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Dear Pasadena City Planning Commissioner,

My name is Dianne Pally. I am a member of NEW LIFE HOLINESS CHURCH located at 2005 N Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena, CA. 91103.

I am writing to express my support for having high quality affordable housing built on congregational land. I also give my support to the neighboring churches wanting to participate in this endeavor of lessening homelessness in our city by providing housing to those in need.

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.

I'm 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 estimation is 527. Studies show, the Covid Pandemic along with skyrocketing unemployment will likely surge a 45% increase in homelessness.

New Life Holiness Church has served generations of families in our community for over 50 years. In fact, the church, particularly the Black or African American Church is the bedrock and heritage of Black culture. It is befitting and is our hope to have the opportunity to continue to serve compassionately and provide much needed services and housing to our most vulnerable population.

Sincerely
Dianne Pally