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To: Molinar, Tess
Subject: Affordable Housing

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Dear Planning Commissioner,

I would like to express my support for high quality affordable housing built on congregational land and my support for churches in the Pasadena area wishing to do so.

I am aware that implementation of an overlay zone plan would allow area congregations to build affordable housing. Seven churches in Pasadena are interested. Such a plan would allow churches to build affordable housing more quickly and less expensively. It could save over \$100,00 in cost per development, save at least a year getting it built, and provide the certainty needed to attract a highly qualified developer. Other cities in California, such as San Diego, are also creating citywide zone changes to allow congregational land to be used for affordable housing.

Clearly, Pasadena needs to address this issue. The 2020 homeless count was 527 and research has shown that there is an expectation of a 45% increase in homelessness due to the pandemic. I am happy to support churches throughout the city who wish to help address the affordable/homeless housing crisis we are currently facing. Churches play a vital role in the community and are interested in contributing to quality of life improvements for all, so in my view this is a win-win for all concerned

Thank you taking my support on this critical matter into consideration.

Sincerely,
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Pasadena, CA.

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