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My name is LOYCE KARERI and I am a social worker at DOOR OF HOPE, a Pasadena agency providing transitional housing to homeless families and survivors of Domestic Violence.

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

We desperately need more affordable housing in Pasadena!

As a minority, I am blessed and privileged to live in the city and also lease a house from Pasadena Church on Washington Avenue, which is also part of their church complex and land. This housing option supported by Pastors Kerwin and Madelyn Manning, has enabled me to not only live here but also work in giving back and serving the community.

Churches across Pasadena are stepping up to offer their land for affordable housing, but they need the zoning to be changed to let them do that! This 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 comments.

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