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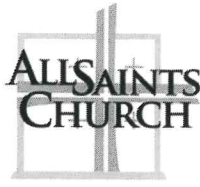
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DULCE TORRES

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Heidi Anderson

PASADENA, CA 91104

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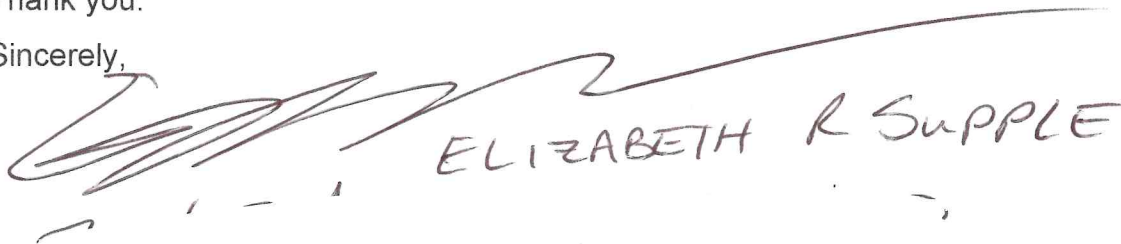
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Kenji Luster	Pasadena CA	91107
Naomi Caldwell	Banning, CA 92222	92220
Clara Cooper	Banning CA	92220
JAMES B. WHITE	LOS ANGELES, CA	90026
Chab Han	150 Yael 91030	
Elizabeth MacLoddy	Sierra Madre, CA	91024
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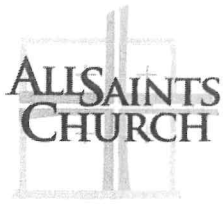
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Candace Elliott	Pasadena, CA	91107
Laura Parsons	Pasadena, CA	91105
David Stecker	Pasadena	91104
BYA BERGER	Sierra Madre	91024
Walter Little	Tujunga CA	91042
Rebecca Duhon	Altadena, CA	91001
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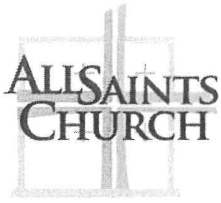
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MARY Basse	Pasadena	91107
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Victoria Tomikawa	LA	90065
Alicia Brossy de Dios	Monterey Park CA	91754
ERIC BROSSY DE DIOS	Monterey Park	91754
Rebecca Pratt	10	91102
Michael Aguilera		91801
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PATSY ANDERSON	PASADENA	91105
Karen Camp	PASADENA	91001
Elizabeth Tatum	PASADENA	91104
Cindy Bishop	Glendale, CA	91206
Juliet Ingram	Pasadena, CA	91103
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JOSE-L. TRAVESE	Shuman	91425
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Pasadena City Hall
100 North Garfield Ave., Room S228
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Dorothy Caimano
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2022 11:00 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Rezone religious land

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Council District #2

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From: Allie Schreiner
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2022 1:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for rezone of religious land

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Please pass the zoning amendment that actually works and provides much needed, accessible, equitable housing.

Thank you so much for your care of this matter,
Allie Schreiner

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Kim Perez
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 2:15 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Rezone religious land for affordable housing

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Thank you.

--Kim Perez
Resident of Pasadena's Council District 7

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From: Kelly Russell <...>
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2022 5:05 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pasadena Needs More Affordable Housing

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Kelly Russell
Resident, District 1

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From: Joshua Marmol
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2022 2:18 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable housing proposal

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Joshua Ulises Marmol, Ruling Elder of the PCUSA, and resident of Pasadena

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From: Laura Raab
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 5:37 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Proposal for churches to build affordable housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am aware that the Pasadena City Council are concerned about having enough affordable housing in Pasadena, especially with the rapid increase in rents.

Ten churches are currently interested in using underused property to build affordable housing and possibly more might be interested in the future. I strongly support this movement. I trust you will as well. For it to be a practical solution, zoning issues need to be addressed, and the proposal needs to be written in such a way that sufficient density is allowed to make it financially feasible. Another important factor is to create the approval process in a streamlined manner. This is a time for quick action and solutions, not red tape and projects that will be completed far in the future.

With the rapid rise of rents in Pasadena overtaking incomes, without drastic action, Pasadena will end up with many more homeless people. This will make our city unattractive to those who might otherwise want to visit.

Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH) presented these factors in their letter, and I trust the council seriously consider it. I pray you will make this possible.

Thank you for acting on this as quickly as possible and streamlining the whole process.

Laura Raab

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From: Karen Klein Scauzillo
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:05 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Allow church land to house the homeless

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From:
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Gordo, Victor; Rivas, Jessica; Wilson, Andy; Kennedy, John J.; Hampton, Tyron; Madison, Steve; Williams, Felicia; Masuda, Gene; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Rezoning Religious Land for Affordable Housing is a Matter of Racial Justice

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members:

I know that you are deeply concerned about racial justice, and the state is requiring cities to "affirmatively further fair housing," so I am sending you this piece which I wrote for our MHCH weekly newsletter about why rezoning religious land for affordable housing is a racial justice issue. I am also including a link to a video in which you can hear what city leaders in Seattle did to rezone religious land in their city for affordable housing, and how Black churches played a key role in making this policy equitable.

Respectfully,

Anthony Manousos
Co-founder of Making Housing and Community Happen



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The red-and-green "Juneteenth flag" celebrates the emancipation of enslaved Africans.



Rezoning Religious Land is a Matter of Racial Justice: Contact Pasadena's City Council Today!



As our nation celebrates July 4th, it is important that we take to heart the words of Jesus: "The truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). July 4th did not bring freedom to everyone, just to property-owning white males. It took hundreds of years, and intense struggle, for women and people of color to be liberated and have equal rights, and the struggle is ongoing.

During our Housing Justice Forum, Donald King, an African American leader from Seattle, shared with us the struggle of Black people in Seattle. Many migrated from the oppressive South with its Jim Crow laws and lynchings and created a vibrant community in the city center, despite many obstacles imposed by whites. Banks would not lend money to Black

churches to purchase land and build their sanctuaries, so they raised funds and paid cash. As whites moved back into the city center, many people of color were priced out and moved to the suburbs and nearby cities. Attendance at Black churches dwindled. Many faced financial challenges.

When Seattle passed an ordinance rezoning religious land for affordable housing, it had a "poison bill" for Black churches. It required that housing be 100% affordable for those earning 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This worked for white churches, but not for cash-strapped Black churches. They needed the affordability level to be up to 80% of AMI to make projects work financially for them. The Black churches launched a vigorous campaign and convinced the City Council to adopt the 80% threshold. Thanks to the efforts of Donald King and the Nehemiah Initiative, Black churches are now making plans to use their underutilized land for affordable housing.

We are facing a similar situation here in Pasadena. The first church that has taken steps to have affordable housing built on its property is African American, but it can't do so because of zoning. The Planning Department's proposal will not help this Black church. Our MHCH proposal will enable this Black church to fulfill its mission and have affordable housing built on its excess property.

For hundreds of years, people of color have struggled for the right to own property and have the freedom to use it as whites do. Pasadena has an opportunity to help right some of the wrongs it has done to the African American community by rezoning religious land for affordable housing. This is something that the African American community clearly wants. Last year over 60 community and religious leaders, including Council member Kennedy and Anthony Portantino, gathered at the New Hope Baptist Church on N. Fair Oaks to hold a vigil in support of rezoning religious land for affordable housing. See <https://makinghousinghappen.net/2021/04/28/our-prayer-vigil-for-affordable-housing-and-racial-justice-was-a-great-success/>

You can also watch our Housing Justice Forum on Rezoning Religious Land for Affordable Housing that took place this week, and hear a powerful presentation by Donald King and Nick Welch. The Seattle City website makes it clear that rezoning religious land is a matter of racial justice:

"Displacement of Seattle residents, especially within Black, Indigenous, and communities of color, is an ongoing challenge. In neighborhoods like the Central Area, for example, the Black population has decreased from more than 70 percent in the 1970s to less than one-fifth of the neighborhood's population today. Many faith organizations have advocated for City policies that support affordable housing development on their property as a strategy to address displacement, strengthen community ties, and maintain community ownership in their neighborhood."

"Allowing additional density for long-term, income-restricted affordable housing on religious property helps us address Seattle's affordability crisis and supports the many faith-based organizations eager to use their land to create homes for their low-income neighbors. When paired with the support of public funds and tools like community preference, these land use policies help address historic and ongoing inequities in housing access by supporting community-driven and community-owned development."

Engagement

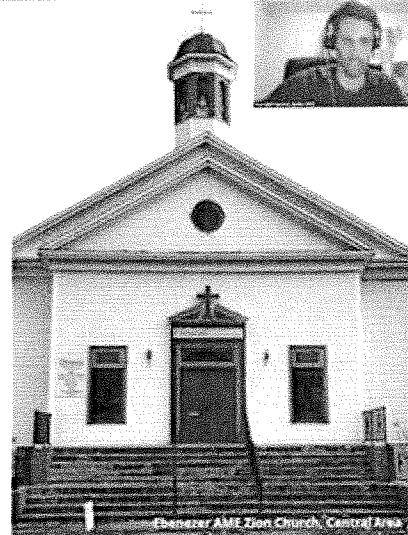
Stakeholders

- Faith organizations exploring redevelopment
- Neighborhood-based efforts in the Central District
- Affordable housing developers
- Public outreach



What we heard

- Desire to include community spaces
- Need for financial, technical, and regulatory support
- Intent to engage directly with community



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From: Petrea Burchard
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2022 5:03 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: church property rezoning

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Petrea Burchard Sandel
district 3

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From: Merilie Robertson ·
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2022 8:43 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Affordable Housing

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The City of Pasadena is in dire need of affordable housing. There are churches that have extra land they are not using and would be willing to have affordable housing developed on that land. This would require the rezoning of the land. But the Planning Department's rezoning proposal excludes most of these churches. By making small changes in the number of houses per acre (from 32 to 36) more churches would qualify. I personally know several people who are in danger of eviction because they cannot afford the rent. Please vote for changes that will make it possible for people like this to find affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Merilie Robertson

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From: Sarah Thomas
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 3:58 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Shawn Morrissey
Subject: USHS Support with Amendments - Rezoning Congregational Land

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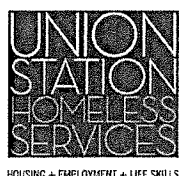
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Sincerely,



Sarah Thomas
Director of Public Policy & Legislative Affairs
She/Her
2105 Lincoln Ave., Altadena. CA 91001
Cell Phone:

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From: Len Tang
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:52 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: support for rezoning church land

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I'm writing to support rezoning church land for affordable housing. The need for housing is urgent to retain diversity in our city, and this is such an easy way to do it. Please support this at the upcoming City Council meetings.

I am a Pasadena resident and have been following affordable housing for 4-5 years. Please support this.

Thanks,
Len Tang

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From:
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:26 AM
To: Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Rivas, Jessica; Masuda, Gene; Williams, Felicia; Hampton, Tyron; Kennedy, John J.; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for rezoning religious land from the Pasadena Job Center, First United Methodist Church and the Community Clergy Coalition
Attachments: Letters to CC July 11 Job Center.pdf; letter to CC for July 11 2022 FUMC.pdf

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

I am attaching letters of support for the MHCH proposal for rezoning religious land for affordable housing. Last month we held an event of the Pasadena Job Center where Pablo Alvarado along with others signed a letter of support for rezoning religious land for affordable housing.

Members of the First United Methodist Church also support this measure, as does the Clergy Community Coalition, as they make clear in their website:

The Clergy Community Coalition is dedicated to supporting and advocating for affordable housing in the city of Pasadena. Through partnerships with organizations like Making Housing and Community Happen, the CCC is committed to tangible solutions.

The CCC is currently supporting an initiative led by Making Housing and Community Happen to create an Overlay Zone so affordable housing can be built on Church Property throughout the city. See <https://clergycommunitycoalition.org/initiatives/project-one-6aj5a>

Anthony Manousos
Co-founder of Making Housing and Community Happen

PS Here's a list of members of the Community Clergy Coalition:

Abundant Harvest Christian LIFT
All Saints Church
Altadena 7th Day Adventist
Beth Chayim Chadashim
Bethany Church of Sierra Madre
Blessed Virgin Catholic Church
Christ Chapel
Christ Church Sierra Madre
Christian Assembly Church
Church of God of Profesy
Church of the Foothills
Community Bible Church

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Crosspoint Baptist Church
Dunamis Pasadena Church
Ecumenical Interfaith Cmte United Church of Christ
Encounter LA
Epicenter Church
Eucharist of the Beloved
Faith Lutheran Church
FAME Pasadena
FAME Zion Church of Pasadena
Fellowship Monrovia Church
First Baptist Church of Pasadena
First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena
First Presbyterian Church
Gold Line Church
Grace Life LA
Greater New Guide Baptist Church
Harvest Rock (Hrock) Church
Holy Deliverance Pentecostal Church
Iglesia Cristiano Por Amarte
Iglesia Harvest Rock Church
Knox Presbyterian Church
Korean Churches for Cmty Development, Pasadena
La Iglesia de Dios de La Profecia
LaCanada Presbyterian Church
Lake Avenue Church
Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church
Los Angeles Archdiocese
Mercy Town Church
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Mission Community Church
MonteCedro
Montrose Church
Morning Star Baptist Church of Pasadena
Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church
New Abbey Church
New Dawn Missionary Baptist Church
New Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church
New Heart Foursquare Church
New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church
Orange Grove Quaker
Pacific Crossroads Church
Pasadena Church
Pasadena Community Christian Church
Pasadena Covenant Church
Pasadena Foursquare Church
Pasadena Int'l House of Prayer
Pasadena Mennonite Church
Pasadena Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Pasadena Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Disaster Response Team
Prism Church

Refuge Christian Center
Rose City Church
Saint Mark's Church
Sinai Hispanic Baptist Church
Sovereign Grace Church
The Bridge Church (at PHS)
The Call The Calling Church
The Secret Place Church
Unite Church
Unite Pasadena Church
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Signed Jason Mayo

Printed name: Jason Mayo

Address: _____

Cell (optional): _____

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