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My name is Sandra Thomas, the live-in Manager at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I have managed this location since 2019. This is a large complex of 26 apartments located directly across the street from the rear entrance to Trinity Lutheran Church, whose address is 997 E. Walnut Street. It is at this church where the proposed **Safe Parking** is currently slated to be located.

This used to be a safe neighborhood, where you could feel comfortable walking on the street and not be concerned for your safety. Sadly, that is no longer true. Now, as neighbors walk in this area, they may find transients naked on the sidewalk, having sex, be accosted for money, or detained while someone demands use of their cell phones. They also may be threatened when asking someone not to defecate on stairs to their apartments.

This location has become a draw to transients and homeless from:

- **Salvation Army** on Walnut Street (directly across from the front of Trinity Lutheran Church).
- **Marv's Place**, on Union Street, providing housing for homeless families.
- **Trinity Lutheran Church Winter Shelter**, providing food and lodging to keep people out of the rain and cold. In September, a few neighbors accompanied me to speak with Pastor Richter about our countless issues with transients and homeless. However, she cared only to discuss the moral obligation of tending to those in need. The Winter Shelter is increasingly becoming a draw to other homeless and transients. In just the past week, on January 27th, Pasadena Police were called to remove loud, marijuana smoking homeless individuals and tents going up on the East side of our building, on February 3rd at 7:20pm, the Pasadena Police were called again about rowdy transients at Locust Street near the entrance to the Winter Shelter. Then, on February 4th at 4am, a loud homeless person was disrupting the neighborhood and police had to be called again. This person was in the parking lot at the location of the Winter Shelter.

The homeless climb the fence on the backside of our property, on Corson Street, and gain entrance to our gated parking area to create havoc. They pitch tents on the East side of our complex at 959 Locust Street and are often drunk and loud in the late evening and early hours. They also throw trash over the wall into our complex. It is unfair to the tenants to have to deal with the continual noise disruptions and concerns of homeless in and around our property. And during the evenings and early mornings, I'm picking up bodily waste (including vomit,

human feces, and dirty diapers), trash, discarded food, alcohol bottles and syringes from our property.

We have also spoken with Rabbi Joshua Grater, the Executive Director of Friends In Deed, Pasadena who runs the Winter Shelter at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rabbi Grater explained that during inclement weather the gym would house homeless, and they would remain until the following morning. Then, people who spent the night would be asked to leave the neighborhood. However, when homeless leave the Trinity church, many of them loiter in the surrounding neighborhood because of the inconvenience to them of traveling to and from the Winter Shelter. This compounds the steady flow of homeless and transients we already have that congregate in the neighborhood from the Metro Gold Line.

On behalf of myself and the tenants identified below, please do not establish the **Safe Parking** in our neighborhood where there are so many ongoing homeless and transient problems. There must be other locations in Pasadena that could provide less disruptive **Safe Parking**.

Sincerely,

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