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Dear Pasadena City Council,

I want to thank Council Members Rick Cole and Gene Masuda for taking the time and effort to solicit members from their districts to appoint to the Pasadena Rental Housing Board.

Both appointees appear fair-minded and are not members of several groups that have actively worked to antagonize and punish small businesses in Pasadena and property owners that might avoid renting homes in the city as a result of the new rules created in 2022 by the passage of Measure H. As you have discussed for many years, Pasadena is a wonderful place to live and work, and also an expensive one. Creating opportunity for new entrants to the rental market is a challenge right now and will continue to be until the city chooses a new path.

As a result of the rules in Measure H, now Pasadena Charter Chapter 18, the City Council and City Manager have very few oversight opportunities for the RHB and RSD in the city and this is the only real action that the council and city manager has over the appointment of members to the Rental Housing Board. For the past three years, we have watched this Board create a \$6,000,000 annual budget and a hearing process that is just beginning to show the strain of following rules created by outside groups. These groups want to use Pasadena as a proving ground for their plans to destroy private rental property ownership, aiming for a socialist housing model that has never proven effective, going well beyond simple regulations. In addition, the RHB is designed to operate completely outside standard governance and oversight processes.

Thank you and I appreciate that finding people that meet the requirements is not as simple as it may sound to this highly one-sided board.

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Sincerely,
Adam Bray-Ali
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