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My name is Dr. Gilbert Walton I am a member of New Hope missionary Baptist Church on North fair Oaks. I once lived in a thriving community which I really loved. I had great neighbors and my aspirations to succeed through education were greatly enhanced. Unfortunately, we were displaced by a freeway that could have been easily diverted. So I know the feeling of being displaced from a place where you really want to live especially when the displacement comes as a result of structural and systemic racism We have lost many members from Pasadena around the issue of affordable housing. Some of our members continue to participate in a Bible study from as far away as Las Vegas and North Carolina! Well I have been able to succeed despite the disruptions and difficulties that I have had to face. I am the exception to the rule. And so I do not conflate the exception with the circumscribed options of the masses. In terms of preference for access to affordable housing a greatly support the idea of moving, particularly African-Americans, who have been displaced from Pasadena. When I moved here 32 years ago the percentage of Afro-Americans and the population was around 30%. It is now 3.3%. I think that this would represent a good faith gesture on the part of the city to further diversify it's population by restoring some of those African-Americans who have been displaced. Thank you very much for your consideration Respectfully, Dr. Gilbert Walton

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