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Dear Planning Commissioner,

My name is Rosalie Niemann and I am a member of the First United Methodist Church located at 500 E. Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena.

I am writing to express my support for having high quality affordable housing built on local congregational land. I support churches in my neighborhood who may wish to do this.

An overlay zone would allow congregations to build affordable housing. Seven churches in Pasadena are interested. This will allow churches to build affordable housing more quickly and less expensively.

- It could save over \$100,000 in cost per development.
- Save at least a year getting it built.
- Provide the certainty needed to attract a highly qualified developer.

Other cities like San Diego are also creating citywide zone changes to allow congregational land to be used for affordable housing.

I am happy to support churches throughout the city to help address the affordable/homeless housing crisis that we are facing. The 2020 homeless count was 527 people. Studies show that we may expect a 45% increase in homelessness due to the pandemic. Churches play a vital role in the community and are interested in contributing to quality of life improvements for all.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,
Rosalie Niemann