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Meeting Date November 17, 2020

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Name GARY L MOODY

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Zip Code 91001-5213

Comments (under 200 words) My Church (New Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church) had 60 members at one time and today we have 20 members who drive 45 minutes to attend our services. Black churches, once a vital part of the fabric of our neighborhoods, have now become commuter churches. I support preferential access of affordable housing to those who have been disproportionately impacted by the rising cost of housing in our city. This would help to restore some of the racial and ethnic diversity to our

city because many of those leaving our city have been my friends, and relatives. More than a quarter of the African American population of our city has left in the last decade, some have cashed out, but most have been "priced out." This exodus has been devastating to our African American churches. Many pastors must travel a significant distance to lead worship services. Most churches support building affordable housing on their property. Please make this important adjustment to the local preference policy.

Thank you!

Gary L. Moody

Community Based Organizer

North Fair Oaks Empowerment Initiative

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meeting.**

Yes

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Meeting Date November 17, 2020

Agenda Item Displaced from our community to return and live in affordable housing

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Comments (under 200 words) I go to New Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church at 2068 N Fair Oaks, Pasadena, ca 91103. We have several members of our church have to move out of Pasadena, ca . Move to West Covina, Loma Alta, ca. They can no longer attend our church and other drive 45 min to 1 hour to attend church services. it has been

said that the Black churches, once a vital part of the fabric of our neighborhoods, have now become commuter churches, I support preferential access of affordable housing to those who have been disproportionately impacted by the rising cost in our city. This would help to restore some of the racial and ethnic diversity to our city because many of those leaving our city have been people of color, my friends, and relatives. Nearly a quarter of the African American population of our city has left in the last decade, some have cashed out but most have been "priced out". This exodus has had a devastating effect on our African American churches. Even many pastors travel a distance to attend worship services. Some of these churches want to build affordable housing on their property to help. Please make this important adjustment to the local preference policy. Thank you

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