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From: Bert Newton
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 1:41 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item #12, Don't suspend SB 9

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My main concern with suspending SB 9 is that it will take away a tool that could help some underinsured homeowners to be able to rebuild. SB 9 gives them a tool to be able to sell half of their lot and raise the money needed to rebuild. They would have a smaller home than previously, but that is better than not being able to rebuild.

It is unlikely to be used by anyone other than someone who desperately needs it. Those who have the means to rebuild without selling half their lot will almost certainly want to rebuild something similar to what they had before on their whole lot. But those who can't afford will need to raise money.

Additionally, if they can't sell half their lot via SB 9, then they may sell the whole lot to a corporate developer. An SB 9 sale would not be to a corporate developer because it requires owner occupancy. So suspending SB 9 will make it more likely that owners who can't afford to rebuild will sell to an outside corporate investor. If we want our people to return and keep outside investors out, then we need to keep SB 9.

Thank you,

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"Blessed are the poor, for they will inherit the land." Matthew 5:5 EWN Translation

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Subject: I support SB 9 in Pasadena

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Hi,

I'm a Pasadena resident at zip code 91106, and I'm writing to urge you to let homeowners to make their own choices and allow homeowners to use SB 9 as an option for rebuilding homes after the fires. If you ban SB 9, not only would you be narrowing homebuilding options, you would also be putting the City of Pasadena at the risk of lawsuits from the state of California.

For the good of Pasadena and its residents, please do not ban SB 9.

Thank you.

Lissette Rodriguez

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From:
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:49 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Lyon, Jason; Justin Jones; Steve Madison
Subject: Item 12-13:

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Dear Mayor and City Council members, I am writing to urge you not to repeal SB 9 in high fire zones in Pasadena. While it may seem like a good idea to reduce density in these areas, repealing SB 9 will probably not reduce fire risk. What would actually help is requiring homes to be fire-resistant.

1) Few people are likely to use SB 9 so allowing it to be used will not cause issues with traffic or excessive density. According to the Wall Street Journal, fewer than 500 homes have been built since this 2021 law was passed.

2) SB 9 could be a tool to help low-income homeowners split their lots and have enough money to rebuild. This could be especially beneficial to homeowners of color who are more likely to be cost-burdened and therefore unlikely to rebuild if they don't have additional income.

We have interviewed dozens of low-income homeowners who lost their homes during the wildfire in order to provide a free RV to a family in need. Many of those we have interviewed are underinsured and struggling to find funds to rebuild. SB 9 could help some of them who have large lots that could be split and provide the needed funds.

I hope you'll consider the urgent needs of the most vulnerable before you take away this right and much needed option that only a handful of people will take advantage of.

Anthony Manousos
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