



**Regular Meeting
Commission on the Status of Women
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Members

Charlotte Lacey, Chair, District 7
Vanessa F. Rodriguez, Vice-Chair, District 5
Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, District 1
Lorraine Montgomery, District 2
Dr. Valinda M. Bowens, District 3
Maura Harrington Roggero, District 6
Vacant, Mayor
Vacant, District 4
Vacant, At Large

Staff

Kari Bell, Recreation and Community Services Superintendent
Jane Whitmore, Recording Secretary

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Agenda
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1. **Call to order**
2. **Roll call**
3. **Public comments for items not on the agenda**
4. **Approval of minutes**
 - October 5, 2022*
5. **New business**
 - Information item**
 - Presentation from the City of Pasadena Department of Housing regarding affordable housing opportunities – Anne Lansing (Housing Assistance Officer) and Jim Wong (Senior Project Manager)
 - Action item**
 - Review a letter of support for the work of the Early Child Development and Early Learning Task Force*
6. **Old business**
 - Action items**
 - Review and approval of the completed survey for the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW).*
 - Commission work plan updates and discussion*
7. **Reports/comments from the Chair**
8. **Comments from Commissioners**
9. **Staff comments**
10. **Upcoming meeting agenda items**
11. **Adjournment**

*Attachments

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Charlotte Lacey, Chair
Commission on the Status of Women



Jane Whitmore, Recording Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Department



Draft Minutes
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6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Maura Harrington Roggero, Charlotte Lacey, Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, Lorraine Montgomery, Vanessa Rodriguez

Commissioners Absent: Valinda Bowens (excused)

Staff Present: Kari Bell and Jane Whitmore

1. Call to order

Chair Lacey called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

2. Roll call

Staff (Whitmore) called the roll, and a quorum was established for the Commission.

3. Public comments for items not on the agenda

None

4. Approval of minutes

After review, it was moved (Morgan-Sandoz) and seconded (Montgomery) to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Lacey, Rodriguez, Morgan-Sandoz, Montgomery, Harrington Roggero
Absent: Bowens

5. New business

- **City of Pasadena Homelessness Plan Listening Session – Diana Trejo (Homeless Programs Coordinator, Department of Housing) and Anna Jacobsen (Consultant, CityWise)**

Diana Trejo (Homeless Programs Coordinator) and Anna Jacobsen (Consultant) conducted a Listening Session with the Commission as part of the development of the Homelessness Plan for the City of Pasadena. Questions from the Commission followed the presentation.

6. Old business

- **Commission work plan updates and discussion**

After discussion, it was moved (Montgomery) and seconded (Rodriguez) to approve the updates to the Commission on the Status of Women Work Plan for October 2022 as discussed. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Lacey, Rodriguez, Morgan Sandoz, Montgomery, Harrington
Roggero, Montgomery
Absent: Bowens

7. Reports/comments from the Chair

No comments

8. Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Morgan-Sandoz made the following comments:

- Announced that she attended the virtual meeting of the Junior League of Pasadena Advisory Council and provided a report on the information discussed at the meeting.
- Informed the Commission she received a survey from the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) and asked for input from the Commission to complete the survey.

9. Staff Comments

Staff (Bell) provided the following comments:

- The Jackie Robinson Community Center will be hosting an ArtNight location on Friday, October 14, from 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Activities include an art display, live music, and interactive chalk art projects.
- Senior Coffee Connect is a new drop-in program at the Jackie Robinson Community Center and Villa Parke Community Center. Every Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 am participants can stop by for a cup of coffee and some company.

10. Upcoming meeting agenda items

- Presentation from the Housing Department regarding affordable housing in Pasadena.
- Review of a letter from the Commission supporting the work of the Early Child Development and Early Learning Task Force.

11. Adjournment

It was moved (Rodriguez) and seconded (Morgan-Sandoz) to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

**City of Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women
Work Plan: 07/06/2022 – 06/07/2023**

Mission:

The purpose of the commission is to advise the council on the special needs and concerns of women of all ages, races, religions, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and economic and social circumstances.

The commission shall:

1. Study and examine conditions which indicate discrimination or prejudice encountered by women;
2. Recommend policies, procedures, programs, and legislation to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities for all women in the city;
3. Consult with other public agencies and commissions on matters relevant to the commission.

FY 2022-2023 Objectives:

Objective #1 – Advise City Council

Objective #2 – Promote Survival Guide

Objective #3 – Celebrate Women and Girls

Objective #4 – Outreach, Awareness, and Collaboration

Note: Recommendations referenced throughout the work plan are from the 2021 Report on the Status of Women in Pasadena, available at: www.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/commission-on-the-status-of-women.

Objective #1 – Advise City Council

Commissioners: Morgan-Sandoz (Lead), Montgomery, Rodriguez

Action Items:

- Strengthen the Commission’s link with City Council through appropriate methods including quarterly updates, attending City Council meetings, and/or developing a template that Commissioners can use to provide updates to their Councilmember.
- Share information about outreach and awareness activities with City Councilmembers for disseminating the information to the community through Councilmember newsletters, community meetings, and the City’s website.
- Develop a list of and research “hot topics” that affect women and invite subject matter experts to present on the topics in order to inform possible recommendations to the City Council. As appropriate, the Commission will collaborate with other City Commissions addressing similar hot topics.
- Advise City Council of the need to pass an ordinance supporting the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).
- Request information about the percentage of women who work for the City of Pasadena and their median salary. (Recommendation #3a)
- Advise City Council of the need to determine whether there is an earnings disparity between women and men who work for the City of Pasadena. (Recommendation #3b) Advise City Council of the need for further research to better understand the scope and causes of disparities in earnings between women and men who live in Pasadena, which appears to be increasing. (Recommendation #1b)
- Advise City Council of the need for City departments to establish criteria for recognizing women leaders at every level within the departments. (Recommendation #4)
- Advise City Council of the need for a citywide review of the following Human Resources policies, practices, and employment benefits:
 - Family support (e.g., flexible work arrangements, paid family leave, etc.)
 - Criteria for career advancement and promotion. Review of criteria will ensure that women, especially working mothers, will not be economically and professionally disadvantaged by the impact of COVID-19.
 - Employment benefits that provide women and families with life-changing support such as; health care, psychological counseling, career and skill development, childcare, and other support systems. (Recommendations #6a and #6b)

Work Plan Updates:

July 2022:

- Chair Lacey appointed Vice Chair Rodriguez and Commissioners Morgan-Sandoz and Montgomery to the Advise City Council ad hoc committee.

- Commissioners volunteered to attend City Council meetings through December and agreed to discuss attending meetings for the second half of the year at the December meeting.
- The Commission identified the following hot topics that affect women in Pasadena:
 - Affordable Housing (Montgomery)
 - Childcare (Montgomery)
 - Maternal and child health (Morgan-Sandoz)
 - Higher education (Lacey)
 - Environment (Montgomery)
 - Women in business (Lacey)
 - Domestic and family violence (Harrington Roggero)

August 2022:

- No update due to meeting cancellation

September 2022:

- The ad hoc committee met and discussed making an oral presentation to the City Council about the 2021 Report on the Status Women in Pasadena. The Commission suggested that the presenters include the Commissioners that worked on the report along with the consultant from Mt. Saint Mary's. Staff (Bell) will follow up to determine the process and timeline for the City Council presentation and provide the information to the Commission at the October meeting.
- Commissioner Morgan-Sandoz virtually attended the City Council meetings in July. She informed the Commission about two agenda items from the meetings that the Commission may want to follow: 1) Early Child Development and Early Learning Task Force Report and 2) the ordinance to allow affordable housing on religious facility sites.
- Commissioner Morgan-Sandoz proposed that the Commission submit a letter of support for the work of the Early Child Development and Early Learning Task Force. Chair Lacey requested that Commissioner Morgan-Sandoz draft the letter and submit it for review and approval at the next Commission meeting.

October 2022:

- The Commission participated in a Listening Session with Diana Trejo, (Homeless Programs Coordinator, Department of Housing) and Anna Jacobsen, (Consultant, CityWise) as part of the development of the Homelessness Plan for the City of Pasadena.
- The Commission reviewed the hot topics and discussed and identified potential resources for future presentations.
- Commissioner Morgan-Sandoz submitted a draft of the letter of support for the work of the Early Child Development and Early Learning Task Force to staff (Bell) for review.

Status:

Objective #2 – Promote Survival Guide

Commissioners: Bowens, Harrington Roggero

Action Items:

- Work with staff to post the "Survival Guide at a Glance" on the City's webpage at www.cityofpasadena.net/SurvivalGuide and other easy to access locations on the City's website.
- Request printed postcards with the online link and QR code for distribution throughout the community and request the postcards be funded by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Work Plan Updates:

July 2022:

- Chair Lacey appointed Commissioners Harrington Roggero and Bowens to the Promote Survival Guide ad hoc committee.

August 2022:

- No update due to meeting cancellation.

September 2022:

- The ad hoc committee will meet to discuss the action items and provide an update at the October meeting.

October 2022:

- No updates

Status:

Objective #3 – Celebrate Women and Girls

Commissioners: Lacey (Lead), Rodriguez, Harrington Roggero

Action Items:

- Celebrate Women’s History Month with community events that engage diverse attendees, including:
 - Organizing Herstory 2023, including requesting in-kind donations from the community and support from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department as needed.
 - Requesting the Mayor and City Council issue a proclamation declaring March as Women’s History Month.
 - Encourage more women to run for elected office at the local level by inviting speakers to address the topic during Herstory 2023. (Recommendation #5)
- Collaborate and invite presenters from organizations that serve young women to talk about their needs. Then plan to expand Herstory to include a section for young women. Representatives from the following organizations may be invited to speak to the Commission about the needs of young women: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, YWCA Glendale and Pasadena, Adelante Youth Alliance, and National Charity League Inc., Pasadena Area.

Work Plan Updates:

July 2022:

- Chair Lacey appointed herself, Vice-Chair Rodriguez and Commissioner Harrington Roggero to the Celebrate Women and Girls ad hoc committee.

August 2022:

- No update due to meeting cancellation

September 2022:

- Chair Lacey proposed holding this year’s event at All Saints Church with a tentative date of Wednesday March 8, 2023.
- Chair Lacey asked the Commission for suggestions for the format and topics for the event. The Commission offered the following suggestions:
 - Mini panel or keynote speaker with the topic of women in historically male dominated professions (lawyers, doctors, veterinarians, police, politicians).
 - Offer extra school or volunteer credit for young women/girls to attend.
 - Collaborate with the Delta Sigma Theta organization to assist with including young women/girls in the event, i.e., potential panel speakers and as attendees.

- Recognize former Commissioners and Commission staff at the event.
 - Suggested recognizing retired Interim Police Chief Cheryl Moody at the event. Also suggested as a potential keynote speaker for the event.
- The ad hoc will meet to work out details and submit the event proposal to staff by October

October 2022:

- The ad hoc committee reported that the HerStory event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8 at All Saints Church. The event will be in person and the committee submitted the initial event proposal to Staff (Bell) for review and approval.
- The Commission discussed and offered suggestions for potential panelists for the event:
 - Congresswoman Judy Chu, 27th District
 - Pasadena Police Lieutenant, Marcia Taglioretti and Lieutenant, Monica Cueller
 - Dr. Juanita Watts (Kaiser Permanente Hospital - Women's Health Committee)
 - Pasadena Fire Department staff
 - Dr. Lucy Jones (also as a possible panel moderator)
 - Representative from the League of Women Voters
- Commissioner Morgan-Sandoz recommended that the ad hoc committee contact the community partners from the 2022 event for their input on planning the event.

Status:

Objective #4 – Outreach, Awareness, and Collaboration

Commissioners: Harrington Roggero (Lead), Morgan-Sandoz

Action Items:

- In April, support the City of Pasadena’s recognition of Denim Day and request the Mayor and City Council to issue a proclamation that acknowledges Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and Denim Day and their significance.
- Improve the quality of life for women and young girls by engaging in opportunities to stimulate discussion on the status of women of all ages and young girls, including attending and tabling at such events as the YWCA Pasadena-Glendale Racial Justice Breakfast, Southern California Women’s Health Conference, and League of Women Voters activities.
- Develop a plan to share/disseminate the 2021 Report on the Status of Women in Pasadena with identified stakeholders and partners.
 - The plan should encourage stakeholders and partners to use the data from the report, and identify additional available data sources and strategies, to meet any needs identified by the data.
- Find ways to support policies in the local business community that ensure equitable access to women in hiring and promotional opportunities, especially in management and engineering. (*Recommendation #1a*)

Work Plan Updates:

July 2022:

- Chair Lacey appointed Commissioners Harrington Roggero, Lindoerfer and Morgan-Sandoz to the Outreach, Awareness and Collaboration ad hoc committee

August 2022:

- No update due to meeting cancellation.

September 2022:

- The ad hoc committee requested that the Commission discuss the following Action Item at the Commission meeting on October 5 to provide more direction for the ad hoc committee: *Find ways to support policies in the local business community that ensure equitable access to women in hiring and promotional opportunities, especially in management and engineering.*
- Chair Lacey announced that the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Business and Economic Summit on October 13 at the University Club that will include information about equitable access in the local business community. More information can be found on the Chamber of Commerce website.

- The ad hoc committee will follow up to confirm if there is a fee for the Commission to table at the YWCA Racial Justice Breakfast on October 11 and provide the information at the next Commission meeting.

October 2022:

- Staff (Bell) reported the request to present to the City Council regarding the *2021 Report on the Status of Women in Pasadena* has been submitted to the City Clerk. An update will be provided at the November meeting.
- The Commission discussed the action items for the objective and recommended that the ad hoc committee contact a local Human Resource Association about a presentation regarding the issue of equitable access for women in hiring and promotional opportunities.

Status:

Commissioner Sign-Up To Observe City Council Meetings

July 2022:

4th – Cancelled
11th – Morgan-Sandoz
18th – Morgan-Sandoz
25th – Cancelled

August 2022:

1st – Rodriguez
8th – Rodriguez
15th – Rodriguez
22nd – Cancelled
29th – Cancelled

September 2022:

5th – Cancelled
12th – Lacey
19th – Lacey
26th – Cancelled

October 2022:

3rd – Bowens
10th – Cancelled
17th – Bowens
24th – Bowens
31st – Cancelled

November 2022:

7th – Cancelled
14th – Montgomery
21st – Montgomery
28th – Cancelled

December 2022:

5th – TBD
12th – TBD
19th – Cancelled
26th – Cancelled

January 2023:

2nd – TBD
9th – TBD
16th – TBD
23rd – TBD
30th – TBD

February 2023:

6th – TBD
13th – TBD
20th – TBD
27th – TBD

March 2023:

6th – TBD
13th – TBD
20th – TBD
27th – TBD

April 2023:

3rd – TBD
10th – TBD
17th – TBD
24th – TBD

May 2023:

1st – TBD
8th – TBD
15th – TBD
22nd – TBD
29th – TBD

June 2023:

5th – TBD
12th – TBD
19th – TBD
26th – TBD

Commission on the Status of Women Presentation Calendar FY 2022-2023

To be scheduled:

- The Hidden Epidemic: Human Trafficking and its impact on Women – Theresa Flores (Founder, Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution)

July 2022:

- Information about CEDAW, Nancy Bremeau (ACCW Board Secretary)

August 2022:

- Meeting canceled

September 2022

- Presentation from the Pasadena Police Department about the impact of community policing on women – Acting Commander Marcia Taglioretti, Public Information Officer and Lieutenant Monica Cuellar.

October 2022

- City of Pasadena Homelessness Plan Listening Session – Diana Trejo, (Homeless Programs Coordinator, Department of Housing) and Anna Jacobsen (Consultant, CityWise)

November 2022

- Presentation from the City of Pasadena Department of Housing - Anne Lansing (Housing Assistance Officer) and Jim Wong (Senior Project Manager)

December 2022

- (Tentative) Environmental organization (Montgomery)

January 2023

- (Tentative) Presentation about maternal and child health – Pasadena Public Health Department

February 2023

- TBD

March 2023

- TBD

April 2023

- TBD

May 2023

- TBD

June 2023 - Annual Meeting

(updated September 7, 2022)

DRAFT

Dr. Vera Vignes

Chair

Early Child Development and Early Learning Task Force

Dear Dr. Vignes.

At the Commission on the Status of Women's September meeting we learned of the Midterm Report given by the Task Force to the Pasadena City Council.

We applaud the Task Force's focus on strengthening families as this of course supports the role and visibility of women.

We support the Task Force's forward thinking as you explore strategies aimed at not only improving access to services and outcomes for all of Pasadena's children and families; but the expansion of the definition of these services to encompass health and emotional well-being and quality early childhood settings and neighborhood supports.

Consider the Commission a supporter in your recommendation that Pasadena move towards becoming an Early Learning City by the Year 2025.

We look forward to reading your final report and recommendations.

Sincerely

Commission on the Status of Women

Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) Draft Survey Answers

What Commission are you a part of?

City of Pasadena

Who will be POC for 2022-2023 that we can work with?

Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, Commissioner for the Commission on the Status of Women

Have you already paid the dues for 2022-2023 year?

Yes

What are some best practices that you can share with us so we can share with the rest of the commissions in CA?

- Review Work Plan monthly and report updates on action items
- Develop a list of “Hot Topics” for Commission presentations
- Host an Annual “HerStory” community event
- Create a “Survival Guide” with local community resources for social service needs
- Collaboration with Mt. St. Mary’s College to complete the *2021 Report on the Status of Women in Pasadena*

What are some of the challenges that the Commission is currently facing?

- Lack of funding
- Commission meetings are virtual
- Commission vacancies

Are they currently collaborating with any partners for promoting initiatives in their City/County?

- City Council
- City Departments
- Mt. St. Mary’s College
- City of Hope (event panelist)
- Private sector- Rusnak Auto Group (event panelist)
- Local non-profit social service providers

POC Email address

S-Cal Comm Phone number



Department of Housing

Commission on the Status of Women

Information Item

Housing Department

November 2, 2022





Section 8 Process

Department of Housing

- The Housing Department administers 1500 Housing Choice Voucher, commonly know as Section 8
 - > Most are tenant-based vouchers, and are assigned via a waiting list
 - > 285 vouchers are project-based
 - 2 PSH projects, 2 senior buildings, 1 family project
 - 2 PSH projects under construction have 69 and 65 PBVs committed
- In 2021, 109 Emergency Housing Vouchers were awarded as part of COVID-19 ARPA funding
 - > EHV's are for homeless, at risk, or fleeing DV



Section 8 Process

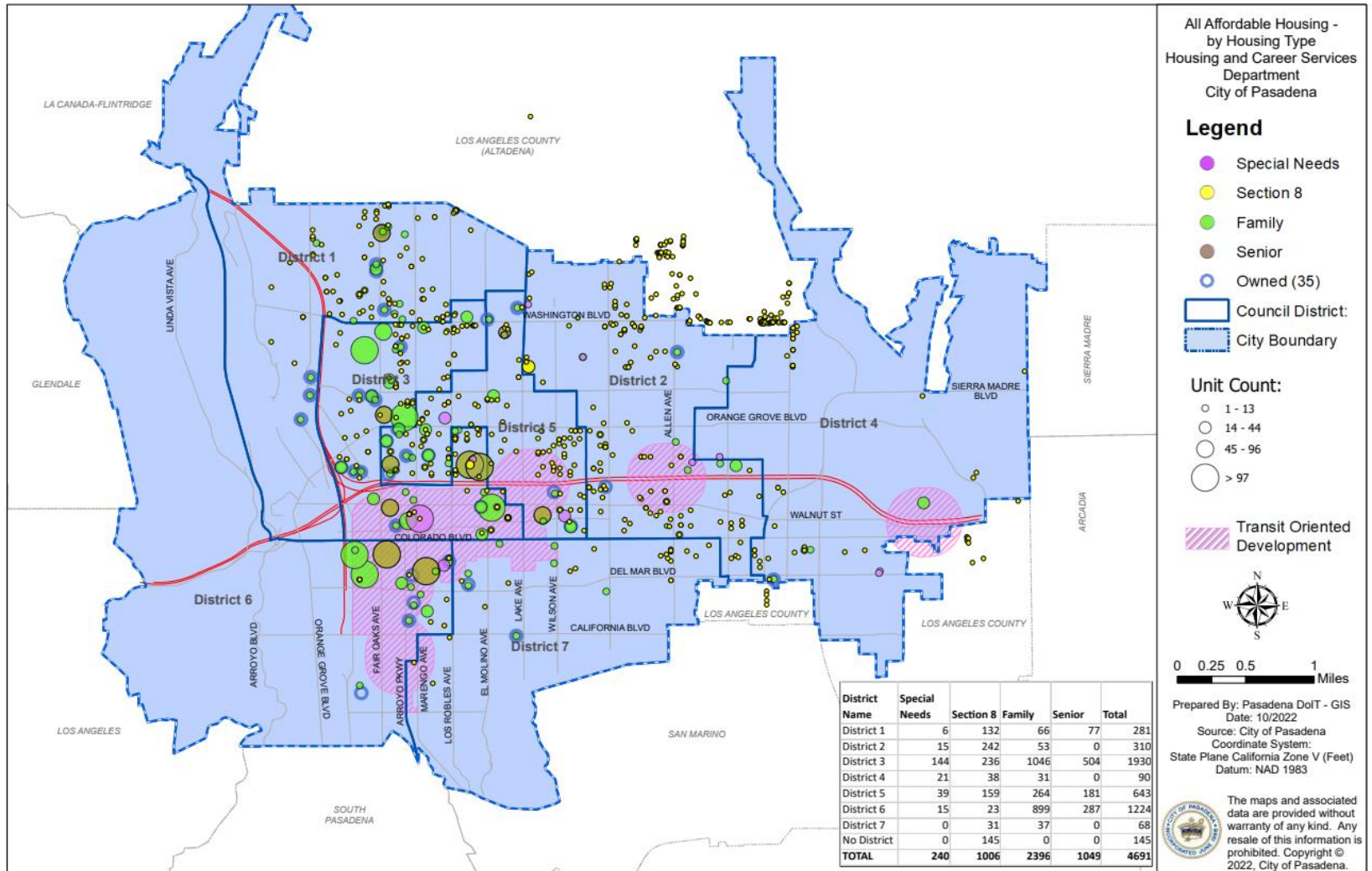
Department of Housing

- The Housing Department last took applications in 2014
 - > 25k applicants, most from outside Pasadena
 - > 21k remain on list, none with local preference
- The waiting list is expiring
 - > Administrative Plan policy states that list expires when less than 200 Pasadena residents are on list
 - > All Pasadena residents will have been interviewed
- We will reopen for applications in early 2023



Affordable Housing in Pasadena

Department of Housing



All Affordable Housing -
by Housing Type
Housing and Career Services
Department
City of Pasadena

Legend

- Special Needs
- Section 8
- Family
- Senior
- Owned (35)
- Council District:
- City Boundary

Unit Count:

- 1 - 13
- 14 - 44
- 45 - 96
- > 97

Transit Oriented Development



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Affordable Housing in Pasadena

Department of Housing

- Inclusionary housing
- City-subsidized housing
- Pasadena Housing Search



Housing Element

Department of Housing

- The Housing Element is a state mandated chapter of the Pasadena General Plan and is intended to address the production, maintenance, and improvement of housing. The current Housing Element covers an eight-year planning period from 2014 to 2021.
- The Housing Element for 2022 to 2029 is in the process of being updated.



Church Housing Ordinance

Department of Housing

- City Council (on 7/18/22) amended the zoning code to allow the development of affordable housing on properties owned by religious institutions.



Affordable housing for Teachers, Firefighters...

Department of Housing

- Existing programs do not have such a carve-out or preference
- City has a policy which provides “local preferences” for applicants who live and/or work in Pasadena, and who previously resided in Pasadena
- “Essential Housing” program
- A homebuyer down payment program is being developed which may target applicants in specific occupational fields.