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Dear Planning Commissioner,

We are Roger and Marilynne Wilander, and we are active members of the Pasadena First United Methodist Church located at 500 E Colorado Blvd in Pasadena.

We are writing to express our support for having high quality affordable housing built on congregational land on available property within Pasadena. I would support churches in my neighborhood wishing 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 \$100,00 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 like San Diego are also creating citywide zone changes to allow congregational land to be used for affordable housing.

Over many decades in Pasadena, houses of worship have had a very successful track record of partnering with existing agencies to make a difference in serving those in need.

We are glad to support the desire of churches throughout the city 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this common sense approach to making more affordable housing units available.

Sincerely,

Roger and Marilynne Wilander