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Dear City of Pasadena City,

I have lived and owned a home in Pasadena for 30 years and I have raised my two sons here. We have a severe housing shortage and it is hard for people who grew up in Pasadena to afford to stay here. We need to build more housing and I think Transit Orientated housing is a smart way to do it. I fully support the recent California law SB79 that allows for building apartment buildings near metro stops. The Rosetown apartment building adjacent to the Sierra Madre Villa station has been a great success and I look forward to many more similar projects to benefit our community.

Sincerely,
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Dear City of Pasadena City,

As a millennial, a renter, a husband and father who is struggling first hand with the affordability crisis - I fully support all efforts to build new housing in Pasadena.

As a millennial who is approaching my 40's, and who has dealt with the ramifications of the financial collapse/housing bubble, a pandemic and now the affordability crisis, I'm angry at the abject failure of generations of politicians to look out for future generations.

Our housing affordability crisis was created by our own policy choices spurring class and racial segregation, our school district is shrinking by the day and our neighbor to the north - Altadena burned to the ground (in part due to climate change), displacing thousands of people, including family members of mine, friends and work colleagues. With those realities of life hitting me in the face daily, I find it morally indefensible that any Pasadena officials would in any capacity stop/delay the construction of new housing.

I simply can understand that with the charred remains of Altadena to the north of us, that my elected representatives can't find the moral clarity to support building housing in Pasadena.

I respectfully urge that you limit exemptions based on existing zoned capacity. I do not oppose deferrals for R-12 zones, but, In solidarity with Abundant Housing LA, I urge you to reject deferral of R-16, R-32, R-48, RS, and the specific plan areas. Allowing more development in neighborhoods already zoned for reasonable housing density will support walkability and economic vitality by allowing additional development in these zones.

Even in areas that may already allow for taller buildings, it is imperative that Pasadena allow SB 79 to take effect, with limited exceptions, to allow builders to choose which program better suits a given project and allow more projects to be financially feasible. Most importantly, this will help Pasadena meet the needs of residents and community members, while furthering badly needed progress on housing and environmental goals.

Sincerely,
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