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**Subject:** FW: CALL FOR REVIEW OF PERMIT NO. 6878 (item 24)

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**Date:** Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at 11:46 AM  
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**To:** <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>, <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Cc:** Michael Ferguson <mike@space-intl.com>

Dear Steve and Mark,

First, thanks for always taking such great care of our community. It does not go unnoticed. We love Pasadena!

My wife talked to Taka yesterday and she mentioned it would be helpful to send a short email to the Council explaining our situation. We are the owners of 210 S San Rafael Avenue.

On Monday, the Council will consider whether our Hillside Development Permit needs to be further reviewed.

My wife and I bought our house in May 2012 and at some point in 2020 decided that we wanted to add more space by our pool. We hired an architect who had completed half a dozen similar projects in Pasadena.

With the help of our architect, Michael Ferguson (principal @ Space International), we began a eleven and half month process with the city to get the necessary approval. The planning office did a wonderful job of leading us through the considerations and studies that were needed to finally have a public hearing which took place on December 15.

At the hearing, we were given an approval which we understood would go into effect two weeks after the hearing. On December 27, Councilman Madison called for a Council review.

Taka indicated to us that Councilman Madison's concerns were "procedural."

Our follow-up conversations and emails with the planning office indicated that they do not feel there are any procedural issues with the process. In addition, our plans are not requesting a variance or code relief.

Naturally, some of our neighbors are concerned about our project. They spoke with the planner, wrote letters and spoke at the hearing on December 15. We appreciate the concerns of our neighbor and since we intend to be living here for a long time, we will take them into consideration as we continue to develop our plans.

Our architect obviously wants to be prepared for the meeting. If there is anything the Council would like specifically addressed, please let us know.

We realize during these challenging times that the City Council is busy and we appreciate your dedication to making Pasadena a great place to live.

Thank you,

Jason and Jennifer Freeland  
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