

## Molinar, Tess

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

My name is Brad Arnold. I am a pastor at Pasadena Church at 404 E. Washington and our head pastors are Kerwin and Madelyn Manning.

On Sunday night, we had a church zoom meeting with many members who have been forced to move to Lancaster and the Inland Empire for affordable housing. Most of these folks have deep, historic ties to Pasadena and continue to make the daily or weekly commute, in light of the pandemic, to see their kin. Our pastors and church have done all we can to house people on our property for an extremely low price or connect them through our networks to find lower rent. My point is this: We have a chronic, exacerbated-over-decades housing crisis in Pasadena, which is another “knee on the neck” of Black and Brown folks who call Pasadena home, even if forced abroad in another city or county, and who prefer Pasadena to be their home. This overlay zone is a key step to increase real affordable housing sooner rather than later. I am writing on behalf of our pastors/church to support high-quality, affordable housing built on congregational land throughout the city.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,  
Brad Arnold

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