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Dear EDTech Committee,

I am a Pasadena resident writing in support of the proposal to set aside 20% of affordable housing for those displaced through gentrification. This enables our city to remain diverse and affordable.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Len Tang

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Dear Ed Tech,

First thank you so much for all you do for a city. Second thank you for putting this on the agenda. And third, please know that am impressed that you have thought about those being displaced from our city and providing a path for them to able to return to the where many have deep roots. Please do all you can to pass this wonderful opportunity for those who have been displaced and to have opportunity to return.

There are a significant number of people leaving our city because of the cost of housing. I know friends moving to Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon and other parts of the country. This is also a matter of racial equity. Those displaced are more often than not, people of color. Most of churches on N Fair Oaks are African American, and have lost a half or more of their members who now live up to an hour of more away. 55% of the PUSD faculty live 45 minute of more from Pasadena. Many started off in apartments but could not afford to purchase in Pasadena. The is likely true of the business community as well. it's hard to recruit the finest and best when you can't afford to pay "housing wages." See: <https://reports.nlihc.org/oor> or pay enough to allow someone to purchase a home. Too many of Pasadena's city employees also are unable to afford. 47% of Pasadena is paying 50% of their income on housing. This is considered severely cost burden. For those of us lucky enough to work in Pasadena and have purchased in Pasadena when the prices were low and now have homes that are fully paid, we sometimes forget what it is like to be on long commutes we have no idea what is like to see so much of income spent on housing.

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