

## Varsh, Tess

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Lisa Stinstrom and I am a resident of Pasadena and a member of Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

I believe that more affordable housing in Pasadena is urgently needed. I live in the Northwest area, considered the low-income sector, and yet my total housing costs consume approximately half my retirement income. At this rate I will not be able to afford to stay here, and I am one of the lucky ones, with a pension.

I have become aware that 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. It is my understanding that the proposed 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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