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Dear Hon Mayor Gordo and Council Members;

I am writing to urge your support of approval on Second Reading of the Ordinance to repeal Ordinance Nos. 7455 and 7457. The Staff report correctly notes ongoing litigation risk.

While not noted in the Staff report, repeal will restore additional rebuilding options to Pasadena residents who lost their homes due to the Eaton firestorm.

Ordinances 7455 and 7457 hold fire survivors to stricter rules than other California homeowners. It is unfair to take away state laws that give property owners flexibility to rebuild and use their land. It is unfair to punish people that have already lost so much with a more difficult time rebuilding.

Fire survivors have not been made whole. Government assistance is limited, and insurance often falls far short of covering what families lost. Lot splitting can help homeowners finance a rebuild, recover some of their losses, or sell at a fair price to someone with the resources to rebuild.

SB 9 allows only modest increases in housing. These are low density tools that generally produce single family homes, duplexes, or townhomes, not large apartment buildings.

A community is its people, not just its physical appearance. Providing additional rebuilding options will make it easier for longtime residents to return and more likely that they will not be displaced. Preserving Pasadena should mean preserving its residents, especially those with fewer economic resources to afford rebuilding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Pasadena resident

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