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**From:** Robert Carlson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 12:38 PM  
**To:** Walker, Alison  
**Subject:** In Support of All Saints Safe Haven Bridge Application

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I write in support of All Saints temporary shelter program, as a founding board member and first board chair of the Skid Row Housing Trust of Los Angeles in the 1980s, where I came to see the critical role played by shelter, and in particular programs like Safe Haven, in the health and safety of the whole city of Pasadena. Please grant the Safe Haven Bridge to Housing a Minor Conditional Use Permit as a step in the direction of ending homelessness. Thank you for this opportunity,

Robert Carlson, [REDACTED]  
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**From:** MaryAnn Ahart [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** All Saints Minor Conditional Use Permit

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I am writing in support of All Saints Church Pasadena being granted a Minor Conditional Use Permit for its Safe Haven Bridge to Housing program.

As a member of All Saints Church, I am attracted and committed to our core values, in particular Radical Inclusion and Courageous Justice. They challenge me and support me in equal measure. As I witnessed the unhoused being prohibited from sleeping where they had found some shelter, including at Union Station, prior to Covid 19, I was deeply concerned about what would happen to them. It was with mixed feelings that I learned that Mike Kinman, our rector, and the staff of All Saints were inviting them on to the campus to sleep.

A year-plus later, I am deeply moved that All Saints has not just made space available for these men and women but has created a community and a program to move these people into housing. I have long believed in housing first. Our Safe Haven Bridge to Housing went beyond setting up a bathroom and wash station, acquiring lockers for bikes and other belongings during the day, to meeting with the current community weekly, establishing case workers with each person through Union Station and in general working with each one so he or she can successfully move into more permanent housing. These are members of our community now and we need to continue to support them in every way possible.

It is not a direct road nor a smooth road necessarily when working with men and women who have been unhoused for years. All Saints has sought counsel in how to do this wisely and most effectively from multiple sources. They have been successful in working with many of this community, getting half of the first group into housing so far. This is a model that works and should be encouraged.

I ask you to grant the Minor Conditional Use Permit to All Saints for their Safe Haven Bridge to Housing program. It is one thing we can do to live out our commitment to Courageous Justice for those who are struggling with housing and other issues now. It is not the ultimate solution but it will make a difference in the lives of those we can serve.

Thank you,

MaryAnn Ahart  
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