

City Councilmembers,

I am writing to support the Central Park Apartments project in Pasadena. As a long-time resident, I am very aware of the need for housing in our community, especially affordable housing. The Central Park Apartments will bring 84 housing units to Pasadena, 20% of which will be affordable as the City wants. The housing is close to Old Pasadena, public transit, and Central Park, making it an ideal location in Pasadena.

I am also excited about the retail that this project will bring. It will liven up the area and extend the retail and vibrant nature of Colorado Blvd. This project will only improve our community by stimulating our local economy and improving safety with more eyes on the street.

The current surface parking lot is not serving residents in the way that the project will. I see no reason why we would leave the gated parking lot instead of creating a meaningful development that will provide much-needed housing. It will greatly improve the corner of Dayton and Fair Oaks.

I hope you will support this project and add more housing to Pasadena.

Sincerely,



Sara Morton

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Pasadena, CA 91106

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I have seen the plans for the Central Park Apartments and believe they will be great for our community. As you know, we desperately need housing in our City and region. Like this project, we should be putting it in underused urban spaces like surface parking lots.

I have heard objections of views changing. However, if we want to meet the demand for more and more affordable housing—which we need to do—we can't wait for a project that residents (who already enjoy the privilege of living in Pasadena) don't object to. It doesn't exist and never will. We can't create new housing if we are consumed with protecting the view from every private balcony in Old Pasadena. The time has come to prioritize safe, affordable, new housing.

It's important for our City that you support the Central Park Apartments.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler Wade". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tyler" and last name "Wade" clearly distinguishable.

Tyler Wade

Pasadena, CA 91107

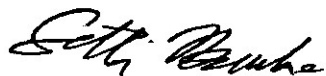
Hello Councilmembers,

I'm writing to tell you about my support for Central Park Apartments. I support the creation of new housing in our City, but it must be in the right location. This project site is perfect for housing. It's walking distance to two Metro stations, across the street from the park, and next door to two other residential buildings. I also understand that the plan is compliant with general plan and zoning requirements, so the project team is not asking for any special exemptions. If we are going to continue to grow the City and receive investment this project is exactly what the City needs to say YES to.

On a personal note, I'm excited for the new retail along Fair Oaks and how the project will make this block more lively and appealing to pedestrians than it is today. Plus, the green landscaping will really make the area look so much better.

Please support Central Park Apartments!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Seth Burke".

Seth Burke

Pasadena, CA 91107

Dear Pasadena City Council:

I am in strong favor of Central Park Apartments – the plan to bring 84 residential units, including affordable housing, to a surface parking lot on Dayton and Fair Oaks. The project complies with all general plan and zoning requirements, is beautifully designed, and incorporates feedback from the community. What more could you ask for?

Our City really needs more housing units. An under-used surface parking lot is the perfect place to put these uses. On top of that, it meets the guidelines set forth by the City for this kind of development.

I'm very excited about this project and looking forward to seeing it come to life!

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Jacobs".

Al Jacobs

Pasadena, CA 91107

Hello Pasadena City Council,

Our City desperately needs more housing to offer residents more options and relieve a worsening housing shortage in the San Gabriel Valley. Central Park Apartments offers the perfect location for new housing. It is half a mile from two of our City's Metro stations and across from Old Pasadena retail businesses. This location will encourage residents to use Metro and patronize our local businesses.

The pandemic has been challenging for us all and this project offers a real benefit to Pasadena residents and businesses. Plus, it will beautify this important corner of our City.

Please allow it to move forward!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duncan Perry". The script is fluid and cursive.

Duncan Perry

Pasadena, CA 91107

Members of the Pasadena City Council,

I support the Central Park Apartments development because our City needs more housing, and this project brings it to an ideal location. Right now, the site is just a surface parking lot. It does not provide any value to the community. Having it serve as a new space for 84 apartments, which includes some units set aside for lower income households, would be a great benefit to our City.

The project also makes the site more active and more connected to its surroundings, such as the park across the street and Old Pasadena.

I cannot see why we would pass up such a great opportunity – please vote to allow this wonderful project to move forward!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neal Stanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Neal Stanley

Pasadena, CA 91107

To the members of Pasadena City Council,

I am writing in support of the Central Park Apartments project at the corner of Fair Oaks and Dayton. I see this project as essential in increasing our housing stock in the City. I am very appreciative that this project will have affordable units and house a variety of incomes and resident types. I know there will be people who don't want to see any change, and don't want their views and their situation to change, but we really need new housing now.

Plus, I'd much rather see a lively building full of residents than a billboard and a parking lot. This will be better for our community as a whole, and I hope you can support the project with me.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jess Rowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jess Rowe

Pasadena, CA 91107

January 21, 2022

Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of All Love Collections in support of the Central Park Apartments. We are located immediately across the street on Fair Oaks from the current parking lot and are thrilled to see the plans for the site. The design is well-done, complimenting the nearby buildings, and will bring new housing and over 6,000 square feet of retail uses to the underutilized space. Central Park Apartments is sure to draw more people to our area and serve as a connection to Old Pasadena, which we welcome as a small business.

Created in Pasadena, we care deeply about this community and believe the Central Park Apartments will bring new life to the neighborhood and activate an underutilized space. Every day, we see the gated surface parking lot and billboard across the street, which does not serve the community in any way. This project promises to change that and create uses that everyone can enjoy.

I am pleased that the project team has shown to be thoughtful and responsive to community feedback to create a project that fits the character of the city. They are making a significant investment in Pasadena with this project, and I believe it is something we will all benefit from.

In addition, the project is creating desperately needed housing at a variety of price points. There is a huge need for more housing in our city and the proposed location makes a lot of sense—walking distance to Old Pasadena, Metro stations, and across the street from Central Park. I know the project team is focused on promoting the use of nearby public transit as well, which I think is great.

The Central Park Apartments would be a huge improvement to the parking lot that we see every day, and I hope that you will join me in supporting it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly Oler', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberly Oler,

ALL LOVE Collections

Jomsky, Mark

From: Henry G <>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 3:14 PM
To: Johnson, Kevin
Cc: Gordo, Victor; Rocha, Luis; Reyes, David; Paige, Jennifer; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Goldrich & Kest Central Park Apt Pro - Comments Submission of 1/24/22 Council Meeting

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Hi Kevin -

There was such a volume of material to go through in such a short time and with intervening holidays.... So forgive this last note, but I noticed the very deceptive artist rendering of the project:

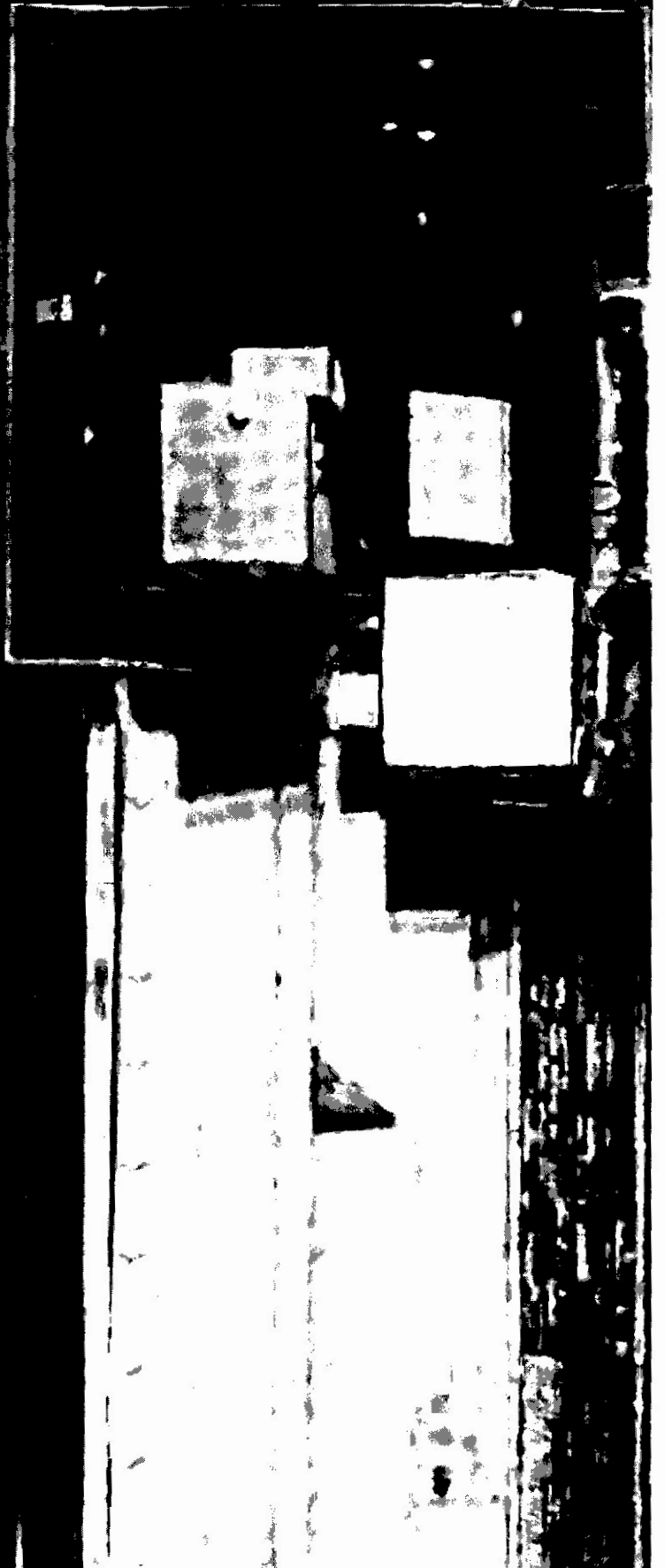


In addition to the perspectives and scales appearing to be grossly off, the red line I noted is where the current

fence is between our property and G&K's - the Castle Green being on the left and it doesn't look that way and they will not be connected as dreamily depicted.

Here's the approx fence line on a Google Earth image for further context:

6:10 PM Mon Jan 24



I do hope more truthful and accurate renderings will eventually be provided. And a joint site visit and discussion with stakeholders.

Regards,

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Sent from my iPad

On Jan 24, 2022, at 8:15 AM, Henry Golas <> wrote:

Thanks, Kevin.

I'll also forward the hard copy.

Kind regards,

H

From: "Johnson, Kevin" <kevinjohnson@cityofpasadena.net>

Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:44 AM

To: Henry Golas <>

Cc: "Gordo, Victor" <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>, "Rocha, Luis" <lrocha@cityofpasadena.net>, "Reyes, David" <davidreyes@cityofpasadena.net>, "Paige, Jennifer" <jpaige@cityofpasadena.net>, PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: RE: Goldrich & Kest Central Park Apt Pro - Comments Submission of 1/24/22 Council Meeting

Good morning Henry,

Thank you for your comments; I have copied the official email address for submitting public comments for the City Council meeting, as noted on the public notice, so that they are included in the record. Regarding the meeting time, while the Council meeting itself starts at 4:30, public hearings do not start earlier than 5:00. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

Kevin

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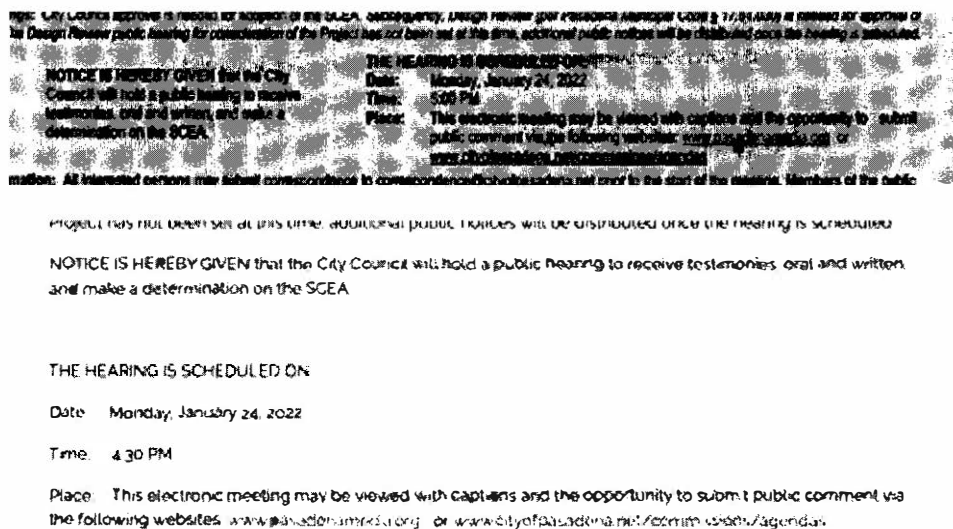
From: Henry Golas <>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:13 PM
To: Johnson, Kevin <kevinjohnson@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>
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Hi Mayor & Kevin –

Attached are my formal comments for the Goldrich & Kest Central Park Apartments Project that is being considered tomorrow, 1/24/22.

Kevin – On my blue card, snail mail notice it says the meeting starts at 5pm, yet on the website, it says 4:30pm?



Can you let me know which one is accurate?

On a minor point, I suppose, I found errors in some of the docs...one easiest to illustrate - one of the historic reports seems to imply that none of the original Hotel Green East building survives – though the first-floor corner does, at the corner of Green and Raymond – as part of the old Stats.

In addition to exterior details, it still has some of the interiors - restaurant arches and capitals and the front door which matches ours. (see pix below for ref) Maybe it should be looked at and considered for inclusion in the city's heritage assets if not already?

The devil is in the details as the cliché goes, so these things tend to erode my confidence in the quality of the documentation.

Will try to dial into tomorrow's meeting if I know the correct time.

Thanks.

Kind regards,



Henry Golas

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Iraheta, Alba

From: Peter Hartgens
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 3:05 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Central Park project housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am writing about the building project proposed for the area adjacent to the Green Hotel Apartments. Obviously housing is very needed but most of the elation here is if the project is built that it not only have low income but low low income i.e. hud housing and such.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Peter C Hartgens OFM, MSW

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