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From: Bautista, Glory
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 5:35 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: 'glorynb@gmail.com'
Subject: rezone religious land for affordable housing

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Hi Mayor and City Council,

I am writing in support of the proposal to rezone religious land in Pasadena for affordable housing. I am writing in hopes you will support this effort.

I live in East Pasadena in a beautiful home, on a very quiet street. However driving around Pasadena, I am reminded that not everyone gets this same privilege. I wish for that, and so am joining in support of this proposal in hopes it will make some change.

I can imagine these kinds of proposals are very complicated. I also know that with every proposal there are political negotiations one has to make. I fear that unless these aspects and particularities are given attention, the zoning amendment will pass but be unpractical to carry out. Pasadena needs more affordable housing. And this proposal has the potential to respond to this need. Please consider the letter from Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH) which addresses the factors that need addressing in order for this proposal to be adequate.

Thank you,
Glory

Rev. Glory Neail Bautista, BCC | [she/her/hers \(What's this?\)](#)
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am one of the pastors at First Baptist Church of Pasadena, and I support the proposal to rezone religious land in Pasadena for affordable housing.

There are ways that this zoning amendment can be written that will assure that it will work and actually produce affordable housing, and there are ways that it can be written that will assure that it will not work. For example, if the amendment allows for sufficient density at each site, then projects will be financially feasible, and the zoning amendment will work. But if it does not allow enough density at each site, then projects won't be financially feasible, and the zoning amendment will be virtually useless.

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We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena. Please pass a zoning amendment that works to create more affordable housing.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Angel Cheng

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From: Bert Newton
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:58 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Jill Shook; Mario Morales
Subject: Item #18
Attachments: New Guiding Light Letters for City Council 2022.pdf

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Dear Mark Jomsky,

Please find attached 15 letters signed by members of New Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church in support of rezoning religious land for affordable housing.

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Rev. Bert Newton
Making Housing and Community Happen

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Date: 3/7/2022

Dear City Council,

I ask for your support of proposal to rezone congregational/institutional land for affordable housing. I am writing in support of this innovative and much needed zone change because it will benefit the whole city. We desperately need more affordable housing in our community because it has become gentrified, and our friends are being displaced, some moving to other states.

Churches would like to be part of the solution to this problem. Several churches in Pasadena would like to have affordable housing built on their property but cannot do so because of current zoning. That's why we need this zoning changed as soon as possible!

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Today I urge you to listen to the voice of the people in our community who are clamoring for affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Name: RAYMOND GALBREATH

Contact info: (626) 795-1111

Church affiliation:

New Guiding Light

Date: March 7, 2022

Dear City Council,

I ask for your support of proposal to rezone congregational/institutional land for affordable housing. I am writing in support of this innovative and much needed zone change because it will benefit the whole city. We desperately need more affordable housing in our community because it has become gentrified, and our friends are being displaced, some moving to other states.

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Sincerely,

Name: CHANELA GALBREATH

Contact info: (626) 795-1111

Church affiliation: Next Building Light

Date: May 8, 2022

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Sincerely,

Name: Martie Howard

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation: New Building Light M.B.C

Date: 5/08/22

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Sincerely,

Name: DIANE LEE

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation:

New Gouding Light

Date: 5/8/22

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Sincerely,

Name:

Patricia B Simms

Contact Info:

Church affiliation:

New Guiding Light

Missi onary Baptist Church

Date: 5/8/22

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Sincerely,

Name: Nyira Simms

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation:

New Guiding Light
Missionary Baptist Church

Date: 5/17/22

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Sincerely, Betty Black

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation: Meal Ministry Light

Date: 5 8 22

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Sincerely,

Name: Shawon Geraldine Cox

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation: Abundant Harvest Gift

Date: 5-8-22

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Sincerely,

Name: Beslie Nichols

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation:

New Guiding Light Missionary
Baptist church

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Sincerely,

Name: Cherette Wilson

Contact info: [redacted]

Church affiliation:

New Beginning Church

Date: 5 May 2022

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Sincerely,

Name: SANDRA LESTER

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation:

New Gathering Light Missionary Baptist Church

Date: 5/8/2022

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Sincerely,

Name: Regina Jones

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation:

New Smiling Light M.B.C.

Date: 5-8-22

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Sincerely,

Name: Stacia Williams

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation:

New Covenant Light Baptist

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Sincerely,

Name: Wanda Buntz

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation:

Wesleyan Methodist

Date: 04-08-2022

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Sincerely,

Name: Michelle Ando

Contact info: _____

Church affiliation: _____

NGL Parish

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Gretchen
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 10:31 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Dear Mayor and City Council

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Thank you.

Gretchen

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From: Rene J. Scheys
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 6:18 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Rezone religious land for affordable housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a resident of Pasadena, I attend First Baptist Church of Pasadena, and I support the proposal to rezone religious land in Pasadena for affordable housing. There are ways that this zoning amendment can be written that will assure that it will work and actually produce affordable housing, and there are ways that it can be written that will assure that it will not work. For example, if the amendment allows for sufficient density at each site, then projects will be financially feasible, and the zoning amendment will work. But if it does not allow enough density at each site, then projects won't be financially feasible, and the zoning amendment will be virtually useless. There are other factors, such as the process of approval for each project, that will have bearing on whether the zoning amendment will work or not. Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH) has addressed these factors in their letter, so I recommend that the council seriously consider what MHCH has proposed. We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena. Please pass a zoning amendment that works to create more affordable housing.

Thank you.

Rene Scheys

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Iris and Jason Chen
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:01 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Rezone religious land for affordable housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I attend First Baptist Church of Pasadena, and I support the proposal to rezone religious land in Pasadena for affordable housing. As a resident of this community, I see the need to care for all our members, particularly the houseless. We desperately need more affordable housing in our city.

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We need more creative solutions and action to support the most vulnerable in our community. Please pass a zoning amendment that works to create more affordable housing. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Iris Chen

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From: Jochen Strack
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:13 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Supporting affordable housing on church land

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Honorable members of Pasadena City Council,

Thank you very much to the Mayor for setting up a housing task force, and to my district representative John Kennedy for his strong support for affordable housing for many years.

I would kindly like to ask the City Council to allow more affordable housing on church land. I am a nurse and given the housing prices now I can no longer afford to buy a home in Pasadena. Therefore I continue to rent but the rents here are driving many people like myself out.

I worked with homeless people and people below the poverty level in Pasadena as a nurse practitioner. I have witnessed the great importance of stable housing on people's lives and contribution to our city.

Thank you for your kind considerations!

Sincerely,

Jochen Strack

Pasadena

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Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 1:23 PM
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I support the proposal to rezone religious land in Pasadena for affordable housing.

I attend Church in Pasadena and with so much need for affordable housing, it only makes sense for churches such as ours to be able to share that land and space wisely.

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This is a vitally important step, and Pasadena can be a leader in designing creative solutions to housing challenges; thereby providing for the needs of many families currently unhoused or who could end up in homelessness very soon.

Please take this consideration very seriously.

Many vulnerable people are depending on your thoughtful deliberation and bold votes.

Sincerely,

Erica Romero

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Erica Romero
Spiritual Director

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Matthew 25/Mateo 25 So Cal, Board Member
Standing with and Defending the Vulnerable in the name of Jesus

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Thank you!! I appreciate you taking the time to read this.

Jason Ellis

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