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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: TAOWAJOU <...>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 2:39 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Opposition to Proposed Development at 600 N. Rosemead Blvd (DHP2026-00073)

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Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

I am a nearby resident who lives within a five-minute walking distance of the proposed development at 600 N. Rosemead Boulevard, and I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to the current proposal.

I understand Pasadena's need for additional housing, including affordable housing, and I support responsible development that aligns with community needs. However, I believe this current proposal is too large and too intense for this specific location.

The proposed project would create 133 residential units while providing only 55 parking spaces. In East Pasadena, many residents rely heavily on personal vehicles, and this parking ratio appears unrealistic. Overflow parking will likely spill into surrounding residential streets and create long-term challenges for nearby homeowners and residents.

I am also deeply concerned about traffic congestion on Rosemead Boulevard and nearby neighborhood streets. This area already experiences significant traffic, and adding a project of this scale may worsen congestion and reduce neighborhood safety for drivers, pedestrians, and local families.

Additionally, I am concerned about the project's proposed height. The current zoning for this area allows a maximum height of 38 feet (approximately three stories), yet this proposal seeks approval for a six-story building through the use of Density Bonus provisions.

Based on publicly shared community concerns, there appears to be legitimate questions regarding whether this project truly qualifies for the additional height under California Density Bonus Law, particularly regarding whether the property actually meets the required proximity and pedestrian access standards to a major transit stop. I strongly encourage the City Council to carefully review whether the project fully complies with these legal requirements before granting additional concessions.

This project is also directly adjacent to lower-density residential neighborhoods, including single-family homes. A six-story building would be significantly out of scale with the surrounding community and may permanently alter the character of the neighborhood.

As someone who lives very close to this site, I am also concerned about the long-term construction impacts, including noise, dust, traffic disruptions, and quality-of-life issues for nearby residents.

I respectfully ask the City Council to either deny this proposal in its current form or require meaningful revisions that better align with neighborhood infrastructure, parking realities, and existing zoning standards.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole's family

Pasadena, CA 91107

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Dear Pasadena City council members:

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed 133-unit affordable housing project at 600 N. Rosemead Boulevard. While I recognize the city's need for affordable housing, the scale and density of this specific proposal are fundamentally incompatible with the surrounding East Pasadena and Lower Hastings Ranch neighborhoods.

As a local resident, I am deeply concerned about several critical issues:

Incompatible Scale and Height: The proposed building is significantly taller than the current local zoning limit of 38 feet (three stories). At 68 to 71 feet (five to six stories), it will tower over the adjacent single-family homes and one-to-two-story commercial buildings. This massive structure will permanently alter the neighborhood's character and disrupt the privacy and light of nearby residents.

Severe Parking Shortage: The plan provides only 55 parking spaces for 133 units—a ratio of roughly 0.4 spaces per unit. In this car-dependent area of East Pasadena, this is grossly inadequate. It will inevitably lead to significant overflow parking on surrounding residential streets, creating congestion and safety hazards.

Public Safety and Evacuation Concerns: The project site is located in a high-fire-hazard zone. Rosemead Boulevard is a critical evacuation route for the community. Adding this level of density with such limited parking could dangerously impede emergency vehicles and resident evacuation during a wildfire or other emergencies.

Transit Distance Dispute: Many residents have raised valid concerns regarding the "half-mile" distance measurement used to qualify for the State Density Bonus. A professional survey suggested the site exceeds this distance from major transit stops, yet the city is applying a "straight-line" interpretation to bypass local height and parking requirements.

I urge the City Council to listen to the voices of the hundreds of residents who have testified against this project. We are not against housing, but we are against "over-development" that ignores public safety and local neighborhood integrity. We request that the Council require a fundamental redesign that scales down the building to three stories and provides adequate on-site parking.

Thank you for your time and for considering the concerns of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Roy's Family

Pasadena, CA 91107

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: commentsDC
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 12:26 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: FW: Approve the Rosemead Family Apartments!

Public comment For 600 Rosemead on 5/18

From: Nelson Rivas <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2026 4:49 PM
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Subject: Approve the Rosemead Family Apartments!

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Design Commission Members,

I am writing in support of the Rosemead Family Apartments project at 600 N. Rosemead Boulevard, which is before the Design Commission on April 14.

This project will create 133 new affordable homes in Pasadena serving working families, special needs residents, and community members displaced by the Eaton Fire. It's exactly the kind of development our city needs right now.

Rosemead Family Apartments is a thoughtful project. It adapts an existing office building into 51 homes and builds a new structure over a surface parking lot, adding desperately-needed housing to an underutilized commercial street without displacing anyone or encroaching on the surrounding neighborhood.

Pasadena has a legal and moral obligation to provide affordable housing to the people and families who live or work in our community but cannot afford to live there. Especially as our area continues to recover from the Eaton Fire, we should be saying an enthusiastic yes to well-designed affordable housing that prioritizes the return of fire-affected community members.

I urge the Commission to approve the Rosemead Family Apartments and help bring 133 affordable homes to our community.

Nelson Rivas

Downey, California 90241

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From: Siyu Wang
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 7:19 AM
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While I support responsible housing development, this project appears too large and intense for this location. A 133-unit building with only 55 parking spaces is unrealistic for East Pasadena, where many residents rely on cars, and will likely create overflow parking on surrounding residential streets.

I am also concerned about increased traffic, pedestrian safety, and construction impacts, as well as the proposed six-story height in an area currently zoned for approximately three stories. Given the project's proximity to lower-density residential neighborhoods, the scale feels inconsistent with the surrounding community.

I respectfully ask the City Council to deny the proposal as currently designed or require meaningful revisions that better address parking, traffic, neighborhood scale, and zoning concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Chris Wang (3416 Roy's Family)

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: SUSAN MARKLE
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 11:28 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Regarding the Design Commission decision of 500 N Rosemead Blvd.

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To all concerned:

My residence is at 410 Cliff Drive in Pasadena which is adjacent to the apartments on Cliff. (I am the 3rd house from where the apartments end). Street parking on Cliff is always full in the apartment area. The apartment residents have one parking space per unit assigned to them within their complex, so roughly 170 to 200 units with one car per unit. 600 N Rosemead is a block away. The design commission just approved 135 more housing units with 55 assigned parking spaces. I can imagine what that is going to do with the street parking.

The other aspect of this project that I need clarification on is regarding the California State Density Bonus Law that this project supposedly qualifies for. The law is being abused, when the straight line or "as the crow flies" is within a half mile to the nearest transit that qualifies. But in reality, residents will have to walk more than a half mile. The second point is the bus stop at Foothill and Rosemead is not listed on the Transit oriented Development (TOD) map as a major transit stop and actually falls outside the half mile radius when measured correctly. The city approved it based on their own measurement (can this trump over the State measurements?)

Lastly, the bus stop at Foothill and Rosemead does not run every 20 minutes or less during peak hours to qualify as a major transit. It runs about every 35 minutes.

This project will impact our neighborhood in negative ways, changing the character of our neighborhood, adding noise and congestion and scant available parking areas.

Thank you allowing me to voice my concerns,

Kind Regards,

Susan

Susan Markle, D.C.

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Health Ways Chiropractic

Brea, CA 92821

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Sabrina Jimenez <sabrina.jimenez@pasadena.gov>
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Furthermore, the state Policy of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing obligates the city to take meaningful actions that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities. Denying affordable housing in an area of the city that has had virtually no affordable housing would almost certainly be viewed by the courts as an action that is inconsistent with this obligation.

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Sabrina jimenez

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Pasadena, California 91103

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From: Ruth Landsberger <rlandsber@cityofpasadena.net>
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Ruth Landsberger

Pasadena, California 91101

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Joseph Bearer

Los Angeles, California 90042

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Monica Abakar

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Pasadena, California 91103

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Bailey Payne

City of Pasadena

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Denise Larsen

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From: Jacqueline Kandalaft <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 6:23 PM
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Subject: Yes to Affordable Housing at 600 N Rosemead

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Jacqueline Kandalaf

Monrovia, California 91016

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Los Angeles, California 90042

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Everett Deiner

Los Angeles, California 90042

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Iris Chen <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 10:51 AM
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I ask that you approve this affordable housing development.

Sincerely,

Iris Chen

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Pasadena, California 91103

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: scott
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 3:18 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: FW: 600 North Rosemead Blvd and all other High Density housing projects

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Thank you

Scott Shimamoto

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Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: Mark Baker
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 5:12 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Appeal of 600 N Rosemead Project

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Dear City Council,

I run a nonprofit counseling center across the street from the proposed 600 N Rosemead project for low income housing. We have over 30 therapists on staff who have been serving Pasadena for 40 years in this location. If this project goes in we will have to shut down this location, and likely move out of Pasadena. I am aware of the project on Los Robles and Orange Grove, and how businesses in the area suffered significantly from the lack of parking. Low income residents have cars, and will be forced to park on the street. There is barely enough street parking for our therapists and clients now. Hopefully, it is not too late to stop this project, or our much needed services will certainly have to leave our home of 40 years, and likely leave Pasadena.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter,
Dr. Mark Baker

Mark W. Baker, PhD

Executive Director, La Vie Counseling Center

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From: Dave H
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 10:44 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Hampton, Tyron; Bernard, Nicole (Dist1); Cole, Rick; DerBoghossian, Megheti; jljones@cityofpasadena.net; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Chapman, Justin; Lyon, Jason
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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 5:09 PM
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From: Michael Rodgers
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 7:39 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 600 N Rosemead Project

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To whom it may concern: Regarding the proposed large housing project at 600 North Rosemead Blvd -- as a neighbor, I think this is not a good idea because the building will have multiple noise-producing air conditioning units not far from the houses at the west edge of our neighborhood, adversely affecting the experience of homeowners as they sit in their yards or possibly even while inside their homes. Although housing is necessary, I recommend building this type of complex in a part of Pasadena that already has multi-unit housing, such as along Walnut or Green. If the project goes forward, at least please ensure that any machinery is the quietest possible.

Michael Rodgers

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Subject: FW: Opposition to 600 N. Rosemead Boulevard Affordable Housing Project

From: Marty Kasbarian

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 8:11 AM

To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <correspondence@cityofpasadena.net>

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed 133-unit development at 600 N. Rosemead Boulevard in East Pasadena.

While I understand the need for housing solutions in California, this project is far too dense and incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood and infrastructure. The proposal for 133 units with only 55 parking spaces is simply unrealistic for this area and will create severe spillover parking problems on nearby residential streets.

This portion of East Pasadena is not a transit-oriented urban core where residents can realistically rely on public transportation for daily life. Many households will still require vehicles for work, school, childcare, and daily activities. The resulting overflow parking will negatively impact nearby homeowners, businesses, emergency access, and overall neighborhood livability.

In addition, many residents have raised legitimate concerns regarding:

- wildfire evacuation and emergency access,
- increased traffic congestion,
- excessive building height and massing compared to surrounding properties,
- strain on local infrastructure and public services,
- loss of neighborhood character,
- and inadequate community outreach during the review process.

The current proposal appears to prioritize maximizing unit count while ignoring the long-term consequences on the surrounding community. A project of this scale should be redesigned to better fit the neighborhood, include substantially more parking, and address public safety and infrastructure concerns before moving forward.

I respectfully urge the City Council and all relevant departments to reconsider this project in its current form and require meaningful revisions that better protect existing residents and the character of East Pasadena.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marty Kasbarian


Pasaden CA
proud homeowner in this neighborhood for 15 years!

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From: Mike G
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 9:50 AM
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Michael Gibilisco

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Thomas Lahoz

Pasadena, California 91101

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Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 10:10 AM
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From: Bob Miller
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 10:18 AM
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Cc: Barbara Miller
Subject: LHRA City Council Appeal 600 N. Rosemead Project - May 18, 2026

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To whom it may concern:

Please see below as provided to the Design Commission. Further, since that hearing, it has been reported that approximately 39% of the units developed would be allocated to homeless individuals or families. We are not opposed to affordable housing in compliance with state law within reasonable density and height restrictions. We are opposed to the developer securing funding that mandates homeless occupancy at this high ratio — approximately 51 out of 132 units.

We are also greatly concerned that this information was not publicly shared by the developer or city staff to consider and discuss in the appropriate forums. The needs of homeless are quite different than those needing affordable housing who work in Pasadena or neighboring communities. This topic needs and deserves a full public vetting as well as advising the public if the intent of this project was ever to include homeless housing which often brings with it a raft of public safety, crime, sanitation, mental health and other issues. What is the plan and cost to provide these additional services? What will be the impact on the residential as well as office, retail, biotech, design and other commercial entities in the Lower Hastings and surrounding areas? Have all these entities as well as residents had an opportunity to consider the proposed development in the context of 51 homeless housing units and what potential impact this would have on their places of business and homes?

To say we are disappointed in City staff is an understatement. We would hope that the City Council will act as needed to require a full hearing on all of the facts regarding this development and consider reasonable, rationale, and appropriate design adjustments in the best interest of future occupants as well as businesses, retailers, and residents.

Thank you for your consideration and please see below.

Bob and Barbara Miller

From: Bob Miller
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 2:17 PM
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Cc: Barb Miller
Subject: Proposed Development - 600 North Rosemead, Pasadena CA

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Bob Miller. My wife Barbara and I reside at 630 Rim Road, Pasadena, CA, 91107. With the exception of nine years, we have resided in three homes in Upper and Lower Hastings Ranch since 1969 when our families moved to Pasadena. Barbara was twelve and I was fourteen. We have resided in this home since 2013 and expect to age in place.

We write today to state our concerns regarding the construction of the proposed six-story 600 North Rosemead multifamily housing project. Our concerns relate to the size and number of stories. We are fully supportive of the need for additional housing, but the size of this development — height, 68', six stories — as opposed to the current 38', three stories allowable —, 55 parking spaces for 132 units, and the added height, noise, and other pollution associated with rooftop equipment and structures — is of major concern.

We understand the City's position is that its "hands are tied" as regards the state Density Bonus Law if the property is within one-half mile of a "major transit stop". The issue seems to be "straight line" vs. "path of a pedestrian" distance. We will not speak to the method of measurement definitions but will state other communities have concluded that local zoning codes take precedent when ambiguity as to statute interpretation exists. Given this is the situation as regards this development, we believe the Design Commission and by extension the City, should take the position that consistent with Pasadena Zoning Code and the East Pasadena Specific Plan, the proposed housing development should be limited to three-stories and the requisite number of parking spaces.

As others at the hearing will speak in much greater detail — and there will be many others commenting via correspondence — I will not speak further on the merits of this request. My wife and I are planning to attend the hearing and look forward to the proceedings.

In closing, a six-story building is too large for this site and inconsistent with our neighborhood. Instead, please protect our neighborhood, challenge the City staff's interpretation, and work with state agencies and legislators to further refine the needed definitions that protect people and communities. Do not accept vague interpretations. Fight and protect East Pasadena as the City Council does regularly for other neighborhoods and the City as a whole.

No one is against affordable housing. It's needed. We only ask that you provide this housing consistent with existing neighborhood attributes. In the case of the Hastings Ranch area, for over 70 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Bob and Barbara Miller

Pasadena, CA

Robert B. Miller, DPA

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Robert B 1>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 10:33 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 600 N. Rosemead Affordable Housing Project

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Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed affordable housing development at 600 N. Rosemead Boulevard. While I support the need for affordable housing, I believe the current proposal does not adequately address the impact that insufficient parking will have on the surrounding neighborhood and local businesses.

The project proposes over 130 residential units while providing substantially fewer parking spaces. This imbalance creates a significant risk that residents and visitors will rely heavily on street parking in surrounding areas. Nearby businesses already depend on available parking for customers, and overflow parking from this project could negatively impact their operations and accessibility.

Additionally, increased competition for street parking will likely create more congestion and traffic as drivers circle surrounding streets searching for available spaces. This may also negatively affect the quality of life for nearby residents and could impact neighborhood desirability and property values over time.

I respectfully ask the City Council to carefully reconsider the parking component of this project and require a more realistic parking plan that better reflects the needs of future residents while protecting surrounding neighborhoods and businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Borodian
Lower Hastings Ranch Resident

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Priscilla Calderon <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 11:08 AM
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Furthermore, the state Policy of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing obligates the city to take meaningful actions that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities. Denying affordable housing in an area of the city that has had virtually no affordable housing would almost certainly be viewed by the courts as an action that is inconsistent with this obligation.

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Priscilla Calderon

Pasadena, California 91101

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I am in favor of the appeal of the 600 N Rosemead project. When we moved into this area it was with the understanding that it would be a single family dwelling residential neighborhood. That having been said, I feel safer with the "no overnight parking" on our streets that may be abolished with the excess of vehicle parking needs in the immediate area. Not to mention the strain of our water and sewer and power needs. I am not happy with the amount of growth that is planned.

Thank you for listening and your consideration.

Respectfully,
Maral Derkrikorian
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Pasadena CA 91107

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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Rachel Orfila

Pasadena , California 91107

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Arthur Bislamyán >
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I'm writing this in support of NOT APPROVING the proposed housing projects at 600 North Rosemead, 1756-1776 East Colorado Blvd, and others that are affected by the California high density housing laws until LEGITIMATE environmental, traffic, evacuation, and other quality of life studies have been completed.

I am NOT against affordable housing, I'm against non-common sense, substandard "affordable housing" that lacks adequate parking and other amenities that will create negative impacts for the neighborhoods AND the proposed future renters. I think we can all agree that not having a safe place to park one's car is not an ideal living situation for anyone. This will create safety and convenience issues for current and future residents in the affected areas. In addition, although rapid transit is improving, it is woefully inadequate for most people to get to where they need to.

As you are aware, the residents that will be affected by these changes were not informed that any of these projects was even being proposed until the approval process was well underway and thus did not have enough time to make our voices heard. Hopefully, the appeals that have been filed will at least slow things down until ALL the issues have been adequately addressed.

We understand that the cities are placed in a tough situation by the language of the laws, but the legislators at the state level of California are not the ones that need to live with the consequences of these ill-advised, substandard housing projects that override the local codes that the City of Pasadena has enacted to make our city a great place to live.

The City of Pasadena needs to unite with other cities that are facing similar situations and tell the state of California that these density bonus laws are simply WRONG in the way they are written and at least PAUSE the implementation of any projects until the deficiencies are identified and revisions to the laws can be amended to fix the problems caused by the law in its current state.

Please reject or at least pause these projects in Pasadena until a more suitable plan can be implemented.

Thank you
Arthur Bislamyán

Pasadena Ca 91107