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## Notice of Public Hearing

MCUP #7174

Project Location: 997 East Walnut Avenue, Pasadena CA

### CONSIDERATION OF REASONS NOT TO APPROVE REQUEST SOUGHT.

As residents in this neighborhood [REDACTED] do not feel that it would be prudent or safe to allow overnight parking of up to ten vehicles of unhoused individuals.

This neighborhood has a newly constructed and established housing facility for Veterans. We are delighted and proud that housing exists in our neighborhood for those who have served our country. We feel that vehicles with persons residing in them overnight would deter for the aesthetics that the construction of such a nice building has added to our neighborhood.

We believe this facility already allows day parking on their premises during business hours for workers in nearby city services buildings. In and of itself, this allowance brings additional congestion to an otherwise quiet neighborhood.

This facility already houses a food bank for those in need. This has existed since our residing in the neighborhood. While we know of no ongoing issues of concern, this too brings additional traffic onto our neighborhood streets. We support having the food bank at this location as we have neighbors across Wilson that utilize these services. We simply feel adding the parking allowance would bring far too much activity for our small area of homes.

The designated area that is seeking the allowance of the overnight parking is somewhat secluded and would not appear to be easily monitored for safety; nestled behind the church and obscured from view by that structure as well as the residence behind the parking lot.

The parking lot itself does not appear to be very well lit. This church parking lot abuts to two quiet neighborhood streets (Catalina and Locust) which are dimly lit and could pose a safety issue for residents and the proposed overnight parkers.

In addition, if there is no church member or paid personnel on-site during all overnight hours, we do not see how it is possible to effectively monitor this secluded location for the parkers' compliance with no loitering, no littering, proper disposal of human waste, no noise disruption, and no drug use. This could become a dangerous environment for neighbors as well as the proposed parked vehicles and their owners.

We feel that there are ample other parking lots or parking structures in more open and public areas for which monitoring by security staff or the police would be far more effective and efficient. These alternative areas are not integrated into residential neighborhoods where children and families live. Consider parking lots or parking structures of businesses, grocery stores, or office buildings that are otherwise only occupied during regular business hours, parks that are public and easily visible via drive by, lots that are on usual police routes, lots that have commercial lighting, lots that are near well-traveled streets, etc.

We ask that these factors be considered when reviewing the church's request and that the church or city seek other locations for the parking approval sought herein. Sincerely,

Todd Stevens and Spouse

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