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Pasadena City Council

c/o Mark Jomsky
City Clerk
100 North Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Review of General Plan

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members:

We are writing in support of a detailed review and revision of our General Plan. We have been following the drafts of the updated Specific Plans and providing our comments on them. But the General Plan is the key to making all the Specific Plans work, and as City Staff has noted in their report, there are adjustments that should be made considering new housing legislation coming out of Sacramento.

We also believe that this is a great opportunity to fix several issues that have been apparent in the Specific Plans, particularly with the design standards. For example, we have noticed that trees and green spaces are not adequately addressed in the draft Specific Plans (specifically, the draft Fair Oaks Specific Plan and the draft Central District Specific Plan, which we have recently reviewed and submitted comments on). Trees and green spaces are not being protected, and we are not adding back what we have lost to development over the last several years. We also believe that the walkability has been negatively impacted in the draft Specific Plans. We are asking that the setbacks across the city to be increased to provide for safe, walkable sidewalks, to provide for ingress and egress from businesses, and to allow full mature trees to flourish. We also are asking for an increase in trees, public green spaces, and parkways, especially near areas of higher density housing. These are issues that are best tackled in the General Plan. It is an important opportunity to ensure that Pasadena grows in a manner that protects what we love about our incredible city – green spaces, community gathering spots, the ability to walk and explore safely. We hope that City Council will take this opportunity and open the General Plan and the design standards to review and revisions.

Thank you,
Megan Foker,
On behalf of Livable Pasadena

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Benjamin Aderson <taderson@carnegiescience.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:23 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: East Colorado Specific Plan

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Dear Mayor Gordo and Pasadena City Council Members

On behalf of the Carnegie Institution for Science, I write to convey support for the current draft of the East Colorado Specific Plan. Our institution has been part of Pasadena's history for more than 100 years, and we are working to expand Carnegie Science's research activities beyond our current location on Santa Barbara Street. We anticipate that our plans to invest in a new building on Green Street will progress and allow us to submit preliminary plans to the City later this year. While we are aware the East Colorado Specific Plan is a draft and currently under review, our investment has been reliant upon the building envelope (setbacks, height and floor area ratios) envisioned in the current draft of the Plan that has been crafted and shared with the community over the past several months. We support the Plan as proposed and look forward to continued growth for Carnegie Science in Pasadena.

Thanks to all of you for your partnership and ongoing efforts.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Aderson

Benjamin Aderson | General Counsel and Secretary



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Honorable Mayor Gordo and
Members of the Pasadena City Council
Hale Building
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Pasadena, CA 91109

Re: East Colorado Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gordo and Pasadena City Council Members,

On behalf of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), I would like to convey support for the current draft of the East Colorado Specific Plan (ECSP). Caltech has been a vibrant part of the fabric of Pasadena since the 1890s and this plan will help continue our ongoing partnership with the City of Pasadena and the surrounding community.

As you know, Caltech is a world-renowned science and engineering institute that marshals some of the world's brightest minds and most innovative tools to address fundamental scientific questions and pressing societal challenges. The Institute's extraordinary faculty, students, and postdoctoral scholars are producing transformative breakthroughs in fields ranging from quantum science and engineering to bioinformatics and the nature of life itself, from human behavior and economics to energy and sustainability.

As written, the ECSP will allow the more effective use of parcels of land near the Caltech campus. These changes will open up opportunities for Caltech to partner with other private research concerns and help solidify Pasadena as a technology destination. We fully support the ECSP and look forward to continuing our robust partnership with the City of Pasadena and future research partners. Thank you all for your support of these ongoing efforts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ken Hargreaves

Ken Hargreaves, Assistant Vice President, Strategy
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of California Institute of Technology

cc: Mr. Steve Mermell
Mr. David Reyes
Ms. Jennifer Paige
Mr. Eric Duyshart

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Pasadena City Council

c/o Mark Jomsky
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100 North Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Review of General Plan

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members:

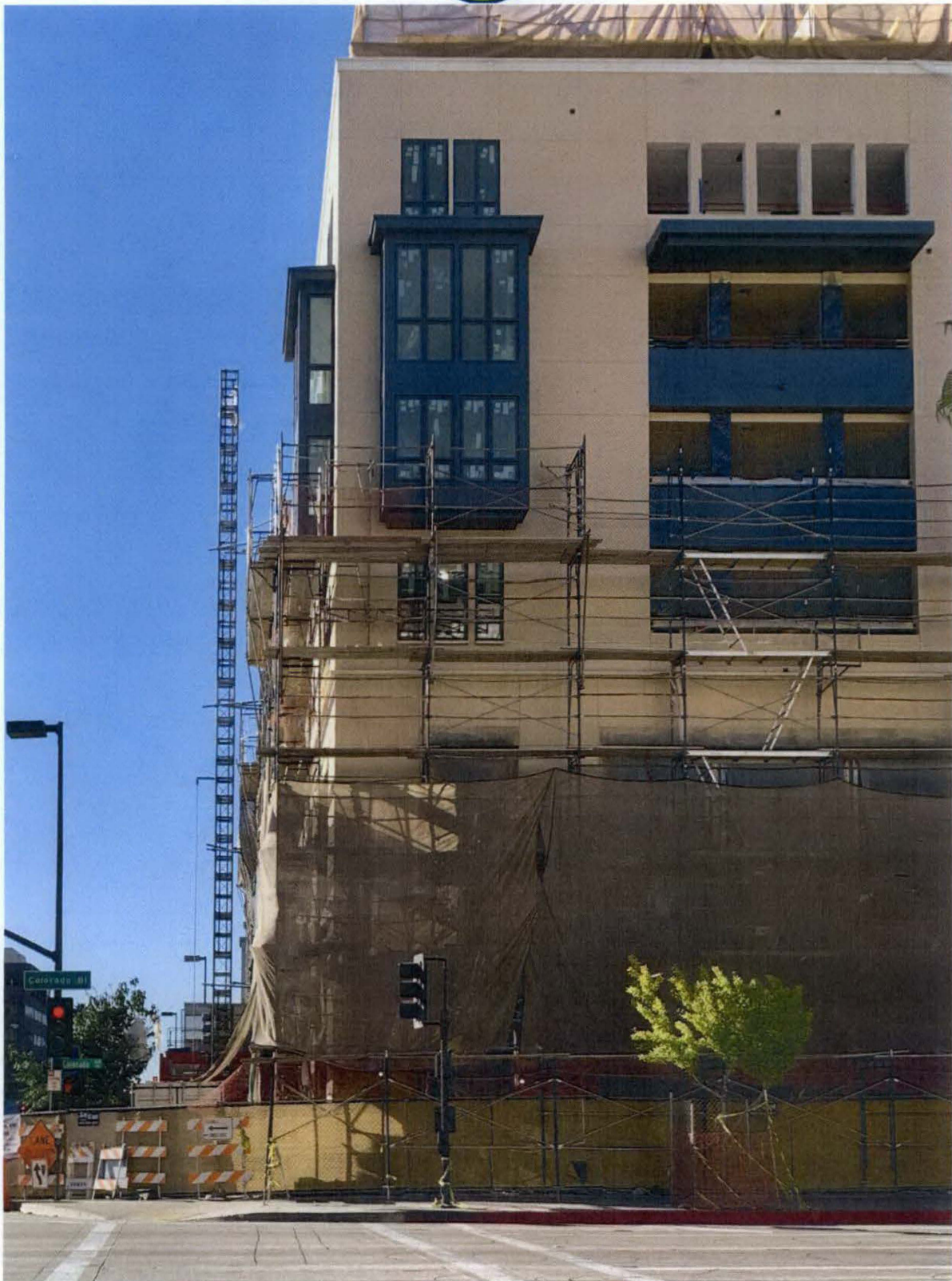
We would like to submit the following photographs in addendum to our letter, dated 10/14/21, in support of opening the General Plan for review and revisions. These photos show, very clearly, the conditions that we are asking the city to correct in the General Plan. There are no setbacks, and so there is no room for walking, for biking safely, or for any green space. The few tiny, struggling trees planted here will have a tough time surviving, let alone growing big enough to provide any shade. We cannot allow this condition to continue – we need to ensure that our development returns to what works for Pasadena: space to walk, to bike, to come and go from businesses with ease, and for shaded sidewalks with meaningful green spaces.

Thank you,
Megan Foker,
On behalf of Livable Pasadena

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October 18, 2021

Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Sent via email

**Re: Pasadena General Plan
City Council Meeting, October 18, 2021**

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

We understand tonight's Council meeting will include a discussion of the Pasadena General Plan. We would like to ensure that the General Plan conversation considers our recommended updates to the overall design standards regarding the South Lake portion of the Central District Specific Plan. (See Exhibit 1, attached below, for a copy of the letter we sent you on July 17, 2021.)

Our main comments and concerns are as follows:

1) **SETBACKS:** We would like to see setbacks increased from "zero-to-minimal" to "10 ft - 15 ft" whenever possible, with a *minimum* setback of 5 ft throughout our entire city. This adjustment will improve walkability, allow for in-ground tree plantings, and add an overall improved neighborhood ambience.

We would also like to see setbacks for housing, retail, and commercial developments increase gradually as they get closer to neighborhoods with single-family homes, in order to create an attractive buffer zone between quiet residential neighborhoods adjacent to areas like South Lake and the more urban North Lake area.

Finally, we would like the Central District Specific Plan to allow for an attractive atmosphere that extends the feel of our single-family neighborhood as you get closer to our neighborhood boundaries. A *gradual* decrease of setbacks as you walk up South Lake would be ideal, rather than creating an urban edge concept *directly adjacent* to single-family neighborhoods.

2) **TREES:** Minimal-to-zero setbacks do not allow for in-ground trees around the periphery of new buildings. By planning for deeper setbacks throughout the entire city, we can encourage more foresting of trees, which is not only more beautiful and pleasant, but will

create an environmentally friendly community, add comfort and shade, and honor our reputation as a tree city.

3) PARKS & OPEN SPACE: We want to be sure that parks and *significant* open green space are included in the overall General Plan, and that the properties for their development are selected *before* finishing the Specific Plans. We have an opportunity to use the park and traffic impact fees generated by future developments to create open green space, which will be especially important because we are adding such incredible density. While some mitigation fees can go to the General Fund, most of the acquired resources should be spent in the immediate area to address quality-of-life issues and create the parks and open space needed to balance this added density.

These changes need to be reflected in our General Plan and not just the Specific Plans. We would be pleased to meet with you and other appropriate city staff and officials to discuss these important topics.

Thank you,

John Latta
President

Exhibit 1

July 17, 2021

Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Sent via email

Re: Central District Specific Plan - South Lake

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

We would appreciate your review of this letter and its incorporation into this Monday night's City Council discussion.

This letter is a follow-up to our letter of April 23, 2021, to Anita Cerna, Community Planner of the City of Pasadena. Since that letter the board of the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association has had a further opportunity to discuss the Central District Specific Plan – South Lake amongst ourselves as well as developers, lawyers and other experts in urban planning and development. This area, which is adjacent to our boundaries, is very important because it functions as a “blank slate” for future development. We are committed to work with you to get the planning right in terms of adding additional housing, trees, community areas, and unique shopping destinations to this zone. Ideally this plan will compliment and continue to support what we love about Madison Heights: walkable streets, tree-lined sidewalks, a friendly neighborhood community, and historic touches.

Our main comments and concerns are as follows:

1) Maintain varied land uses contributing to a rich urban environment: We understand the need for additional residential, and support mixed use space in the South Lake corridor from California Blvd to Del Mar Blvd. That said we feel that Lake corridor should remain at least 50% commercial and certain areas should remain 100% commercial given the amenities they provide to their surrounding neighborhoods – two specific projects that we feel are very important to preserve are:

- The Pavilions grocery store located at 845 E. California (NW Corner of Lake and California); and
- Peet's and Einstein Bagels located at 605 S. Lake (SW corner Lake and California)

Both of these retail projects provide critical and needed services to its surrounding neighborhoods and add to Pasadena's unique and positive ambiance.

2) Step density: A drastic increase in height and density is currently proposed for the South Lake Street corridor and would be damaging to the Madison Heights historic neighborhood as well as other multi-family units and homes to the west and east. We believe that buildable area should be stepped from south to north with increases in stages from 1.0FAR at California Ave (25-foot average height) to 2.0FAR at Del Mar (55-foot average height).

3) Parks and open space: As far as we can tell, there are no parks or significant open green space within the plan. The opportunity to use park and traffic impact fees from the future developments to create open green space should be seriously considered. While some mitigation fees can go to the General Fund, most of the acquired resources should be spent in the immediate area to address quality-of-life issues.

4) Setbacks: We would like to see Setbacks to be stepped in a fashion that would create an attractive atmosphere that would draw shoppers and strolling neighbors. This minimal-to zero setback does not allow for in-ground trees around the periphery of new buildings. We would like to see all setbacks increased to 10-15 ft. This adjustment will improve walkability, allow for in-ground tree plantings, and add an overall neighborhood feel, on both sides of the South Lake Corridor. By allowing for more foresting of trees, we will create an environmentally friendly community, add beauty and shade, and honor our reputation as a tree city.

5) Parking: We support reducing parking up to one third of typical allotments, but want to ensure residents in new developments will not be allowed to park overnight on streets in our district, including along the South Lake Corridor and Hudson. No permanent, on-street parking permits should be issued to future residents of these projects.

We want to ensure that the council understands the concerns of our Neighborhood and consider these suggestions as a vital part of the ultimate plan for the success of the South Lake Corridor. We would be pleased to meet with you, David Reyes, and other appropriate city staff and officials to discuss our proposed improvements to this specific plan.

Thank you,

John Latta
President



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October 12, 2021

Pasadena City Council Member, District 7

Andy Wilson

100 North Garfield Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Central District Specific Plan

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for seeking community comment and feedback regarding the proposed Central District Specific Plan. We have reviewed the proposed Specific Plan, and we believe that there are several areas that deserve careful reconsideration and analysis.

While we understand that there will likely be some housing on South Lake Avenue, we believe that any housing should be very thoughtfully planned for to avoid overdevelopment and to provide a buffer to the neighborhoods. Currently, there is a rule on South Lake Ave that housing can occupy no more than 50% of the building. Rather than eliminating this rule entirely, it could be modified to allow for more housing than is currently allowed, which would provide some much-needed housing. The overall building heights and setbacks permitted should be reconsidered to limit the impact that bonus density laws could play on the size of future developments. That would be a critical step to take in conjunction with allowing more housing in this area. We further urge the city to keep the 50% rule in place for south of Del Mar Ave., and to keep the possible developments smaller and more reflective of the area as you approach the transit district. South Lake Ave was not designed and built with substantial housing as an objective – this is a local shopping district. Keeping the buildings smaller in scale would provide a necessary buffer from the commercial areas to the neighborhoods. We understand that if you are reducing the density in the Central District along Lake Avenue, you must increase the allowable density in other areas. We believe that the transit districts are the places to increase density. It is important, to meet the goals stated in our General Plan, that Pasadena focus efforts to intensify housing nearer to the transit district.

When considering larger, denser developments, we urge the city to require developers to provide for meaningful green spaces – in front, along the sides, in open areas for residents, on the rooftops, and possibly on balconies on buildings that are stepped back from the lower floors. The push for green space should be as important as the push for more housing. We ask the city to require large enough setbacks between the buildings so that large trees can be planted between the buildings, particularly as you get larger buildings closer to the transit areas. The full-sized, mature trees will decrease the heat index, and will promote walking and community gathering. To meet this goal, the city should apply all setbacks to parking lots and parking garages and should discourage underground parking. Underground parking is expensive and will negatively impact green spaces above it. This would help us meet the goals in our General Plan of encouraging walking and reducing reliance on cars.

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We urge the city to carefully consider the proposed denser housing on Granite Street. Additional density will create serious traffic issues in the area and would change the area from commercial to predominately residential. Frankly, increasing the density in this area should not be under consideration. The corridor already has too much traffic and it will quickly lose its walkability with increased development. Again, denser housing developments should be concentrated near transit corridors.

We were concerned to see the change in required setbacks. Why reduce the setbacks? As described above, we believe the setbacks should be kept in place, and in some instances increased. The proposed minimal setbacks would not provide adequate room for trees and other green spaces. Setbacks are necessary for so many reasons. Setbacks allow room for trees to grow and to provide much needed shade, and they allow for walkable sidewalks so pedestrians are not pinned between buildings and traffic. Setbacks provide spaces for people to gather as they are coming in and out of the local stores and restaurants, and they create a nicer, safer environment. Planning for buildings that are smaller in scale and set back from the street would still meet our goals of increased housing and commercial space yet would protect and enhance the livability and walkability of the area. Setbacks should stay set at 10 feet or greater around the property.

We were disappointed to see so little green space being added or protected along the parkways. We have lost so much of our green space and so many of our protected trees through development over the last several years. Our tree canopy and green spaces are part of the wonderful and defining characteristics of Pasadena. We should be proactively putting in parks and green parkways before the area is filled by developers. The development should be happening around the green spaces, not the green spaces being sprinkled in among the development projects. The city should affirmatively plan for green parks and parkways and install them. We are proud of our gardens, mature trees, shady sidewalks and walkability. We should not miss an opportunity to start to build back what we have lost, and to ensure that Pasadena stays green. Not only do we need to steadfastly protect the trees and green space that we have, but we also must continue to find ways to supplement those spaces for everyone. Adding more trees and sidewalk gardens to the parkways is an easy way to do that. We ask the city to look for areas where enhanced green spaces can be added, especially near the transit district where presumably there will be denser housing. Transportation and park fees could be used to help add the needed green spaces, and impact fees received from developers should be spent in the area impacted by the development.

Finally, we do not see a discussion about how the impact of all this development on Pasadena's infrastructure will be mitigated. This plan calls for a lot of high-density, mixed-use housing. That will have a dramatic impact on all our infrastructure – including traffic, water, police, and fire. Some impacts cannot be avoided, that will come with growth. But the parameters of the proposed developments in the Specific Plan should be carefully reviewed and studied so that the negative impacts can be mitigated. Of special interest, we are concerned about the impact all this development will have on traffic. How is the extra traffic being mitigated in the Central District area and throughout Pasadena? Traffic mitigation is an important element that will have ripple effects on all the streets in Pasadena, not just in the Central District. It's critical that we avoid adding stress to our already over-stressed streets. Furthermore, the impact on our city's water cannot be ignored. All developments should be required to complete a water study so that city officials and the community can understand the real impact the development will have on our water supply and water infrastructure. What is the plan for a fire station for this area? For additional police support?

Thank you,
Megan Foker, On behalf of Livable Pasadena

Martinez, Ruben

From: Richard McDonald
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:40 AM
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Cc: Jomsky, Mark; Reyes, David
Subject: Agenda Item 14

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Please provide the following comment to the Mayor and CC for Agenda Item 14 tonight. Thank you.

Dear Mayor Gordo and Honorable Members of the City Council:

Having read the staff report and the various letters from the MHNA and others calling for changes to the City's General Plan, Specific Plans, and various development standards (e.g., setbacks, heights, etc.), I note the absence of any discussion of Government Code Section 66300.b.1, which provides:

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other law except as provided in subdivision (i), with respect to land where housing is an allowable use, an affected county or an affected city shall not enact a development policy, standard, or condition that would have any of the following effects:

(A) Changing the general plan land use designation, specific plan land use designation, or zoning of a parcel or parcels of property to a less intensive use or reducing the intensity of land use within an existing general plan land use designation, specific plan land use designation, or zoning district below what was allowed under the land use designation and zoning ordinances of the affected county or affected city, as applicable, as in effect on January 1, 2018, except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) of subparagraph (B). For purposes of this subparagraph, "less intensive use" includes, but is not limited to, reductions to height, density, or floor area ratio, new or increased open space or lot size requirements, or new or increased setback requirements, minimum frontage requirements, or maximum lot coverage limitations, or anything that would lessen the intensity of housing.

We understand there is another provision that further states the City "shall not enforce a zoning ordinance imposing a moratorium or other similar restriction on or limitation of housing development until it has submitted the ordinance to, and received approval from, the department. The department shall approve a zoning ordinance submitted to it pursuant to this subparagraph only if it determines that the zoning ordinance satisfies the requirements of this subparagraph. If the department denies approval of a zoning ordinance imposing a moratorium or similar restriction or limitation on housing development as inconsistent with this subparagraph, that ordinance shall be deemed void."

Based upon this Code section, we do not believe you can pursue the second option presented in the Staff's recommendation, nor implement the MHNA and other suggestions for changes to the City's various plans, unless the proposed ordinance is submitted to the State HCD Department for approval, which we think is highly unlikely. To avoid wasting staff resources, therefore, we urge you to proceed with the specific plan update process with deliberate speed. The Lincoln Avenue Plan is ready to be adopted, as was recommended to you by

the Planning Commission. Others can follow shortly thereafter. Millions of dollars have been spent to get this far and it only makes sense to finish that process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard A. McDonald, Esq.

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Martinez, Ruben

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FW: 10/18/21 Council Agenda item 14

Dear Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

My name is Jeff Cyrulewski, and I'm a Pasadena resident. I'm writing to support Livable Pasadena's call for a detailed review and revision of our General Plan. I'm supportive of both their call to revise design standards, and also to re-examine densities as mentioned in option #2 in the staff report, and I'm definitely interested in the ideas for re-examining those densities.

Thank you,

Jeff Cyrulewski

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Brian
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:38 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Kennedy, John J.; Wilson, Andy; Rivas, Jessica; Porras, Susana; Thyret, Pam; Morales, Margo
Subject: Item 14 Comment

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council:

Throughout the ongoing process to update the Central District Specific Plan, the Playhouse Village Board of Directors has submitted comments in support of allowing residential as an allowed land use along North Lake Avenue between Colorado and Corson.

In your discussions about Specific Plans and the General Plan tonight, please continue to consider the critical importance of the need for housing along this portion of North Lake. Office buildings continue to struggle with average vacancy of greater than 30%, and retail vacancies now blight the area while this transit corridor remains off-limits as a possible location to absorb pressure for much-needed housing in our community.

Your consideration of a General Plan Amendment to allow housing on this stretch of North Lake - supportable through the current Specific Plan process - is essential. Please ensure the process can continue or be accelerated to help revitalize one of Pasadena's most visible gateways.

Thank you,

Brian Wallace
Executive Director

Playhouse Village
Pasadena, CA 91101

Playhouse
Village
In the heart of Pasadena

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Rafa Sonnenfeld
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:24 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Compliance Review@HCD
Subject: Pasadena City Council - General Plan Update Proposal is an Illegal downzoning

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Good Afternoon Pasadena City Council,

YIMBY Law is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, whose mission is to increase the accessibility and affordability of housing in California. YIMBY Law sues municipalities when they fail to comply with state housing laws, including the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), and the Housing Crisis Act of 2019.

We are writing with regards to this evening's City Council agenda item, #14, includes a recommendation from staff which is illegal under state law:

"2. Continue updating the Specific Plans by adjusting densities presented in the Round 3 draft Specific Plans to account for a potential density bonus, while also taking into consideration potential new commercial development. In order to address potential concerns over the maximum densities identified in the General Plan range, this option would also include a concurrent General Plan Amendment to match Specific Plan densities. "

In this case, "adjusting densities" is a euphemism for a density reduction or downzoning. Under California Government Code Section 66300(b),

"an affected county or an affected city shall not enact a development policy, standard, or condition that would have any of the following effects:

(A) Changing the general plan land use designation, specific plan land use designation, or zoning of a parcel or parcels of property to a less intensive use or reducing the intensity of land use within an existing general plan land use designation, specific plan land use designation, or zoning district below what was allowed under the land use designation and zoning ordinances of the affected county or affected city, as applicable, as in effect on January 1, 2018, except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) of subparagraph (B). For purposes of this subparagraph, "less intensive use" includes, but is not limited to, reductions to height, density, or floor area ratio, new or increased open space or lot size requirements, or new or increased setback requirements, minimum frontage requirements, or maximum lot coverage limitations, or anything that would lessen the intensity of housing."

Additionally, 2021's SB-8, which goes into effect on January 1st 2022, clarifies this language with the following amendments:

(A) Changing the general plan land use designation, specific plan land use designation, or zoning of a parcel or parcels of property to a less intensive use or reducing the intensity of land use within an existing general plan land use designation, specific plan land use designation, or zoning district *in effect at the time of the proposed change*, below what was allowed under the land use designation ~~and~~ *or* zoning ordinances of the affected county or affected city, as applicable, as in effect on January 1, 2018, except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) of subparagraph ~~(B)~~ *(B)* or subdivision *(i)*.

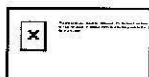
It is clear that the city of Pasadena is intending to violate the spirit and letter of state law if you proceed to move forward with the suggested general plan "adjustments."

Should the County fail to comply with the law, YIMBY Law will not hesitate to take legal action to ensure that the law is enforced. By way of this letter, we have also notified HCD of your city's proposed illegal downzoning.

Thank you,

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Rafa Sonnenfeld
Paralegal he/him



Martinez, Ruben

From: Jill Shook <Jill@makinghousinghappen.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:50 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Hampton, Tyron; Kennedy, John J.
Subject: re: correspondence from Jill Shook for #s 13, 14 and 15

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I'm so grateful that the city has put the ban on the sale of leaf blowers on the agenda. But I have to admit, I wish it was about banning leaf blowers, not just stopping their sale. Not only are they noise polluters, which can cause severe hearing loss and making it difficult for so many of us who now work out of our homes, but some studies say that the kind of two stroke engines the use emit nearly 300 times the amount of air pollutants as a pickup truck. That is astounding.

Our gardener is not happy about the idea of using electric blowers, but I care about his health as well as ours. We must value life over profit. And we must do all we can do address climate change.

When I was on the City Hall side walk last week, a leaf blower pushed dust and leaves into my path. When he realized it, he felt badly and apologized. It was surprising to see that the city hired someone with the kind of gas engine we hope to ban to sale of today. But then I thought about our gardeners gas blower and how we too are not yet banning it in our yard. If gas blowers were completely banned as they are in Beverly Hills, then it would be much easier for us require alternatives. We'd be glad to offer some extra money for the time it takes for our gardener to rake and we make sure he uses our more quite electric blower but he is reluctant as it slows him down. We need to stop and think about our values, Is efficient and profit more important than saving our planet and being a good neighbor?

Wed like all our neighbors to do likewise. Please direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend Title 9 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare) of the Pasadena Municipal Code to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowing machines within Pasadena.

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I appreciate the staff's thorough report on the housing crisis. They describe Pasadena's efforts to address it as well as the state's new policies to help us make more affordable housing happen. According to the Turner's Centers, a projected 2,000 folks in Pasadena could take advantage of SB 9. This would help us not only to address our growing housing Crisis but also reach our RHNA goals and create safety.

I would welcome subdivided lots and duplexes in my neighborhood. Despite there being a number of ADUs on our block, we have no parking issues and in fact it feels very quiet with little to no foot traffic. With more folks walking in neighborhood, there are more eyes on the street and more safety. Neighbors like our friend Joyce walk our neighborhood every day and know what is happening. I feel so grateful for her and am excited about SB 9.

I invite you to join us on Oct. 26th at 7pm to learn more about this policy and several other new state policies. See:

<https://makinghousinghappen.net/2021/10/12/mhch-housing-justice-forum-october-2021/>

#15:

I love our democracy. It's amazing that this experiment has worked for as long as it has, but one of the reasons that it is that we all vote, all people, even those little means. One thing that is destroying our precious democracy is money in politics. Money cannot and should not be the measure for how we make decisions. I have to admit, it was shocking to me that putting no limit on contributions is even being considered. Please refuse this lie that is destroying our nation. As a person of faith, I seek to live my life by the Christian Scriptures. I love Matt 6:33—seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, in the Spanish Bible it says to uses the word “Justicia” —justice. Seek what matters to God, to do justice, to love and seek mercy, equity, inclusion of all people no matter their income. And the promise that follows this verse is this—that all these things will be added unto you. If you have the courage do what is right, that is what will get you elected. Please do not allow no limit on campaign donations. Thank you!!

Jill Shook

Jill Shook, Missions Door, Catalyst _____

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