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From: Bert Newton <
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 11:35 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item 18 rezone religious land for affordable housing
Attachments: Bethel-Church-NFO-Pasadena 23 signed letters for City Coucil May 2022.pdf

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I've attached 23 letters signed by members of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 1972 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in support of rezoning religious land in Pasadena for affordable housing.

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Rev. Bert Newton
Making Housing and Community Happen

05/23/2022
Item 18

Date: 5-25-22

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Signed Yvonne Riley
Printed name: Yvonne Riley
Address: _____
Cell (optional): _____

Pasadena CA 91103

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Printed name: DELMA BRADY

Address: _____

Cell (optional): _____ 9100

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Address: Patrol Church

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Printed name: JANICE JACKSON

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Printed name: DORIS JONES

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Cell (optional): _____ 92113

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Printed name: LINDA DORSEY

Address: PASADENA CA

Cell (optional): 9107

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Printed name: Dede Owens

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Signed: Betty J. Foster

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Address: 11111 PASADENA

Cell (optional): 6

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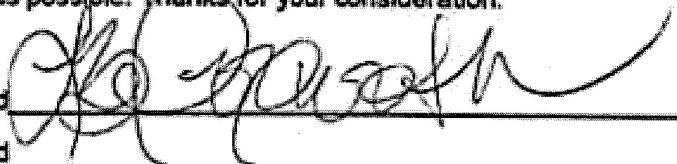
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Signed Wanda Wilson

Printed name: Wanda Wilson

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I've attached 2 letters signed by the acting Pastor and an Elder from Bethlehem Church at 1550 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in support of rezoning religious land for affordable housing.

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Signed Elder Curtis L Smith

Printed name: Elder Curtis L Smith

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Deborah Church

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Signed Wayne Boyd

Printed name: WAYNE BOYD

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Wendy Gist and I live in Fair Oaks Court in Pasadena, which is occupied by mostly low- and moderate-income families. I also work for the San Gabriel Presbytery (PCUSA), which has several churches in Pasadena. I strongly 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.

Sincerely,

Wendy Gist

Pasadena, CA 91103

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Subject: Rezoning Church Land-Vote Yes!

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

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

I have served on two city commissions: (1) Pasadena Status of Women Commission and (2) Pasadena Senior Commission. I am in Council member Felicia Williams District...

First hand I've observed the need for affordable housing in our wonderful Pasadena. It's so hard for single mothers, for example to find affordable housing....and, of course, seniors are challenged as well. We have resources for many...with our recreation centers like Jackie Robinson...and lots of resources for seniors...but residents need to live near these resources. I love my city and my neighborhood. We need to do more to make our city affordable.

One change that would help is to change the zoning policy so that congregations with extra land can build some low income housing. Churches have a mission to serve their communities and many would like to use their excess land to provide homes for those with low incomes, but they need legal permission.

Our city government has unanimously supported affordable housing at Heritage Square South and the Civic Center. Thank you so much.

It's time to continue and do more...pass an ordinance, for example, that would increase the number of units per acre from 32 to 36, only four additional units. And let churches decide how they want to use their underutilized land... Some can help with our housing crisis. Let them!

Onward! Vote for progress!

Sincerely,

Marna Cornell

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: J Russell
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 11:55 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – RELIGIOUS FACILITIES WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Dear Mayor and City Council

I attend Pasadena Foursquare Church.

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 just a nice gesture.

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.

Thank for your time and consideration on such a matter. Affordable housing is not only a pertinent topic in the public conversation but one that shows the world who Pasadena is as a city. A city willing to invite the world to its doorstep ever year to celebrate safely and is also willing to clean-up. Pasadena is known for the arts, business and its culture. It's also a city that offers an opportunity to all, yet sometimes that can be overlooked. Allowing these zoning code amendments enforces who Pasadena is and always was. This is not a way to stay relevant in changing times, but a remembering of who Pasadena is and can be together. I know words alone will not persuade, not should they. However, I urge the entire council to remember who Pasadena is and partner with religious facilities who are willing to open their door, who they themselves are remembering who they are what their purpose is in Pasadena. Thank you for your time, your service, and your dedication.

James Russell

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From: Paul Audley
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This is my first time writing to the City Council in Pasadena, but it's not the first time that I have been involved in local politics. I was mayor ("First Selectman") of Fairfield, Connecticut (a full-service municipality of 55,000) and served Republican Congressman Chris Shays as his Chief of Staff and Counsel, with priority focus on housing, job development, transportation and environment. Today I live in Pasadena in CD 3 and I am writing today at as chair of the Board of Trustees of First United Methodist Church, at 500 E Colorado Boulevard. We are committed to the historic preservation of our beautiful building and we are also committed to serving those in need by housing homeless families in our church for a week with the Family Promise, providing a weekly food bank and our partnership with Friends in Deed. In addition, we house Pasadena Meals on Wheels in our facility.

We want to see those we serve adequately housed. Allowing religious communities to provide housing when they have underutilized land is a win-win strategy. It will add to the affordable housing inventory as well as help support the missions and outreach efforts of our religious communities - which reduces the burden on local government to provide services.

Please pass a zoning amendment that will help organizations that are interested in this continue to move forward in service to our community. As mayor and congressional staff, I supported many affordable housing projects and felt a lot of pride in knowing that we were truly helping the most vulnerable to thrive and turn their lives around with the stability of housing they could afford. I trust that you also will feel the same when you see housing built on religious community lands, knowing you made it possible.

Sincerely,
Paul Audley

Pasadena, CA 91101

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From: Blair Miller
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Subject: Agenda Item #18 - Religious Facilities with Affordable Land

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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.

I want to thank the City Council for considering this issue, to thank Planning Commission for addressing it in multiple meetings over the last few years, and to thank staff for their hard work to address it.

HOWEVER, we need to adopt a zoning policy that **will actually allow congregations to have affordable housing built on their underutilized land.** The staff recommendation in Agenda Item #18, which is only for commercial and public/semi-public zones, excludes most congregations in our city. Furthermore, the recommendations as written will not allow the congregations to build projects that are competitive for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit. **Please direct staff to create an ordinance that works for tax credit funded projects in these commercial and public/semi-public zones.**

The Mayor and Council have received an email with some suggestions from Making Housing and Communities Happen (MHCH). I urge you to review that email and ask staff to respond to it before finalizing the ordinance.

I care about Pasadena and our built environment. While there are fears about the impact of multifamily housing on our neighborhoods, most of these fears are rooted in myths about what affordable housing is and who lives there. This can be addressed through visual images and tours of Pasadena's existing affordable housing developments, which many people do not even know are affordable!

Pasadena is being forced to find innovative solutions to State demands through the RHNA numbers and Housing Element process. This is one way that Pasadena can meet these goals, and provide more opportunities for well-designed and maintained affordable housing in our city.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Blair Miller

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