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**From:** Sophia Patricio  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 22, 2022 1:15 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Rezone religious land for affordable housing

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Hello,

I attend Pasadena Foursquare Church, and I am writing to say that I support the proposal to religious land for affordable housing.

There is so much potential for change within the change of the zoning amendment. We must have change in order for our city to thrive. What I love about Pasadena is the location, the diversity of people, the neighborhoods, and the feeling of a tight knit community. Without affordable housing all of that will deteriorate. Because of a lack of affordability families are being forced to move. Those of lower economic status are huddling in spaces much too small, in neighborhoods where they are disregarded by society. Affordable housing will slowly, but surely, eliminate these scenarios and quickly house families and family members who are living on the streets. Please rezone religious land for affordable housing!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sophia Patricio

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 9:57 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Kennedy, John J.; Rivas, Jessica; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Williams, Felicia  
**Subject:** Letters in support of rezoning congregational land for affordable housing  
**Attachments:** Letters to Council May 23 b.pdf; letters to council may 23 c.pdf; Letters to Council May 23.pdf

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing on behalf of your constituents and Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH). Attached are additional letters of support for rezoning religious land for affordable housing that were gathered this weekend from residents of Northwest Pasadena, where there is broad support for this zone change among the churches and residents.

95% of churches surveyed by MHCH support a Congregational Land Zoning amendment. The Clergy Community Coalition, which comprises 76 congregations, supports this zoning amendment, as does the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the Pasadena Affordable Housing Coalition. This Coalition includes ACT, Abundant Housing LA, Affordable Housing Services, All Saints Church, Clergy Community Coalition, Democrats of Pasadena Foothills, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, League of Women Voters-Pasadena, National Day Laborer Organizing Network, Complete Streets Coalition, Pasadena Foursquare Church, Pasadenans Organizing for Progress, Pasadena For All, Social Justice Committee of Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center.

When the Planning Department held a public zoom meeting on rezoning congregational land for affordable housing a year or so ago, only one person was not in support, among the hundred in attendance supported it.

Please listen to the voice of your constituents!

Rezoning congregational land for affordable housing is an idea whose time has come. Ten other cities in Southern California are considering rezoning religious property for affordable housing, including Sierra Madre, which was the first to approve such a policy. By approving this amendment with changes suggested by MHCH, Pasadena will encourage other cities to follow our example.

The city of Seattle has rezoned religious property throughout the city because they see this rezoning as a racial equity issue, as they make clear in their website:

**“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.”**

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We feel that this zoning amendment will help address historic inequities in Pasadena as well as address gentrification and displacement of low-income residents, many of whom are people of color.

Anthony Manousos  
Co-founder of MHCH

Date: 05-15-22

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Sincerely,

Name: Opal Hetherington

Orange Grove Friends (Quaker) Meeting

Pasadena, CA 91104

Date: 5/15/2022

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Name: M. Allen

Orange Grove Friends Meeting

Pasadena, CA 91104

Rachel Allen

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Date: May 15, 2022

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Name: Kathryn Carpenter

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Name: Sarah Burke

Orange Grove Friends (Quaker) Meeting

Pasadena, CA 91104

Date: 5/22/22

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- 700 students considered homeless in PUSD
- 19% of all PCC students have experienced homelessness.

Please allow interested Pasadena congregations to serve our city in this way. We ask that you do all you can to pass this amendment as soon as possible. Thanks for your consideration.

Signed Ronald Beauvegard

Printed name: Ronald Beauvegard

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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 Printed name: Lila King  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sincerely,

Name: Mercedes Navarro

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City Pasadena

CA 91103

Summit Heights  
Neighborhood Association:

Date: 5/17/22

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

City Pasadena

Neighborhood Association:

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Name: Ziggy Pudzewicz

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City Pasadena

Neighborhood Association:

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

City PASADENA

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Jeffrey Furterman

Street

Pasadena CA 91103

Neighborhood Association:

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Sincerely,

Name: Evelyn Fragosa Mastorakis

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City Pasadena

Neighborhood Association:

Summit Heights

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**From:** Melissa Spolar  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:31 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Rezone Religious Land for Affordable Housing

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Melissa Spolar. I live in district 3. I wanted to express my strong support for the proposal to rezone religious land in Pasadena for affordable housing.

Like many others, housing costs are a constant stressor for me. I hope that one day that will not be a common reality, especially for fully employed people like myself. As a local pastor, I am part of a large group of the local faith community with a desire to help address the lack of 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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Thank you.

-Rev. Melissa Spolar

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**From:** John Jay Alvaro  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2022 4:24 PM  
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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

Thank you for considering the proposal to rezone congregational land for affordable housing. I am writing in support of this innovative and much-needed zone change.

My name is Pastor Mario-Seth Morales. I have been part of Pasadena's history since the early 90s when I graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary. For the last four years working as Hospice Chaplain in South Pasadena and presently working with Making Housing and Community Happen with the North Fair Oaks project.

I first want to thank all the embers of this Council for your commitment to ending homelessness in Pasadena: To Jess Rivas for supporting rent control; We recognize that John Kennedy has been a champion of affordable housing; Mayor Gordo for appointing a Housing Task Force for affordable housing. I am also thankful that the Council unanimously supported affordable housing at Heritage Square South and the Civic Center. We all agree that affordable housing will help raise healthy children who contribute to our society when they become adults.

Second, I want to express my unconditional support for t the proposal to rezone church land for affordable housing. I urge you to adopt a zoning policy that will work to allow congregations to have affordable housing built on their underutilized land. The staff recommends zone changes only for commercial and public/semi-public zones, which excludes most congregation communities in our city. Please make sure that you pass an ordinance that works by increasing the number of units per acre from 32 to 36, only four additional units, so that we can get affordable housing into all parts of the city and not perpetuate racist and classist exclusionary zoning.

I want to close by recognizing that the need for affordable housing is "desperate," as Mayor Gordo has pointed out. Soaring housing costs drive low-income residents, especially people of color, out of our city. Even middle-class people can't afford Pasadena's spiraling rents or median home price, over one million dollars. Allowing congregations to address this crisis is in keeping

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with the city's mission: "All Pasadena residents have an equal right to live in decent, safe, and affordable housing in a suitable living environment for the long-term well-being and stability of themselves, their families, their neighborhoods, and the future of our community." Allowing congregations to have affordable housing built on their underutilized land will help the city meet its state-mandated goal of 6,000 units of affordable housing in the next eight years. Rezoning church land for affordable housing is one way the city can correct the past sins of racial inequities that displaced people of color.

Respectfully,

Pastor Mario-Seth Morales

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**From:** ccod66 <  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 10:36 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** ccod66@yahoo.com  
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I want to emphasize the "by right" aspect since this will make it possible for nonprofit affordable housing developers to invest time and money in predevelopment without the risk of denial. This is a very important consideration and a key factor for the success of the effort.

Thank you for considering this matter, which would make a significant difference in the lives of many Pasadenans. I urge you to pass a zoning amendment that works to create affordable housing.

Sincerely,  
Connie O'Donnell

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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