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Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 5:47 PM
To: City_Council; PublicComment-AutoResponse; Hawkesworth, Matthew
Cc: Thyret, Pam; Paige, Jennifer; Johnson, Kevin; Espinoza, Natalie; Potter, Martin
Subject: Support the SB 79 Delay Ordinance and TODAP Planning

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to urge you to support the proposed SB 79 Delay Effectuation Ordinance and continue aggressively pursuing a Transit Oriented Development Alternative Plan (TODAP).

Over the past several weeks, I have spent a significant amount of time reviewing the City's Planning reports and maps related to SB 79. What has become increasingly clear to me is that Pasadena is not facing a simple planning issue. Our TOD areas overlap directly with historic neighborhoods, landmarked homes, rent-controlled housing, lower-density residential streets, and long-established neighborhood fabric that has defined Pasadena for generations.

As someone who lives on Magnolia Avenue, this feels very personal to me. Magnolia is one of Pasadena's landmarked historic streets and part of the neighborhood fabric that residents and the City have worked hard to preserve over many years. Seeing how deeply the Fillmore TOD area overlaps with Madison Heights and Magnolia Avenue in the City's own maps was honestly alarming.

What also stood out to me in the reports is that Pasadena still appears to have meaningful planning tools available through TODAP. The Planning Department specifically states that TODAP may allow the City to shift density within and between TOD zones while still complying with state housing requirements.

That matters enormously.

To me, this means the delay ordinance is not simply symbolic. It gives Pasadena time to complete the extensive planning work still underway, including:

- historic resource analysis
- site-by-site evaluation
- rent-controlled housing review
- and determining where future density should be concentrated citywide.

I support housing. I also believe Pasadena deserves the opportunity to thoughtfully determine where larger-scale growth belongs and where historic neighborhood transitions should remain protected.

Pasadena's historic neighborhoods are not empty land waiting to be redeveloped. They are part of the identity, beauty, and character that make people want to live here in the first place.

I respectfully urge the City Council to:

- Support the Delay Effectuation Ordinance
- Aggressively pursue TODAP planning

- Preserve every remaining planning tool still legally available
- Focus higher intensity growth in appropriate corridors where possible
- And continue protecting Pasadena's historic neighborhood fabric and transitions

Once the character of these neighborhoods is lost, it cannot simply be recreated later.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you all have a wonderful Memorial Weekend.

Sincerely,

Erika Foy

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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Subject: Support Thoughtful Implementation of SB 79

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Re: Support Thoughtful Implementation of SB 79

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I respectfully ask the City Council to support the SB 79 delay ordinance and continue aggressively pursuing TODAP planning.

The Planning Department reports clearly show Pasadena's TOD areas are extraordinarily complicated and already contain:

- historic resources
- rent-controlled housing
- landmark districts
- lower-density residential neighborhoods
- and existing Specific Plans intended to guide growth thoughtfully

Pasadena deserves time to complete the extensive analysis required before blanket statewide standards automatically apply everywhere equally.

This is not about stopping housing. It is about making sure future growth is implemented responsibly and thoughtfully.

Please support the delay ordinance and continue preserving every remaining local planning tool available under state law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Alyson Pernecky

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The City's Planning reports make clear that Pasadena's transit-oriented areas already contain historic districts, landmarked resources, rent-controlled housing, and long-established residential neighborhoods.

The Fillmore Station area especially overlaps directly with historic neighborhood fabric, including parts of Madison Heights.

I strongly support the City's continued pursuit of TODAP planning so Pasadena can thoughtfully determine where higher-intensity growth belongs and where neighborhood transitions should remain protected.

Please support the delay ordinance and continue pursuing every available planning tool under SB 79.

Pasadena's historic neighborhoods and urban character are part of what make this city special.

Sincerely,
Bob Boyle

Pasadena, CA 91106

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That feels critically important for neighborhoods surrounding Fillmore Station and other historic residential transition areas.

Pasadena's historic neighborhoods are part of what makes this city unique. Once they are altered, they cannot simply be recreated later.

I urge the City Council to support the delay ordinance so Pasadena has time to complete the extensive TODAP planning and analysis currently underway.

Please preserve thoughtful planning and every remaining local implementation tool still available to the City.

Sincerely,
Sharon Freeark

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Melissa Eaves

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Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I support the proposed SB 79 Delay Effectuation Ordinance and urge Pasadena to continue aggressively pursuing a Transit Oriented Development Alternative Plan (TODAP).

After reviewing the City's own maps and Planning reports, it is clear Pasadena faces unique challenges under SB 79. Areas surrounding the Fillmore Station overlap directly with historic neighborhoods, lower-density residential streets, landmarked properties, and rent-controlled housing. Pasadena is not a blank slate.

The Planning Department reports also make clear that TODAP could allow Pasadena to thoughtfully shift density within TOD areas while still complying with state housing requirements. That feels extremely important and worth pursuing aggressively before SB 79 fully takes effect.

Supporting the delay ordinance is not anti-housing. Pasadena has already planned for substantial growth throughout many parts of the city. The issue is whether growth is implemented thoughtfully and contextually rather than through a blanket one-size-fits-all approach.

Please support the delay ordinance, continue TODAP planning, and preserve every remaining planning tool still legally available to Pasadena.

Sincerely,

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Dimity Nelson

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Re: Please Preserve Pasadena's Remaining Planning Tools

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

As a Pasadena resident, I urge the City Council to support the proposed delay ordinance related to SB 79.

The City's own reports now show that Pasadena is actively studying a TOD Alternative Plan (TODAP) that could help shape where future density is concentrated while still complying with state housing law.

That work takes time.

The reports repeatedly reference:

- site-by-site analysis
- historic resource mapping
- rent-controlled housing
- and determining where density could shift citywide

Without the delay ordinance, SB 79 may begin applying broadly before Pasadena completes this planning work.

Pasadena's neighborhoods are extraordinarily diverse. Historic residential areas near Fillmore should not automatically be treated the same as major commercial corridors or already high-density districts.

I respectfully urge the City to preserve every remaining planning tool still legally available while Pasadena completes the TODAP process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Susan Drum

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Mr. Mark Jomsky,

As a Pasadena resident, I urge the City Council to support the proposed SB 79 Delay Effectuation Ordinance and to continue aggressively pursuing a strong Transit-Oriented Development Alternative Plan (TODAP).

After reviewing the Planning Department reports and maps, it is clear that Pasadena faces uniquely complicated challenges under SB 79. The City's transit-oriented areas are not vacant redevelopment zones. They overlap extensively with historic neighborhoods, landmarked resources, rent-controlled housing, lower-density residential streets, and existing Specific Plans that already planned for significant growth throughout the city.

The maps surrounding the Fillmore Station area are especially concerning because they show how deeply the TOD zone overlaps with established residential and historic neighborhood fabric, including Madison Heights and landmarked areas such as Magnolia Avenue.

At the same time, the Planning Department reports confirm that Fillmore, Allen, and Sierra Madre Villa do not qualify for certain broader exemption authorities available in other TOD zones. This makes thoughtful TODAP planning critically important.

Importantly, the City's own staff report confirms that TODAP enables Pasadena to shift density within and between TOD zones while still complying with state housing requirements. This planning flexibility should be pursued aggressively and thoughtfully.

I also remain deeply concerned about the practical implications of the 10% limitation on historic resource protections under TODAP. The City's own maps demonstrate that historic resources are woven extensively throughout Pasadena's TOD areas, especially around Old Pasadena, Memorial Park, Del Mar, and surrounding districts. Pasadena's historic resources are not isolated buildings — they are part of an interconnected neighborhood fabric that contributes enormously to the city's identity and character.

I want to be clear that supporting thoughtful implementation is not anti-housing. Pasadena has already planned for substantial growth in many areas of the city. The issue now is whether the City continues to retain the ability to shape that growth responsibly and contextually rather than through a blanket one-size-fits-all approach.

I respectfully urge the City Council to:

- Support the Delay Effectuation Ordinance
- Aggressively pursue TODAP planning
- Focus future density in appropriate higher-intensity corridors where legally possible

- Preserve historic neighborhood transitions and contextual planning principles
- Continue advocating for stronger historic protections under state law
- And maintain robust public engagement throughout the TODAP process

Pasadena is one of California's most unique and thoughtfully planned cities. I urge the City to continue using every remaining planning tool available to preserve the qualities that make Pasadena special while still planning responsibly for future growth.

Sincerely,
Kristin Harrison

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That feels critically important for neighborhoods surrounding Fillmore Station and other historic residential transition areas.

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I urge the City Council to support the delay ordinance so Pasadena has time to complete the extensive TODAP planning and analysis currently underway.

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Sincerely,
Stacey Fortner

Stacey Fortner
Pasadena, CA 91105

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Re: Please Preserve Pasadena's Historic Neighborhood Transitions

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I urge you to support the proposed SB 79 Delay Effectuation Ordinance and continue pursuing TODAP planning before blanket statewide standards take effect throughout Pasadena.

The City's own maps show that Pasadena's transit zones extend deeply into established residential and historic neighborhoods. Areas surrounding Fillmore Station especially overlap with landmarked homes, historic streets, rent-controlled housing, and long-established neighborhood fabric.

Larger-scale growth should be focused in appropriate commercial and higher-intensity corridors — not pushed deeper into established residential and historic neighborhoods without a clear plan for where that growth belongs.

The Planning Department reports also make clear that Pasadena is still actively studying TODAP and evaluating how density could be shifted within TOD areas while still complying with state law.

That planning work deserves time.

Please preserve every remaining planning tool still legally available to Pasadena and continue protecting the neighborhood character and transitions that make our city unique.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Melyan

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Sincerely,

Ruth Satinsky Sieber

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Re: Urgent Call for Advocacy on SB 79 and TODAP

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

Pasadena must actively advocate for improvements to SB 79 and the TODAP. The current framework poses risks to historic neighborhoods, and we must push for targeted amendments and stronger protections. Pasadena's unique character must be preserved, and advocating for a better state policy is crucial. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nancy McCullough

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Re: Urgent Need for Enhancements to SB 79 in Pasadena

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I am deeply concerned about the potential long-term impact of SB 79 on Pasadena's historic neighborhoods and residential areas. While planning for future housing needs is essential, it is crucial that Pasadena pushes for substantial enhancements to the law itself.

The current stipulations of SB 79 present significant issues, including the arbitrary historic designation cutoff, limits on historic resources, and reduced local flexibility in sensitive residential areas. There is a genuine apprehension that the focus on housing production might overshadow the voices of residents striving to preserve Pasadena's unique character.

I urge the City to advocate for stronger safeguards and amendments at the state level before making any irreversible planning decisions locally. Pasadena must support a balanced housing policy that values both growth and preservation.

Sincerely,
Kelley Fitzgerald Holmes

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Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I am writing out of growing concern regarding SB 79 and the long-term implications it could have for Pasadena's historic neighborhoods and established residential areas.

While I appreciate the City pursuing a TODAP and preparing for future housing requirements, I do not believe Pasadena should focus solely on adapting to SB 79 without simultaneously pushing far more aggressively for improvements to the law itself.

Pasadena is not a generic city. Our community is defined by historic neighborhoods, walkable streets, mature tree canopy, landmark homes, schools, churches, and neighborhood transitions that have evolved carefully over generations. Once those qualities are lost, they cannot simply be rebuilt later.

The current framework of SB 79 still contains serious unresolved concerns, including:

- The arbitrary pre-2025 historic designation cutoff
- The 10% cap affecting historic resources
- Reduced local flexibility in sensitive residential areas
- Increased pressure on neighborhood transitions near schools, churches, and landmark districts

As TOD planning discussions move forward, I worry that increasing pressure for housing production could gradually overshadow the voices of residents trying to preserve Pasadena's historic character and livability.

I urge the City to continue fighting for stronger protections and meaningful amendments at the state level before irreversible planning decisions are made locally.

Pasadena should not simply absorb state mandates. It should lead in advocating for a more balanced housing policy that respects both growth and preservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
John Holmes

Pasadena, CA 91106

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I am reaching out with deep concern regarding the potential consequences of SB 79 on Pasadena's cherished historic neighborhoods and residential areas. While I acknowledge the City's efforts in preparing for future housing needs through TODAP, I believe it is crucial to advocate for substantial improvements to the law itself.

Pasadena's unique identity is characterized by historic neighborhoods, tree-lined streets, landmark homes, and community landmarks that have been carefully nurtured over time. The existing provisions of SB 79 raise significant issues that must be addressed:

- The arbitrary pre-2025 historic designation deadline
- The 10% cap affecting historic resources
- Diminished local control in sensitive residential zones
- Growing pressures on neighborhood transitions near schools, churches, and landmark districts

As discussions progress on TOD planning, there is a legitimate concern that the focus on housing production could overshadow the desires of residents aiming to safeguard Pasadena's character and quality of life. I urge the City to persist in advocating for stronger safeguards and meaningful revisions at the state level before irreversible decisions are made locally.

Pasadena should not merely comply with state mandates but should take the lead in promoting a balanced housing policy that upholds both growth and preservation. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Jilleen Westbrook

Pasadena, CA 91106

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Susan Colton

Pasadena, CA 91106

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Mary Forrest

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Sincerely,
Filippo Fanara

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Sincerely,
CAROL LAURENCE

1 pasadena ca, CA 91106

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Pamela Johnson

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Our city is not generic; it is characterized by historic neighborhoods, green streets, iconic homes, schools, and churches that have developed over generations. These irreplaceable qualities are at risk if we do not address the unresolved issues within SB 79, such as the cutoff date for historic designation, the cap on historic resources, and the impact on sensitive residential areas.

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Pasadena should not simply comply with state mandates; it should lead in advocating for a housing policy that balances growth and preservation. Thank you for considering this important matter.

Sincerely,
Vivian Hosp

Pasadena, CA 91106

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Sincerely,
Georgina Maechling

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Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I am writing out of growing concern regarding SB 79 and the long-term implications it could have for Pasadena's historic neighborhoods and established residential areas.

While I appreciate the City pursuing a TODAP and preparing for future housing requirements, I do not believe Pasadena should focus solely on adapting to SB 79 without simultaneously pushing far more aggressively for improvements to the law itself.

Pasadena is not a generic city. Our community is defined by historic neighborhoods, walkable streets, mature tree canopy, landmark homes, schools, churches, and neighborhood transitions that have evolved carefully over generations. Once those qualities are lost, they cannot simply be rebuilt later.

The current framework of SB 79 still contains serious unresolved concerns, including:

- The arbitrary pre-2025 historic designation cutoff
- The 10% cap affecting historic resources
- Reduced local flexibility in sensitive residential areas
- Increased pressure on neighborhood transitions near schools, churches, and landmark districts

As TOD planning discussions move forward, I worry that increasing pressure for housing production could gradually overshadow the voices of residents trying to preserve Pasadena's historic character and livability.

I urge the City to continue fighting for stronger protections and meaningful amendments at the state level before irreversible planning decisions are made locally.

Pasadena should not simply absorb state mandates. It should lead in advocating for a more balanced housing policy that respects both growth and preservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kristi Link

Pasadena, CA 91105

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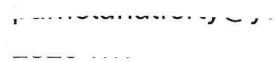
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Sincerely,

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Sara Hurley

Los Angeles, CA 90071

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lisanne Kern



Pasadena, CA 91103

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That planning work deserves time.

Please preserve every remaining planning tool still legally available to Pasadena and continue protecting the neighborhood character and transitions that make our city unique.

Sincerely,
Salvador Mendoza

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Sincerely,
Nick petrov

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Robert Graves

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- The arbitrary pre-2025 historic designation deadline
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- Growing pressures on neighborhood transitions near schools, churches, and landmark districts

As discussions progress on TOD planning, there is a legitimate concern that the focus on housing production could overshadow the desires of residents aiming to safeguard Pasadena's character and quality of life. I urge the City to persist in advocating for stronger safeguards and meaningful revisions at the state level before irreversible decisions are made locally.

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Sincerely,
Jessica Graves

307 South ... Pasadena, CA 91106

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Bob Aronoff

South Pasadena, CA 91031

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Miranda Johnson-HADDAD

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The Planning Department reports also make clear that Pasadena is still actively studying TODAP and evaluating how density could be shifted within TOD areas while still complying with state law.

That planning work deserves time.

Please preserve every remaining planning tool still legally available to Pasadena and continue protecting the neighborhood character and transitions that make our city unique.

Sincerely,
Anthony Vega

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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Re: SB79 and the Future of Pasadena

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

As Pasadena begins planning for the long-term implications of SB 79 through the TODAP process, I hope the City continues approaching this issue with both realism and strong advocacy for Pasadena's unique neighborhoods.

I recognize the difficult position cities now face under evolving state housing laws, and I appreciate the City's efforts to thoughtfully evaluate how future growth should be accommodated locally.

At the same time, I believe many residents remain concerned that the current SB 79 framework still does not adequately reflect the realities of historic cities like Pasadena.

Our city's identity is deeply connected to its historic neighborhoods, residential scale, mature tree canopy, landmark districts, schools, churches, and carefully designed neighborhood transitions. These are not obstacles to thoughtful planning — they are part of what makes Pasadena successful and livable.

As the TODAP process evolves, I hope Pasadena continues advocating for:

- Greater local planning flexibility
- Stronger historic preservation tools
- Improvements to the historic resource provisions within SB 79
- Better protections for sensitive neighborhood transitions
- Policies that allow growth to be directed thoughtfully toward appropriate areas

I believe Pasadena can continue supporting housing goals while also protecting the historic character and neighborhood fabric that residents value so deeply.

Thank you for your continued work on these complex issues.

Sincerely,
Richard Sill

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Re: Please Preserve Pasadena's Historic Neighborhood Transitions

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I urge you to support the proposed SB 79 Delay Effectuation Ordinance and continue pursuing TODAP planning before blanket statewide standards take effect throughout Pasadena.

The City's own maps show that Pasadena's transit zones extend deeply into established residential and historic neighborhoods. Areas surrounding Fillmore Station especially overlap with landmarked homes, historic streets, rent-controlled housing, and long-established neighborhood fabric.

Larger-scale growth should be focused in appropriate commercial and higher-intensity corridors — not pushed deeper into established residential and historic neighborhoods without a clear plan for where that growth belongs.

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That planning work deserves time.

Please preserve every remaining planning tool still legally available to Pasadena and continue protecting the neighborhood character and transitions that make our city unique.

Sincerely,
Kathy Wales

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Re: SB79

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I am writing because I believe many Pasadena residents are only now beginning to understand how far-reaching SB 79 may become in a transit-rich city like ours.

When people see the transit maps, many are surprised to learn how deeply these overlays extend into established residential neighborhoods throughout Pasadena.

I recognize Pasadena must continue planning for future housing growth. But I also believe the City should continue using every planning tool still legally available to ensure growth is implemented thoughtfully and in a way that respects neighborhood context, infrastructure, historic resources, and long-term livability.

I appreciate that Pasadena is continuing to study a Transit-Oriented Development Alternative Plan (TODAP), and I strongly encourage the City to continue that work before blanket statewide standards fully shape future development patterns across large portions of the city.

I also hope Pasadena continues advocating for stronger local flexibility and historic preservation protections within state law, including concerns surrounding the 10% historic resource limitation. I am particularly concerned about the preservation of historic neighborhoods.

This conversation is bigger than any one neighborhood. The decisions being made now will shape Pasadena for decades to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Annette Drey

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Re: Urgent Action Needed to Protect Pasadena's Historic Neighborhoods

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I am reaching out with deep concern regarding the potential long-term impacts of SB 79 on Pasadena's cherished historic neighborhoods and residential areas. While I understand the importance of preparing for future housing needs through a TODAP, I strongly believe that Pasadena should not solely focus on adapting to SB 79 without advocating for significant improvements to the law itself.

Pasadena is a unique city with historic neighborhoods, tree-lined streets, landmark buildings, and a carefully cultivated character that has been shaped over generations. Once these qualities are lost, they cannot be easily replaced. The current provisions of SB 79 bring about serious unresolved issues, such as the arbitrary pre-2025 historic designation cutoff, the 10% cap on historic resources, reduced local flexibility in sensitive residential areas, and increased pressure on neighborhood transitions near schools, churches, and landmark districts.

As discussions on TOD planning progress, there is a real concern that the push for housing production may overshadow the voices of residents striving to maintain Pasadena's historic charm and quality of life. I urge the City to continue advocating for stronger protections and meaningful amendments at the state level before any irreversible planning decisions are made locally. Pasadena should take a proactive stance in promoting a more balanced housing policy that values both growth and preservation.

Sincerely,
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Re: Concerns Regarding SB 79 and Historic Preservation in Pasadena

Mr. Mark Jomsky,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the potential long-term effects of SB 79 on Pasadena's beloved historic neighborhoods and residential areas. While I acknowledge the necessity of planning for future housing requirements through a TODAP, it is crucial that Pasadena does not solely concentrate on conforming to SB 79 without pushing for substantial enhancements to the law itself.

Pasadena boasts unique historic neighborhoods, tree-lined streets, iconic buildings, and a carefully nurtured character developed over generations. Once these characteristics are lost, they are irreplaceable. The current stipulations of SB 79 present significant unresolved issues, including the arbitrary pre-2025 historic designation cutoff, the 10% limit on historic resources, diminished local flexibility in sensitive residential areas, and heightened pressure on neighborhood transitions near schools, churches, and landmark districts.

As discussions on TOD planning move forward, there is a genuine apprehension that the drive for housing production might overshadow the voices of residents striving to preserve Pasadena's historic allure and quality of life. I urge the City to persist in advocating for stronger safeguards and substantial amendments at the state level before any irreversible planning decisions are taken locally. Pasadena must proactively support a more balanced housing policy that values both growth and preservation.

Sincerely,
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