

**McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)**

---

**From:** Ed Layo  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 2:55 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Fwd: Agenda Item #16: Rehabilitation of the Centennial Place Housing Project at 235 E. Holly Street, Pasadena

Some people who received this message don't often get email from edlayor@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

**[⚠] CAUTION:** This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you **know** the content is safe. Report phish using the Phish Alert Button. For more information about the Phish Alert Button view article "KB0010263" on the DoIT portal.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Ed Layo  
**Date:** Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 2:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Item #16: Rehabilitation of the Centennial Place Housing Project at 235 E. Holly Street, Pasadena  
**To:** <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>

Pasadena, CA 91101.  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Agenda Item #16: Rehabilitation of the Centennial Place Housing Project at 235 E. Holly Street, Pasadena**

On **March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024** around 4:50 p.m., the City of Pasadena's Compliance Section issued a verbal compliance instruction to Abode Communities to stop continuous flow of sewage from the sink. I had gone to the City of Pasadena's Compliance Section to file a complaint.

As my letters to Abode Communities indicated, I have had **major** flooding of my unit for many times every year. In the past year, this has happened **three** times. The last major flooding was on **March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Each flooding always leaves **my unit wet and drying for months**. My beddings and my whole room

were too wet that I had to spend the nights of **March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024** in an hotel — the same hotel I stayed when I had previous flooding in my unit. BTW, I have **not** been reimbursed for my two nights at the hotel.

Following the flooding — i.e. on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 — **sewage** started flowing from my sink to the floor. For more than 24 hours — that is through March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Sewage often flood the floor of my room. However, the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 flooding would not stop in spite of my complaint to your Property Manager. The Property Manager and maintenance crew gave numerous reasons and excuses for the **March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024** sewage flooding. None of their numerous reasons and excuses turned out to be correct. My unit was in 2 inches deep of sewage water on my floor. Sewage water was moving through my closed door to the hallway and all over the first floor **for more than 24 hours**. The Property Manager and maintenance crew went home unconcerned on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. As they remained unconcerned, I went to the City of Pasadena's Compliance Section resulting in their visit that day at about 4:50 p.m.

Due to the City of Pasadena's Compliance Section enforcement action. the Property Manager was forced to call an outside plumber before leaving for his home. The outside plumber came around 10 p.m., unclogged the sewage line and confirmed that the stoppage/clog causing the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 sewage flooding and previous sewage flooding were somewhere on the third floor of the building. And **I have been made to endure sewage flooding dozens of times per year for more than a decade!**

In 2016, Abode Communities told me to go and get home insurance to cover my flooding losses. Essentially Abode Communities is telling me to commit insurance fraud. Therefore I told Abode Communities that I can **not** do so because it would be fraud to get home insurance. Insurance covers only what **may** happen and **not** what is sure to happen as flooding happen several times a year. Even if I get the home insurance, I would never be able to collect on the insurance.

On **March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024** I had another flooding in my unit. That is 3 flooding in my unit in about a week. This particular flooding was the worst flooding in my 14+ years in the building.

The above is an account for just one unit in the building. Flooding often affects multiple units in the building. The root cause of this is the **vintage of the plumbing system is about a century**. Similarly for the vintage of the electrical system of the building.

I would humbly request that you seek the **records of the building from the City of Pasadena's Fire Department**. The records of the building from City of Pasadena's Fire Department would confirm that both the plumbing and electrical systems need to be upgraded **during or before** the forthcoming Rehabilitation of the Centennial Place Housing Project at 235 E. Holly Street, Pasadena. **Otherwise, you may be approving, I fear, the beatification — in advance — of the burial grounds of 143+ Pasadena residents.**

Please recall that **living conditions are medical conditions**.

Thanks for listening. Best regards.

## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 3:44 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** In favor of item 16

[⚠] **CAUTION:** This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you *know* the content is safe. Report phish using the Phish Alert Button. For more information about the Phish Alert Button view article "KB0010263" on the DoIT portal.

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing in support of granting \$1,650,000 from the Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena Housing Trust Fund to rehabilitate Centennial Place at 235 E. Holly Street. As the staff report indicates, there have been some problems with Centennial Place which are being addressed by Abode Community in this proposal. It seems prudent to make these units available for very low income seniors and makes units available at the Ramona Senior Housing at 280 Ramona St. (a 100-unit project with 48 PSH units), and the Starr Apartments at 231 N. Hill St. (a 52-unit project with 50 PSH units).

I do have a concern: what happens to those needing PSH while awaiting completion of the Ramona St project, which will undoubtedly take several years?

Sincerely,

Anthony Manousos  
Co-Founder of Making Housing and Community Happen

9/23/2024  
Item 16