From:	Randall Heyn-Lamb
Sent:	Friday, June 9, 2023 7:30 PM
To:	PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc:	Lorynne Young; Rev. Mark Chase; Rev. Mike Kinman
Subject:	Public Comment re: Item 22 on the City Council agenda for 12 June, 2023

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to have the following statement entered into the Public Comment for the upcoming meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, June 12th in regards to Item 22, ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE HOUSING ELEMENT PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY SHELTERS, LOW BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTERS, SAFE PARKING, DESIGN REVIEW THRESHOLDS, AND MODIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Specifically, I want to comment on Section (3) 2., which reads "Include safe parking sites as a permitted use on all religious institutions throughout Pasadena with a Minor Conditional Use Permit".

My Statement:

Mayor Gordo, Councilmember Rivas, and other Councilmembers,

My name is Randall Heyn-Lamb and my wife and I are residents and homeowners in the 5th District of Pasadena. Our home sits opposite a church with a parking lot, and the church we attend has a parking lot. Neither of those parking lots are heavily used overnight, but both could be a safer space for housing-challenged residents and visitors of Pasadena. Currently, there are several vehicles regularly parked overnight on our block, and more than once a vehicle has been struck by a passing car. We have no idea if the leaders of the church across from our home have any interest in opening their parking lot to overnight visitors. We do know that ours, All Saints Episcopal, located across the street from City Hall, is. And I support allowing my church, the church we live opposite from, and all other houses of worship in Pasadena, to offer off street parking to individuals residing in their vehicles, if they so choose.

Thank you.

From:Brigitte LongSent:Sunday, June 11, 2023 5:02 PMTo:PublicComment-AutoResponseSubject:Article/Topic 22

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Hello,

My name is Brigitte Long, a local resident of Pasadena, California. I submitting my comments related to article 22 on the meeting agenda for tomorrow 6/12.

I am in agreement and support the initiative of allowing individuals who are homeless authorization to park overnight at designated locations such as my church parking lot, Pasadena Church. My pastor is Kerwin Manning. I offer my full support in hopes of getting this passed to provide a safe space for those in need.

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Sincerely, Ms. Long

Sent from my iPhone

From:Bert NewtonSent:Monday, June 12, 2023 10:11 AMTo:PublicComment-AutoResponseSubject:Item 22, specifically safe parking

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Item 22 tomorrow is about zoning for safe parking programs as well as emergency shelters and low barrier navigation centers. The staff recommendation for safe parking programs is to allow it at church sites in nonresidential zones with a Minor CUP. However, there is a church, <u>Pasadena Church</u>, which has two campuses, and wants to host a safe parking site at one of them, **404 E. Washington Blvd**., in a *residential* zone. They already serve two hot meals per week at that site, and it is very close to Friends in Deed, so it is an ideal site for a second Safe Parking program.

Our proposal is to allow safe parking programs at churches in residential zones with a Minor CUP. (which matches the recommendation of the Planning Commission.) The Minor CUP will allow neighbors to object if they really feel it doesn't belong. Furthermore, the city could set a cap of 3 safe parking programs and evaluate them after a year.

There was recently a wait list of 50 people for the safe parking program at <u>Trinity</u> Lutheran Church, and a couple of current participants waited a year to get in.

The neighbors around Trinity Lutheran Church are aware of the program and have been very supportive. Safe parkers are vetted, the program is highly structured and has strict requirements, and those who break the rules must leave the program. The participants tend to be older individuals and women who need a safe place to park and receive services.

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Thank you for considering this information in your decision.

Rev. Bert Newton

Making Housing and Community Happen

From:	Norweeta Milburn
Sent:	Monday, June 12, 2023 1:42 PM
То:	PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject:	Safe parking at Pasadena churches for people with lived experience of homelessness

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Hello,

I support the Pasadena City Council's approval of the Planning Commission's recommendation that safe parking be a permitted use at all church sites with a minor conditional use permit.

Thank you, Norweeta Milburn

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Lorynne Young Monday, June 12, 2023 3:09 PM PublicComment-AutoResponse Item 22 on tonights agenda - Safe Parking

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Mayor Gordo and members of the City Council:

My name is Lorynne Young. I am a resident of District 3 and I am chair of the Peace and Justice Ministries Committee at All Saints Church. I am writing in support of the **Planning Commission** recommendation to allow overnight safe parking on all church property in Pasadena with a minor conditional use permit.

Pasadena has made great strides in combating homelessness over recent years, but there is much left to be done and this would be an excellent step forward in helping our unhoused neighbors. I know you are all aware of the successful Safe Haven Bridge to Housing program that we have at All Saints. Overnight safe parking programs could have a similar positive effect by allowing churches to provide save, monitored areas for people living in their cars and to connect them to programs that could help them get rehoused.

I feel that the Planning Department's proposal to allow safe parking only on church property in commercial zones is too limiting. By allowing parking in all zones with a use permit, it would allow neighbors to express any concerns and to be reassured at how the programs will be run at each site.

Please take this opportunity to allow our churches to help the city in it's efforts to eliminate homelessness.

Lorynne Young

Subject:

FW: support expansion of Safe Parking sites to all religious congregations

From: Gloria Newton
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 4:15 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: support expansion of Safe Parking sites to all religious congregations

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Dear City Council,

I am writing in support of the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow for churches to host safe parking sites on their properties upon approval of a minor conditional use permit. I would urge the Council to expand the zoning code amendment to include residential neighborhoods. Limiting these safe parking site to churches in commercial zones would deny most churches the opportunity to help alleviate the homelessness crisis.

Safe parking sites are just that - SAFE. Safe parkers are vetted, programs are highly structured and have strict requirements, and those who break the rules must leave the programs. The participants tend to be older individuals and women who need a safe place to park and receive services. These participants are the least of our worries when it comes to threats to neighbors and school children.

There is plenty of UNSAFE parking by those experiencing homelessness already going on in our residential neighborhoods and near schools. Just last December, 60-year-old Corina Monroy, who was living out of her van, was killed during an altercation in the parking lot on the corner of Los Robles Ave. and Villa St., a corner surrounded by residences of all types. If Corina had been able to enter a safe parking program, she would probably be alive today and perhaps would have been able to find permanent housing.

Religious institutions want to be a part of the solution to our homelessness crisis. Please vote to allow our congregations to provide legitimate, highly structured and supervised safe parking sites in all Pasadena neighborhoods with approval of minor conditional use permits.

Thank you for taking up this matter and for your continued service to our community. I truly do appreciate your dedication.

Best regards, Gloria Newton, District 5 homeowner Pasadena, CA

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." --Arthur Ashe