

## Molinar, Tess

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**From:** Suzanne Bruins <sbruins@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 5, 2020 12:38 PM  
**To:** Molinar, Tess  
**Subject:** In Favor of the Overlay Zone to Allow Churches to Build Affordable Housing on their Land

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Dear Planning Commissioner,  
My name is Suzanne Bruins. I am a member of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church located at 585 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101.

I also taught math in PUSD (McKinley Junior High, Foothill Continuation, and John Muir High School) for 39 years.

I am writing to express my support for having high quality affordable housing built on congregational land. I would support churches in my neighborhood wishing to do so.

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 \$10,000 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 like San Diego are also creating citywide zone changes to allow congregational land to be used for affordable housing.

I'm glad to support the desire of churches' to help address the affordable/homeless housing crisis we are currently facing. The 2020 homeless count was 527; studies show that there is an expectation of 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.

And, yes, I am following a recommended form letter but this says what I want it to say!

Thank you,

Sincerely,  
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