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To the 15 members of the Pasadena Rental Housing Board,

Please, I urge the Pasadena rental housing board to not hire an executive director or pay \$500,000 for the services of a legal consulting type team that was discussed at the July 12th board meeting.

I am 100% in opposition of the appointment and hiring of an executive director. By doing this the board is abdicating their responsibilities expressly stated in "The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter. The intent and spirit of Measure H now Article 18 The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter', is that a board comprised of 15 members to actively directly engaged in all aspects of "The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter' as opposed to delegating and giving that Authority and Power to one particular individual, an executive director.

The board was not mandated by the Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter merely to rubber stamp the findings of *Hired Help*.

An executive director would be vested with too much power.

The power, control, and Authority that an executive director would have is the exact opposite of why We The

Citizens wrote, enacted and passed Measure H now codified as Charter Amendment Article 18, "The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter".

The powers and responsibilities of an executive director should be done by various subgroups of the 15 members of the Pasadena rental housing board. All final decisions would be done through the 15-member board.

An executive director creates a bureaucracy instead of a democracy of a governorship.

The Pasadena rental housing board is vested with the authority to interpret and make rulings on the applicability of "The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter", with the advice guidance and help of their legal counsel. The legal counsel for the board is to help explain and interpret the provisions of The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter.

Individual members of the board or groups of members of the board would act as a conduit for the issues and questions addressed to the board by first submitting proposed responses to issues and questions to the boards Council for advice and guidance before responding to the person submitting the issue or question.

An executive director can never have the same passion, experience, desire, knowledge, resources, insight, trustworthiness, respect, and the uncorruptibility that a diverse 15 member team has.

Immediately for the time being have each of the 15 board members, with the assistance of the board's legal council, handle and respond to a proportionate share of the issues and questions so far submitted to the board. This will also give the board members a running started to a thorough and intense understanding an applicability of The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter.

The 15 members of the board would then work directly with paid City staff as necessary to execute and implement the the boards objectives and directives.

This procedure in essence creates a barrier wall between the constituents who submit issues and questions to the board, and any direct involvement with City paid staff.

The 15 members of the board should be directly actively involved in the process of interpreting and applying the mandates of The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter, assisted with their legal counsel, subject to the interpretation of our legal system where the final interpretation of The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter.

The money saved could be utilized as grant money for initial consultation retainer fee for tenants who fight against landlords in Court Who challenge the boards final rulings in court.

Attorneys should now be financially motivated to represent tenants through a contingency fee because The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter allows for the recovery of legal fees and Costs.

This is *"The Biggest Game Changer!"*

This puts tenants on a financial even playing field with their landlords.

And is in line with the board's duty to defend the Pasadena Fair and Equitable housing Charter, as expressly stated in section 1823.

You are literally directed by The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter to be *the judge, jury, and executioner* of The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter, with only our United States judicial

system having legal Authority above and beyond the Pasadena rental housing board.

Please, I urge the Pasadena rental housing board to not hire an executive or pay \$500,000 for for the services of a legal Consulting type team that was discussed at the July 12th board meeting.

I would like to address the rental board regarding this issue at the July 26th rental board meeting.

Sincerely, Pasadena
resident,
Dr. Gary Hampton-Maat-Hotep