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Dear Commissioners,

I am thrilled that the Ramona St project at the Civic Center is coming up for design review. National Core is known for its excellent design, as evidenced by Marv's Place, and has a commitment to making this project a jewel in the crown of Pasadena. I am an amateur when it comes to architecture, but the plans submitted on December 14 look breath-takingly inspirational and lovely. It is obvious that an immense amount of care went into making this building reflect the Beaux Arts style. I can't wait to see the completion of this building, which will no doubt gain state-wide and possibly national attention. This project will set a new standard for affordable housing and hopefully inspire other cities to follow Pasadena's example. As a Greek who majored in the Classics, I am reminded of the Hellenic ideal: *to kalon kagathon*—the “good and the beautiful,” the ethical and the aesthetically appealing combined, as in the Parthenon. It is a profound moral statement that our City will house our low-income and homeless seniors in a way that we would like to be housed—beautifully.

Sincerely,

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Co-founder of Making Housing and Community Happen