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# Public Comment for Planning Commission Meeting on May 27, 2020

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	May 27, 2020
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**Comments**

Please add an overlay zone to Pasadena’s city code allowing congregational land to be used for affordable housing. Essentially, we are asking that if 50% of the units are affordable, with an overall average affordability at 50% of AMI, then church properties would be allowed to have increased density. Additionally, if the congregation’s land is zoned only commercial, public, or semi-public that “residential” would be added to the zoning designation.

Why is this such a good idea?

- We need sites for affordable housing, struggling older churches have unused parking lots, decaying buildings they cannot afford to fix.
- With this change, developers will save money (as much as \$100,000) and time (at least a year), assuring that projects will get done and top-quality developers apply.
- Seven churches in Pasadena are interested, but zoning need adjusting to allow for this. One church now has an RFP of 48 units and another with a potential of 100 units—a big step toward RHNA goals.

Please allow this use so churches can move forward on their mission to bless the community with affordable housing.

Respectfully, Jill Shook

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**I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.**

Yes

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