness. I urge the County Board of Supervisors to find the funds needed to make this project possible. The project received overwhelming support from the community. Further, the property is ideal for senior persons experiencing homelessness, many of whom are already living there unhoused. Please find and approve funding for this much-needed development. Thank you.

Sonja K. Berndt
Longtime Pasadena Resident

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From: Heather Richardson
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:49 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Please support supportive housing for our seniors.

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Ms. Barger,

I am in favor and urge you to support the funding necessary for the Heritage Square South permanent supportive housing development that has been approved for seniors in Pasadena experiencing homelessness. I ask you to do what is necessary to see this is properly funded and to see that these monies help it to be brought to its completion.

Not only does this provide 70 units of affordable housing for seniors, but it helps provide a new place of safety and hope for men and women who need this assistance especially as they face the challenges of growing older.

Thank you for considering my comment and I look forward to your action on behalf of supporting the funding of the Heritage Square South housing units.

Respectfully,
Heather Richardson

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From: Ferne Hayes <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:23 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item #7 Heritage Square South application for LA County affordable housing funds.

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Mayor Gordo and Councilpersons,

I am a 77 year old Pasadena resident for 50 years. I am fortunate to have a home to shelter me. It is my understanding that there are more than 250 seniors in Pasadena who are homeless. I know you desire to ameliorate this situation.

Permanent supportive housing is the best answer in responding to the needs of homeless seniors. Heritage Square South will provide 65 -- 70 living units including on-site case management services. This is a project which will help meet the need but additional funds are required for it to achieve completion.

This is a good project! Heritage Square South will be located in the welcoming Northwest Pasadena community where 80% showed support at Councilman Kennedy's community meeting. The location will be successful for senior needs with grocery, pharmacy, restaurant and retail close by. Other permanent supportive housing projects in Pasadena have already proved successful.

Pasadena needs Heritage Square South. Please do whatever you can to see that appropriate funding is received.

Thank you

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District 7

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From: Connie Tamkin <c...>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 12:21 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: \$6,000,000 for Heritage South development

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To whom it may concern,

I, along with other citizens, advocated for the next phase of permanent supportive housing, known as Heritage South. This project was approved by the City Council and it is greatly appreciated that the City takes seriously the need for this type of development for housing our most vulnerable citizens. I am hopeful that this funding will happen in the near future in order for this development to be successful.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Connie Tamkin
Liaison, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena

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From: ccod66 ·
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 12:53 AM
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Subject: Support for Heritage Square South

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My name is Connie O'Donnell. I am a resident of Altadena, but through my work as a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Conference, I work with many in Pasadena who are facing homelessness and struggling to keep their homes. I am writing to express my support for allocating the additional \$6,000,000 to complete Heritage Square South, which will provide 70 units of permanent supportive housing for seniors who have been homeless. The project was approved 2 years ago; the \$6,000,000 being requested of County Supervisor Kathryn Barger is crucial for the completion of this project.

Thank you, Supervisor Barger, for considering providing this funding. No senior should be forced to live on the streets of Pasadena.

Sincerely,
Connie O'Donnell

Sent from my Verizon. Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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