

CORRESPONDENCE

October 16, 2025

Mayor Victor Gordo and Members of the Pasadena City Council
100 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Recommendation to Adopt the North Lake Specific Plan

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

The Northwest Commission respectfully and enthusiastically recommends adoption of the North Lake Specific Plan (NLSP). We commend the Planning Commission and City staff for their diligent work to elevate the public realm and to anchor a shared vision of Lake Avenue as a true "Great Street."

The Plan's public-realm approach establishes a clear design vocabulary for Lake Avenue, pairing everyday activities with essential amenities and balanced transportation. It emphasizes the elements that make streets safe, comfortable, and memorable: generous shade and street trees, quality lighting, bicycle facilities, inviting street furniture, public art, and coherent wayfinding. Together, these standards guide improvements block by block while preserving Pasadena's human-scaled character.

Equally important, the Plan's implementation pathway is pragmatic and momentum-building. Efficient, near-term actions, such as targeted safety upgrades at key crossings, shade and landscaping enhancements, bus stop and sidewalk amenities, and storefront activation can produce visible improvements within the first phase. Medium-term steps, such as coordinated streetscape treatments, traffic calming measures that balance all modes, and maintenance partnerships, will compound those gains. This disciplined sequencing is the catalyst for deeper public confidence, competitive grant success, and complementary private investment along the corridor.

We also affirm the Plan's community-centric intent. In monitoring public comments during the September 10th NLSP commission meeting, residents shared overwhelming support of the plan, which ground truths the intent of the plan with those who are nearest to its impact. A Great Street on Lake Avenue should function as an outdoor living room for Northwest Pasadena. A clean, safe, and shaded environment, where walking, biking, and transit are comfortable, small businesses can thrive, and public spaces reflect our neighborhood's culture and creativity. Advancing this vision will elevate Lake Avenue to the vibrant, community-centric standard for which Pasadena is known and celebrated.

Adopting the North Lake Specific Plan will send a clear signal of commitment to reimagine Lake Avenue to best serve the community and the businesses of North Lake, and the City of Pasadena as a whole. The Northwest Commission stands ready to partner with the City Council, the Planning Commission, and City Staff to support efficient delivery, monitor early outcomes, and help sustain the community engagement essential to success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Northwest Commission

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Northwest Manager, Lola Osborne
Planning Commission

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very little public input except for the same gang that wants all the planning their way.

Increasing public debt, Then move on to destroy another city using the same techniques. This city

is becoming unrecognizable and having a transportation problem that will never get fixed. Why

are we in such great need to change this city that has had a real life in over 125 years? Let's slow down

and do a better job fixing the massive problems we are creating at top speed. Your solution is to make the city

unaffordable to live in the city. It shows just looking at the numbers.

Richard Luczynski

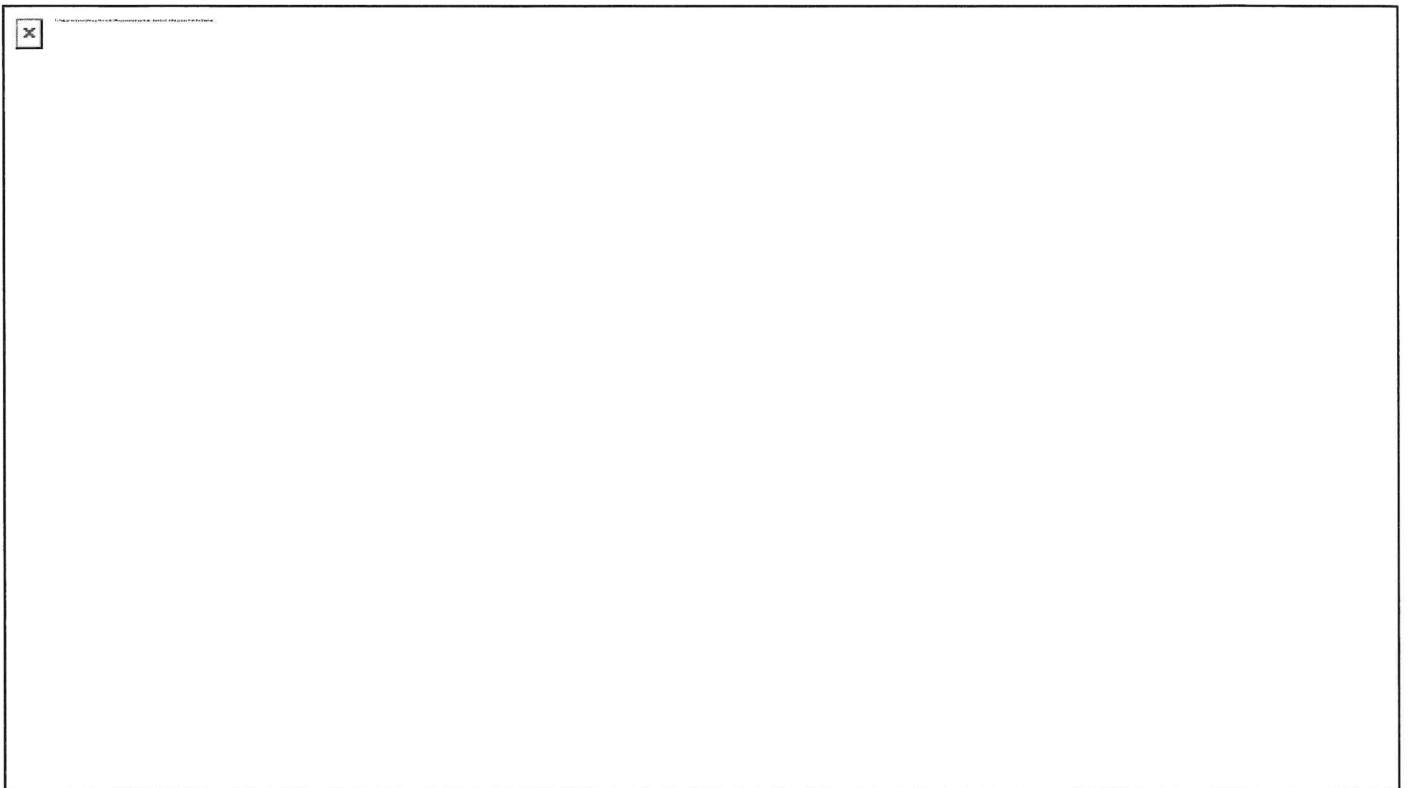
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North Lake Specific Plan Update

City Council Hearing



On Monday, November 24, 2025, the City Council will hold a hearing on the recommended North Lake Specific Plan. The recommended North Lake Specific Plan includes new goals, policies, regulations, development and design standards, and implementation actions that will shape the built environment for the area.

[NOTE: This public hearing was originally scheduled for November 17.]

On September 10, 2025, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the North Lake Specific Plan.

The recommended North Lake Specific Plan envisions high-density residential near the Metro A Line Station and medium-scale housing development on infill sites throughout the specific plan area, while preserving and celebrating historically significant properties and supporting an environment with more pedestrian-oriented streets. The Specific Plan also calls for increased public investment to improve to public areas of the North Lake area to entice the surrounding community to support the businesses in the area.

To download the agenda, staff report, and attachments, including the recommended North Lake Specific Plan, visit:

<https://www.ourpasadena.org/NLSP-CC-HR-112425>.

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hearing, or in written correspondence sent to the City Council or the case planner at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Meeting Location:

Date: Monday, November 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: City Hall, Council Chambers, Room S249
100 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

The City Council agenda is also posted here:

http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/councilagendas/council_agenda.asp.

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Thank you for your continued participation in the plan update process!

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