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## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** C EQUIHUA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:47 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** SB 79 and AB2576

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Mayor Victor Gordo and Members of the Pasadena City Council:

I am writing in support of Agenda Item 21, the proposed delayed implementation ordinance for SB 79. I live about 1/2 mi north of the Allen Station. I am very concerned about the potential damage to a neighborhood that historically has been a working class neighborhood of single family homes. Today it has a charm that includes older home owners and newer families moving in. Its not a rich neighborhood but it includes many smaller historic English Spanish and French revival homes. We are not however a historical designated area.

I support efforts to increase housing opportunities near transit and believe Pasadena can continue to be a leader in addressing housing needs. I appreciate the City's thoughtful approach to evaluating how SB 79 may affect Pasadena's historic neighborhoods, landmarks, and historic districts.

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Sincerely,  
Chris Equihua  
District 2

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**From:** Juliette Michaels  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:58 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda Item 21 - SB 79 Delayed Implementation Ordinance

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Sincerely,  
Juliette

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**From:** Charles Kiefer <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026 5:04 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** SB 79 & Historic Resources

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Charles KIEFER

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**From:** p brown <  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2026 1:20 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Public Comments for June 15 City Council Meeting - AGENDA ITEM 16 - SB79 Ordinance

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Dear Hon. Mayor Gordo and Council Members:

I write to express disappointment that the Council seeks to delay SB79.

In May, the New York Times editorialized that especially blue cities across the US need to "loosen zoning laws to allow more multifamily housing, and to make it easier to build where it is already legal."

The proposed ordinance does the opposite - makes seeks delay where SB79 would make it easier to build, including where it is already legal. It is unfortunate that, given the chance to demonstrate Pasadena is part of the solution, not the problem, when it comes to making housing abundant.

The evidence is clear that Pasadena and many other cities in California are way behind on their housing goals. That is why Sacramento had to step up and step in.

On the climate crisis, the Council set ambitious policy – demanding all hands on deck for renewable energy by 2030. The Council also commendably has stepped up to demand action sooner rather than later on a homeless shelter.

Unfortunately this proposed deferral ordinance – kicking the can in the name of additional planning and study – suggests that same urgency is not really present for housing.

Meanwhile, the Council confronts stagnant revenues, rising rents, a dramatically declining school age population, and many vacant retail storefronts -- all problems that could be addressed by increased density and the increased population (and taxpayers and shoppers) it would bring. I applaud those who have the political courage to make those connections.

Respectfully,

P.A. Brown (Mr.)  
District 6

06/15/2026  
Item 16