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From:
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 10:26 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Rivas, Jessica; Kindred Gottlieb-Gutierrez; Cole, Rick; Hampton, Tyron; Lyon, Jason; Jones, Justin
Subject: Support for Item # 7 Safe Parking

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

I am a resident of District 1, a member of Orange Grove Quaker Meeting, and co-founder of Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH). I am writing to support the safe parking application of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Our nonprofit advocated for making safe parking a permitted use for many congregations (including Trinity Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal) in Pasadena. We helped start the program at Trinity Lutheran Church. Over the years I have come to know and become friends with many of the safe parkers. Half of them are women over age 60. All of them are responsible people who have fallen on hard times and just need support to be housed again. Neighbors have no reason to fear safe parkers. None have committed crimes. Apparently only one neighbor has written in opposition to the application of All Saints Church.

Safe parking has a proven track record in Pasadena. The safe parking program at Trinity Lutheran Church, which accommodates up to 10 parkers at a time, has been operating for several years. That program has permanently housed at least 18 people. The program has never required police intervention because of something that a parker has done. (Parkers have called the police on other intruders or people causing a disturbance nearby.

Religious congregations that host safe parking programs can provide some staff and volunteer time to administer the program. If a program is held elsewhere without this advantage, the cost to the city will increase because it will have to pay staff to do what

the congregation's staff and volunteers often do. (It should be noted that Trinity Lutheran has received absolutely no funds from the city for the safe parking program there.)

Religious congregations can provide a human community for the parkers, decreasing the sense that they are merely in an institutional program. Research indicates that programs for unhoused people run through or supported by religious congregations often demonstrate high levels of success frequently attributed to their ability to provide relational, long-term support and a strong, built-in community.

For these and many other good reasons, I urge you to support All Saints' application for safe parking.

Anthony Manousos

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From: Donn:
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 10:26 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for Safe Parking Program at All Saints Church in advance of the March 9 Hearing

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

My name is Donna M. Lee. I am a Pasadena resident (91106) and a member of Knox Presbyterian Church. I'm writing as a faith community member concerned about homelessness to express my support for the safe parking program proposed at All Saints Church, which you will be reconsidering on March 9.

For individuals already living in their cars, a designated safe place to park overnight can provide a small but meaningful sense of security while they work toward permanent housing.

Safe parking programs have shown that they help people transition out of homelessness more effectively. When people are not forced to sleep outside or constantly worry about where they can safely park, they are better able to access services. The safe parking program at Trinity Lutheran Church has operated without incidents involving neighbor complaints or police calls. In some cases, participants even become extra eyes and ears in the neighborhood, contributing in a positive way that is said by some to help the surrounding community. I am also concerned that Pasadena may be losing some of the practical, cooperative efforts that once helped address homelessness in thoughtful and effective ways. Safe parking programs have been part of that chain of solutions, that is, small, humane interventions that prevent situations from becoming more severe and more costly for everyone.

The program proposed at All Saints Church is ready to begin immediately if approved. If the city delays approval or attempts to move the program elsewhere, implementation could be pushed back years. During that time, people currently living in their vehicles may fall further into homelessness, making their situations much harder to resolve.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to approve the safe parking program at All Saints Church on March 9. It is a practical, compassionate step Pasadena can take right now to help people regain stability while strengthening the network of solutions our community needs.

Thank you for your service to Pasadena and for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna Lee, Pasadena Voter and Resident

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From: Daniel James <
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 10:29 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Subject: In support of safe parking at All Saints

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I am strongly in favor of the safe parking program in Pasadena and of All Saints' application that is being reconsidered on March 9, 2026.

Safe parking programs have already proven to be effective here in Pasadena. It is one meaningful way to address our housing crisis and provide a at least modicum of dignity to unhoused people. All Saints is an extremely well-respected and capable leader within the community and is able and willing to administer the program in a safe and effective manner.

Every delay to this application means that 25 unhoused people have a less safe place to sleep. Our neighbors—your constituents—deserve at least this small dignity.

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Daniel James (he/him)

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From: Bert Newton
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 10:39 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item #7 Safe Parking

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I'm writing in support of the application for a safe parking program at All Saints Church.

The prior denial of the application was based on not exempting the program from CEQA. SB1395 requires that programs such as the safe parking program proposed for All Saints Church, that will provide case management, housing navigation, and counseling, be exempt from CEQA. The denial was not in compliance with California law.

This application was previously approved by a hearing officer and, on appeal, by the Board of Zoning appeals in a unanimous decision.

We desperately need this program to address our homelessness crisis. Approximately 14,000 people live out of their cars in LA County. This population is the easiest to house because they are not yet traumatized by having to live on the street or navigate congregate shelters. They often have jobs or are elderly. They exhibit little of the mental health and substance use problems that more often are exhibited by unhoused people who don't have cars to sleep in. But they need a safe and legal place to park. Many municipalities don't allow overnight parking. If people who live out of their cars fall further into homelessness because they lose their cars (e.g. due to being towed or attacked) then the trauma of being on the street without a car will likely result in mental health and even substance use problems that make them harder to house. (I say this having served the unhoused population, here in Pasadena, as a housing navigator for 15 years.) We should not delay in allowing this program to be implemented.

Please approve this application immediately.

Rev. Bert Newton
Pasadena 91106

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From: Sarah Reade
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 11:31 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; tyron@tyronhampton.com
Subject: Strong Opposition to Minor Conditional Use Permit No. 7318 , Safe Parking Program at All Saints Church

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Dear Mayor Victor Gordo and Members of the Pasadena City Council,

I am writing as a longtime resident and homeowner in Pasadena to express my absolute and unequivocal opposition to the proposed safe parking program at All Saints Church (Minor Conditional Use Permit No. 7318). I urge you to deny this permit during tonight's continued public hearing.

Over the past 7 years, I have personally witnessed a significant and alarming decline in public safety in our neighborhoods. What was once a safe, family-friendly community has become increasingly unsafe, particularly for women. I no longer feel comfortable walking alone due to frequent encounters with individuals experiencing homelessness who follow me on bicycles, engage in public nudity (men completely naked walking on the street where my home is located), smoking drugs in close proximity (forcing me and my dog to inhale unknown substances, potentially including fentanyl), and create an environment of intimidation and unpredictability. It isn't fair.

I have directly observed violent incidents in residential areas, including a deranged, unhoused individual punching a woman in the face. Screams and attacks on women have become far too common near my home. These experiences have made it impossible for me to step out my front door day or night without fear.

Pasadena's increasing focus on accommodating the unhoused, often at the expense of tax-paying homeowners and residents who invest heavily in this community, has contributed to this deterioration. If I had known that the city would prioritize such programs over the safety and quality of life for its paying citizens, I would never have purchased a home here.

Approving this safe parking program will only exacerbate these issues. It risks attracting more vehicle-based activity, idling engines, drug use, and associated behaviors into a central residential area, further degrading neighborhood safety and comfort. As a woman living in Pasadena, I find this proposal deeply troubling and incompatible with preserving the character and security of our community.

I am extremely disappointed in this direction and am now actively planning to relocate to an area like Orange County, where taxpayer and homeowner interests appear to be better protected from these challenges.

Please reject this conditional use permit and prioritize measures that enhance safety for all residents. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and for considering the voices of very concerned community members/women like myself.

Sincerely,

Sarah Reade

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From: Noura Ayria >
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 11:34 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Comment for City Council (3/9)

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Hello,

I'm writing in to express my concern with agenda **item #7**. I strongly believe **this appeal should be denied** and that All Saints should continue with their safe parking program. It's of the utmost importance that we provide people with a safe and clean place to shelter while they get back on their feet. Allowing this appeal will only result in more vulnerable unhoused people and will continue the vicious cycle of poverty and violence.

Thank you,

Noura S. Ayria

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From: Rachel Darling ·
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 11:52 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Safe Parking Program at All Saints Church, hearing on March 9, 2026

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Rachel Darling and I live in Pasadena District 6. I am writing to express my **support** for the safe parking program application at All Saints Church, which you will be reconsidering on March 9.

I've been a resident of Pasadena for almost 2 years now and the longer I live here, the less I believe that the city has the best interest of the majority of its residents at heart. I find it disturbing that there is any opposition to this program at all.

Existing safe parking programs have demonstrated that they effectively help people transition out of homelessness more rapidly, as participants already have shelter and a semi-secure place to sleep. This reduces the emotional and mental stress faced by those who must sleep outside or in crowded shelters, giving them a greater capacity to access housing resources and to remain housed once they have done so.

These programs also demonstrate safety within their neighborhoods. For example, the safe parking program at Trinity Lutheran Church has not resulted in any incidents involving neighbor complaints or police calls. In fact, safe parkers at Trinity have contributed positively, acting as extra eyes and ears to address nearby issues.

Our city continues to face a **housing and homelessness crisis**, affecting hundreds of people. Safe parking programs provide a straightforward and cost-effective solution for some of those experiencing homelessness, preventing their situations from worsening and becoming harder to resolve.

It is vital to launch these programs without delay. The All Saints program is prepared for immediate implementation once approved by the city. If another site is selected instead, approval could be delayed by years, during which individuals living in their cars might fall deeper into homelessness, ultimately requiring more complex interventions. Addressing homelessness under such conditions becomes significantly tougher, intensifying our local crisis.

Please approve the program at All Saints Church on March 9 so we can take meaningful steps toward reducing homelessness in Pasadena and ensure those we assist spend much less time without stable housing.

Sincerely
Rachel Darling
Pasadena Resident, 91101

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From: Bishop Brenda Bos
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 11:59 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Sharon Richter
Subject: Safe Parking support

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Hello,

I write in support of Trinity Lutheran's Safe parking program. In my mind, churches who wish to provide safe parking are giving the city a great service. Sadly, we will have the unhoused among us for the foreseeable future, and many people must live in their vehicles. Congregations who provide safe parking offer restrooms, charging stations and meet other basic needs which allow "parkers" to live safely and remove them from public spaces.

Trinity Lutheran's program has been very successful, offering stability to a small and responsible group of people, many of whom are engaged in the life of the congregation and move on to permanent housing. Trinity's parking lot is especially well-suited to this service, as it is off the main street (Walnut) and provides a sheltered area away from residences.

As people of faith, Lutherans feel called to respond to the most basic needs of our neighbors, and this Safe Parking program has been especially effective, safe and responsible. Please continue to allow this much-needed program to continue.

Bishop Brenda Bos
Southwest California Synod
www.socalsynod.org


My sabbath is 6p-8a weekdays and most Fridays and Saturdays.

The Southwest California Synod resides in the unceded territories of the Tongva, Kizh, Gabrieleno, Chumash and many other tribal nations. Let us pray for humility and respect as we live among the first inhabitants of this land.

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From: Rose Eustachio
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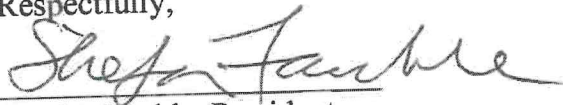
Hello,

I am a homeowner and resident of Pasadena. Please deny the appeal and approve All Saints Church's right to establish safe parking for those living in their cars. Let's provide assistance to those without a home. It's the least we can do. Thank you.

Rose

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Respectfully,



Strefan Fauble, President

The Maryland Homeowners Association

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From: Blake Dayman
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Blake Dayman. I have lived in Pasadena all my life. I've graduated from the public schools at PUSD and graduated Pasadena High School as an APP Academy student. After graduating college with a B.A in Computer Science, I returned to Pasadena and currently serve the community as a Data & Quality Assurance Specialist at Union Station Homeless Services. In addition, I am an active member at All Saints Church.

I am writing to express my support for the safe parking program application at All Saints Church, which you will be reconsidering today March 9th.

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Sincerely,
Blake Dayman
Pasadena Resident, 91107

Data and Quality Assurance Specialist