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Hello,

My name is Christi Franklin and I am a member of Pasadena Presbyterian Church (PPC).

I am writing to address item #5 on the agenda.

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

I have attended PPC since 1997. Our church used to be full of Pasadena residents, but due to the high housing costs in Pasadena, many have moved to lower cost areas, and even out of state, because housing costs in Pasadena are so inflated.

Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable zoning change will speed up the process of building the housing we need and will make the process considerably less expensive, which makes affordable housing dollars stretch further so that more can be built.

The developers who build affordable housing projects are usually nonprofits who can't afford to build low density projects or spend time and money on a lengthy bureaucratic process only to have the whole thing shot down by the neighbors. These nonprofit developers need zoning to provide sufficient density and an approval process that is not lengthy and is predictable, i.e., "by right". If the new policy does not provide these things, then it will not facilitate the affordable housing that we desperately need.

Thank you for your service to our community and for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Christi Franklin

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