


## McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

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**From:** Wildcatste  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2026 9:25 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Items 11 & 12 600 N Rosemead & 1756-1776 E Colorado

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To Whom It May Concern:

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 and thorough environmental, traffic, evacuation, and other quality of life studies have been completed. I write as a concerned resident living one block over from the 1756-1776 E Colorado project.

Let me be clear: I am NOT against affordable housing, but these proposed buildings lack common sense and are setting up to be slums that will have negative impacts for our neighborhoods and the contemplated future renters. Although public transit is improving, it is inadequate for most people and the contemplated locations are not all that close to the so-called "major transit hubs." Even proponents of these housing projects admit that most future residents will have vehicles that will flood the streets.

Furthermore, these changes have proceeded in a manner intended to railroad over current residents. We were not informed about any of these projects until the approval process was well underway and thus have not had enough time to make our voices heard. We do not feel that these projects seek to be part of the community, but that large corporate developers are here to gentrify and push us out.

We understand that the cities are placed in a tough situation by the language of the state 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

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**From:** Gretchen Saalbach <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2026 10:05 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Affordable Homes in East Pasadena

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Council Member,

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I'm writing to support the proposed development of 133 units of affordable housing at 600 N. Rosemead Blvd.

While some oppose such density of affordable housing, I believe that dense affordable housing leads to improved quality of life for everyone for the following reasons:

- \* Studies show that every \$1 invested in affordable housing generates up to \$3 in local economic activity, benefiting both residents and the broader community.
- \* A study by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) found that building 100 affordable rental homes generates approximately \$11.7 million in local income, \$2.2 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 161 local jobs in the first year alone.
- \* After examining over 150 major metro areas across the United States and additional internal metro areas, A USC study found that regions making substantial public investments in housing experienced significantly lower rates of unsheltered homelessness. This research confirms public housing as a vital tool in addressing homelessness and ensuring housing security.
- \* Studies show that dense affordable housing neighborhoods experience 20% - 50% lower rates of chronic diseases, attributed to greater walkability and access to healthy food options.

Regarding the last point, we need to move toward being a community that makes car-free living possible. Becoming a city that makes car-free living possible improves the quality of life for everyone by drastically reducing air pollution, reducing noise pollution, creating safer streets, freeing up space for green areas and community interaction, promoting active,

healthier lifestyles through walking and cycling, reducing traffic stress, and fostering a stronger sense of community connection.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2026 10:11 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Jess Rivas; Masuda, Gene; Cole, Rick; Hampton, Tyron; Jones, Justin; Lyon, Jason  
**Subject:** Item 11: In support of Rosemead development

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

I am writing in support of the Rosemead affordable housing development. The Planning Department's report makes it clear that this project meets the objective standards for 100% affordable housing and should therefore be approved. This is a "by right," not a discretionary project. There is no legal basis for this appeal.

There are many good reasons to support this development:

- 1) Since there is almost no affordable housing in East Pasadena, this project would help "affirmatively further fair housing" by locating affordable housing in a high opportunity area. As Mayor Gordo and other Council members point out, affordable housing should be spread throughout our city and not be limited to one area..
- 2) It adaptively reuses an office building for affordable housing.
- 3) It will provide affordable housing and supportive services to 50 unhoused people, thereby reducing our homeless count. What a blessing for our city!
- 4) It will house 88 families in two- and three-bedroom units. Most of these families will send their children to public schools. I calculate this apartment would house over 100 potential PUSD students and bring in \$816,000-\$1,224,000 million in ADA revenue each year to our cash-strapped public school system. What a blessing for PUSD!
- 5) Parking should not be an issue because 50 of the units are for unhoused people who are unlikely to own cars. The rest are low-income residents who typically own fewer cars than high end renters. Many of the residents will use nearby public transportation. The carbon footprint of those living in Rosemead Apartments will be significantly lower than that of homeowners who are opposing this development, ostensibly for environmental reasons.
- 6) The need for affordable housing is urgent, with over 40% of renters in our city being cost-burdened.
- 7) Since we have a local preference policy in our city, most of renters will be people who live or work in our city, or who have been displaced.

I live in Northwest Pasadena, where there is a lot of affordable housing. These affordable developments have not been resisted by neighbors because we see affordable housing as a benefit, not a burden. I believe that in time East Pasadena residents will feel the same way. Indeed, it was encouraging to see that St. Gregory's Church initially opposed but now fully supports a 6-story 215-unit affordable housing development next door to their church.

People of faith should support affordable housing, particularly if they are home owners. According to Acts 4, when the first Christians gathered to worship in Jerusalem, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and many

sold their homes and shared their wealth so there would be no poor among them. True followers of Jesus place human values above property values. They follow the Golden Rule: "Do unto others what you would have others do unto you." If you have a decent, affordable home, why wouldn't you not want the same thing for your low-income neighbors?

Our city's Housing Element makes it clear that Pasadena is committed to ensuring that there is decent and affordable housing for everyone. This development is in line with the city's noble mission. .

Anthony Manousos  
Co-founder of Making Housing and Community Happen