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From: Sonja Berndt <sonja.berndt19@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Reyes, David
Cc: Takeda, Michi; White, Leon; Paige, Jennifer
Subject: Re: Public Comment for tomorrow's Design Commission meeting

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Thank you very much for the accommodation. Here is the comment for reading out loud on Agenda Item #4 of the Design Commission meeting 3/9/2021:

I am a longtime Pasadena resident. This project, at 274 N. Oakland Avenue, with 100% affordability, is an extraordinary opportunity for our City to increase its affordable housing. Staff is recommending approval with conditions. The project, which I understand attained the highest possible score for Tax Exempt Bonds and Tax Credits, is likely to get an award of bonds and credits in mid-April. The developer will then have six months from the award date to get the project approved and construction underway. It is imperative that the Commission approve the project on Tuesday with no delays or continuations if the developer is to meet the six-month deadline. It is my understanding that, if the Design Commission does not approve the project at its meeting March 9th, the project will still go forward, but at higher income levels. We need to ensure that the developer can do the most good for the most financially disadvantaged Pasadena residents. Thank you.

Sonja Berndt

On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 1:53 PM Reyes, David <davidreyes@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:

Hi Sonja,

Thank you very much for sharing and your attitude of giving.

If you email us the comment and keep it to 200 words, we will read it into the record.

David

David M. Reyes

Director Planning and Community Development