

Dear Planning Commission,

I am Pamela Wilson a member of Lincoln Avenue Christian Church, 1180 Lincoln Ave, Pasadena ,  
Pastored by Pastor Wayne C. Cooper.

I am writing in reference to item #4 on the agenda for the June 9 meeting.

My Church provides a food pantry and serves approximately 125 families a week. We also participate with several Churches where we take turns housing homeless families.

We know that the need for affordable housing in Pasadena is severe. Many families are moving out of Pasadena due to housing costs. So many families have moved away that PUSD is closing down schools. This crisis has hit the African American and Latinx communities particularly hard.

The African American community was reduced by 25% between 2000 and 2015. When the numbers come in for the last five years, they will likely reveal that the displacement has only gotten worse, so affordable housing is a matter of racial justice.

I support the use of church land to build affordable housing for churches who wish to do that. I recommend that rezoning church land for affordable housing be a part of the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan.

Thank you for your service to the community,

**Pamela Wilson**