

Varsh, Tess

From: Vincent De Stefano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Varsh, Tess
Subject: Affordable Housing Crisis

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

CAUTION: This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you *know* the content is safe. Report phish using the Phish Alert Button. [Learn more...](#)

I was born and raised by a single parent in Pasadena. Both my mother and I continue to live here and both of us are home owners in our fine city. When my mother purchased her home in 1960 she was working as a teachers aid for minimum wage. 25 years later after graduating from UCLA I too bought a home here. Unfortunately, the benefits of home ownership my mother and I now enjoy are denied to folks just like us as housing costs have skyrocketed here. In point of fact, today, neither of us could afford to rent the homes we now own. "To whom much is given much is required". My mother and I believe those words. We also believe that the opportunity to live in the town you grow up in and work in and contribute to is a necessity that is being denied to folks just like us who were not lucky enough to benefit from affordable housing they we have. More than 50% of our fellow residents are now renters and most of those are rent insecure. We believe that this situation is a crime that must be addressed aggressively and immediately. We are respectfully demanding that our elected officials do whatever it takes to rectify this form of criminal neglect that our brother and sister residents suffer from. Safe and affordable housing should not be a privilege for the few but a right for all.

Vincent De Stefano
President ACLU
Pasadena/Foothill Chapter
Sent from my iPhone