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Dear Ms. Varsh, I tried to submit a public comment card and was unable to do so. Here's a written comment but I'd also like to speak. Is that possible?

Dear Commissioners:

I am deeply concerned about the lack of affordable housing in our city. According to the Planning Department's Report of September 14, 2020, only 388 permits for moderate, low and very low income units were issued in the 2014-2021 RHNA period. The current RHNA requires that the City plan for over 6,000 units of affordable housing. That goal may seem high, but no one disputes that the need is real and urgent. I believe we are morally as well as legally obliged to do our best to meet this need. According to the last Housing Element, 43% of renters and 34% of homeowners are severely cost burdened, i.e. pay more than half of their income on housing. That adds up to around 20,000 residents of our city! We need the Housing Element to reflect this urgency and contain innovative ideas to ensure that the housing needs of Pasadena's residents are met.

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