

Additional Documents List Regular City Council Meeting May 5, 2021

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Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Distributor	Document
3	Homeless Presentation	Lucy Demirjian, Assistant to the City Manager	PowerPoint Presentation
PC	Emailed Public Comment for: Regular Session Agenda Item Nos. 2, 8, 9, 12, 13	Linda Thai, Deputy City Clerk	Emailed Public Comments



City of South Pasadena Management Services Department

Memo

Date:May 4, 2021To:The Honorable City CouncilVia:Sean Joyce, City ManagerFrom:Lucy Demirjian, Assistant to the City ManagerRe:May 5, 2021 City Council Meeting Item No. 3 Additional Document – Homeless
Presentation

The attached document is a copy of the power point presentation that will be delivered during the City Council meeting. The presenters will include:

City of South Pasadena Marisol Romero Lt. Shannon Robledo

Union Station Homeless Services Teresa Eilers Shawn Morrissey Raji Shivshanker

San Gabriel Valley Regional Council of Governments

Samantha Matthews Caitlin Sims Brielle Acevedo



Citywide Homelessness Efforts



May 5, 2021

City of South Pasadena



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Background

- Homeless Count in South Pasadena
 - 2017: 11 persons
 - 2018: 22 persons
 - 2019: 34 persons
 - 2020: 15 persons



- 90% of the homeless population in South Pasadena are male adults and 10% are female adults.
- 10% of the South Pasadena Police Department's calls for services are regarding homeless individuals.



Plan to Prevent & Combat Homelessness

- In 2017, the Los Angeles County and United Way awarded a planning grant to the City of South Pasadena (\$30,000).
 - 3 three input sessions
 - Interviews
 - Key stakeholders
 - Develop goals and strategies
 - Alignment with the County's Board of Supervisors Homeless Initiative strategies





Measure H Grants

- Only cities with a Homelessness Plan were eligible to apply.
- City of South Pasadena received 3 separate awards
 - **\$60,000** Housing Policy Efforts: Gather community input on updating the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, Development of an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, Relocation Fees for Renters & a Rental Inspection Program.
 - **\$115,000** San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust
 - **\$292,000** Motel Vouchers, Rapid Rehousing & Case Management (*Joint Award with the City of Arcadia*)
 - Ends: December 2021



SGVCOG Homeless Plan Implementation Grant

- The City of South Pasadena applied for and received the maximum allocation of \$165,000
 - \$82,000 Motel Vouchers & Housing Navigator
 - Ends: May 2022
 - \$68,000 Variety of Activities
 - \$15,000 3 Encampment Clean-Ups
 - \$20,000 Law Enforcement Outreach
 - \$20,000 Education through Workshops & Video Development
 - \$13,000 Port-a-Potty & Handwashing Station
 - Ends: May 2022
 - **\$15,000** Prevention & Diversion
 - Ends: December 2021



South Pasadena Police Department Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE)

The South Pasadena Police Department HOPE Team contacts the unhoused within the city, establishes a rapport with them, strives to determine their needs, and directs them to local resources, which include:

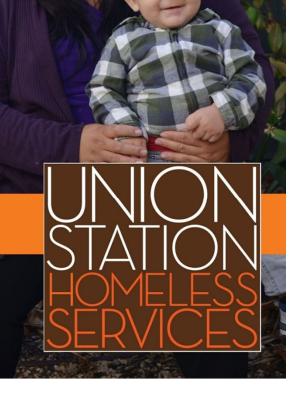
- Housing
- Mental Health Services
- Food
- Hygiene
- Clothing
- Official Documents











Ending Homelessness. Rebuilding Lives.





2020 Point in Time Count



HOUSING + EMPLOYMENT + LIFE SKILLS

Geography	Number of PEH	% Change from 2019
USA	580,466	+2%
California	161,458	+7%
LA County	66,436	+13%
San Gabriel Valley	4,555	+2%
Pasadena	527	-3% (from 542)
South Pasadena	15	-16% (from 34)

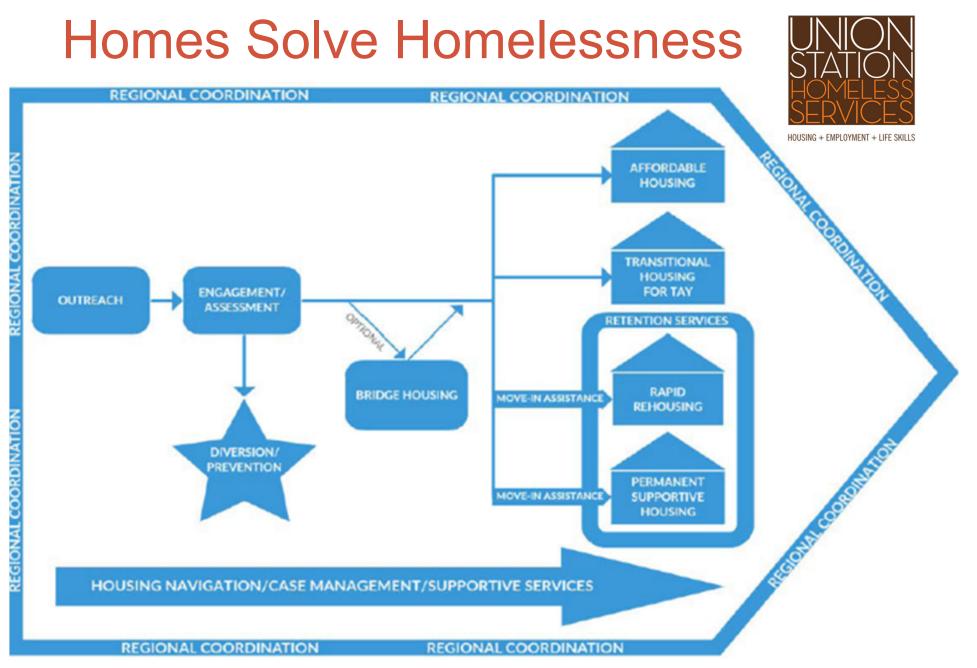


Causes of Homelessness



- 59% of people in LA County cited economic hardships as the cause of homelessness
- 600,000+ people in LA County pay more than 90% of their income on rent
- African Americans make up 9% of LA County residents, but 40% of LA's homeless population
- Because of COVID we expect to see an increase in homelessness
 - 1 in 10 individuals in owner-occupied households have fallen behind on mortgage
 - 1 in 6 have fallen behind on rent





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UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES

Contracts/Programs

1. South Pasadena/Arcadia Housing Navigation Contract (Measure H)

- 2.SGV COG Multi Cities Contract (SGV COG)
- 3. South Pasadena Prevention & Diversion Program (SGV COG)

USHS Staffing:

2 full-time Housing Navigators, SGV Cities Program Manager

KEY PROGRAM ASPECTS

- Street-based Outreach
- Housing Navigation
- Prevention & Diversion Program
- Motel Voucher Program
- Rapid Rehousing Program & Case Management



HOUSING + EMPLOYMENT + LIFE SKILLS



UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES

2020 DATA/OUTCOMES

 62 unique individuals enrolled in the outreach & housing navigation (i.e. received services) from March 2020-February 2021

10 individuals matched to a permanent housing resource;
2 individuals moved into permanent housing

- 14 referrals to interim housing attained (including motel vouchers)
- 12 individuals served through Motel Voucher Program
- 4 individuals served through Rapid Rehousing Program



Success Stories

Albert S. and Kevin M. have lived in motel housing since December '20, and with Union Station are working on finding a permanent home





Our Work



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Our Work





Myth Busting

People Experiencing Homelessness Do Not Choose
 To Be Homeless

2. People Experiencing Homelessness Are Not Service Resistant

3. People Experiencing Homelessness Are Not All Drug Addicts with Mental Illnesses

4. People Experiencing Homelessness Are From Here

5. We Can't Arrest Our Way Out of Homelessness



In 2019, SGVCOG was awarded **\$5.6 million in State** funding **\$1.5 million in County Measure H** funds

- San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT)
- City Homeless Plan Implementation
- Homeless Plan Development
- Prevention and Diversion
- Landlord Incentive Program

- Pilot Programs
- City-Service Provider Coordination
- Homeless, Mental Health, and Crisis Response Study
- Hygiene Program



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST

- The SGVRHT was established in February 2020 to fund the planning and construction of affordable and homeless housing
- City of South Pasadena funds were used to fund SGVRHT start-up activities (e.g., developing by-laws; developing project guidelines & project pipeline; facilitating Board meetings)

Project Pipeline

• South Pasadena has a project on the SGVRHT project pipeline

San Gabriel Valley Project Pipeline					
City	Project Description	Funding Gap/Request			
South Pasadena	Purchase and rehabilitation of excess Caltrans properties to preserve for affordable housing	\$14,000,000			



Pilot Programs

- Tiny Home Emergency Shelter Program 60 units of interim housing (non-congregate shelters) using prefabricated tiny homes
- Arcadia Resource Hub weekly resource hub with showers, laundry, medical care, COVID-19 testing and vaccines, and case management services, serving 168 individuals
- Green Path Careers workforce development for Transition Age Youth (TAY) with energy audit training, paid work experience, and job application and interview assistance to enter the high-growth energy efficiency field



San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentive Program (SGVLIP)

- Benefits and support to landlords who lease their units to tenants receiving rental assistance to exit homelessness
- Support team can mediate any issues or provide funds for unexpected vacancy or damages
- Managed by Union Station Homeless Services
- Program website recently launched landlordincentives.org



Homeless, Mental Health, and Crisis Response Study

- examine how a CAHOOTS-like crisis response program could be developed and implemented
- conduct outreach and research to support an understanding of the existing crisis system
 - Steering Committee of City staff
 - Community Advisory Group
 - Community Forums and Surveys
- **review** and **recommend** program models and funding resources
- **develop** actionable plan to implement a regional program



LAHSA Reform

- Working Group of City Managers and City staff during fall 2020 identified problems with current system and potential solutions
- Problems with the Current System
 - Lack of collaborative relationship with smaller cities
 - Lack of funding for locally-based and supported initiatives and programs
 - Poor communication and lack of transparency
- Potential Solutions
 - Increasing representation within the current system
 - More autonomy within the current system



LAHSA Reform

• SGVCOG Governing Board adopted white paper in January 2021 and several cities, including South Pasadena, have since adopted

Next Steps:

- Build regional and public support
 - City adoption of white paper
 - Press releases
- Convening of stakeholders in the County, including homeless deputies



Funding Advocacy

- SGVCOG advocating for Measure H and State funding for the San Gabriel Valley
- FY 21-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations Released
 - \$1 million in gap funding for City contracts until December 31, 2021
 - \$250,000 for the San Gabriel Valley
 - \$5 million for LA County Councils of Governments for FY 21-22, then \$10 million for FY 22-23, total of \$15 million over 18 months
 - SGVCOG would receive \$3.75 million to continue homelessness
 programming from Jan 2022 to June 2023
 - Public comment period ends Thursday, May 6



Questions/Comments

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Shannon Robledo Lieutenant <u>srobledo@southpasadenaca.gov</u>

Marisol Romero Management Analyst <u>mromero@southpasadenaca.gov</u>

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 General Public Comment

1. Tucker Nelson

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General Public Comment for May 5, 2021, Meeting

To the City Council,

I wholeheartedly agree with the public comment from Moms Demand Action that was submitted for the April 21, 2021 meeting. They requested that South Pasadena adopt a Safe Storage Ordinance which would require all firearms in a residence be securely stored in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock. They wrote eloquently & passionately. I strongly urge you to consider & pass an ordinance.

A friend of mine is friends with a family whose child was feeling low one day, got the family's gun, and shot himself dead. If the gun had not been accessible, if the manner of death had not been so easy, that child would be alive. Unfortunately, this story is all too common. As is the story where there is an argument, one person decides to 'show' the other person by pointing a gun at them, and a death ensues. And the accounts where adults or children play with a gun by pointing it at each other, and regrettably shoot their friend.

Let's stop these stories. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Tucker Nelson

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Adding a New Division 36.375 (Inclusionary Housing) to Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code

1. Anthony Dedousis

From: Anthony Dedousis <	
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:31 AM	
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Subject: South Pasadena Housing Element - Comment Letter	

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Dear Ms. Hankamer,

Hope your week is going well. I'm reaching out to <u>share a letter from Abundant Housing</u> <u>LA and YIMBY Law to HCD Director Gustavo Velasquez, regarding South Pasadena's</u> <u>draft housing element</u>. As you will see, our letter expresses major concerns about the City's intended approach to updating the housing element. We believe that the City's intended approach does not satisfy the intent of state law, which is to expand housing availability at all income levels.

The attached letter contains a detailed explanation of where we view Planning as having fallen short of HCD's standards and state law. I've also included a link to <u>our</u> <u>letter to the City from March</u>, highlighting the need for a high-quality housing element based on HCD's guidance and interpretation of state law.

We respectfully request the opportunity to address our concerns with you. Please let us know when you might have availability to meet in the next few weeks. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Anthony

Anthony Dedousis Director, Policy and Research Abundant Housing LA

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code Pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Regulations

1. Dylan Casey

From: Dylan Casey < Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:33 PM To: City Council Public Comment <ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov> Subject: Comment on Proposed ADU Ordinance

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Dear City Council,

Please consider the attached comment on the proposed ADU ordinance up for consideration at today's meeting.

Sincerely.

Dylan Casey

Executive Director, California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund



May 5, 2021

South Pasadena City Council

Re: Proposal to Enact Update to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance

Dear City Council Members, and City Attorney,

The California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund (CaRLA) submits this letter to inform the City Council that they have an obligation to abide by all relevant state housing laws when evaluating this ordinance to update South Pasadena's ADU standards. The ordinance as currently proposed presents numerous conflicts with state ADU standards. If the Council fails to amend the ordinance to resolve these conflicts, South Pasadenawould lose the ability to apply any development standards to ADU permits, and be forced to apply only the state minimum standards. (Gov. Code Section 65852.2(a)(4).)

California's statewide ADU standards were first adopted in 1982 in order to promote the development of Accessory Units as a way to combat California's massive housing shortage. In the decades since it was first adopted, the standards have been strengthened repeatedly, due to cities like South Pasadena that have resisted making any effort to promote housing growth. Most recently, the state adopted a package of legislation to further strengthen state ADU law and limit local discretion to impose development standards and deny ADU permits. The reasoning behind this level of state intervention in local development policy is clear. In order to address our state's massive shortage of housing, we must find every way we can to create new homes. ADUs are one of the easiest ways to accomplish this goal. ADUs are the most affordable types of housing we can create without involving government subsidy. ADUs also maintain the existing appearance of neighborhoods, as they are most often developed in backyards or converted from existing structures. If there is one type of housing development that should generate the fewest objections by local neighbors and city governments, it is ADUs. Local governments that continue to resist ADU development make clear that they are uninterested in helping to solve the housing crisis.

I. The proposed ordinance violates Gov. Code Section 65852.2

This proposed ordinance would be more restrictive than is permitted under the state ADU law in a number of ways:

- **High Fire Risk Zones:** The city proposes to define high fire risk zones as covering nearly three quarters of the city's land. Fortunately, the proposed ordinance would not ban ADUs in these areas, but instead proposes to impose costly additional development standards on ADU permits in these areas. While fire risk is an important public safety concern in California today, the city's reasoning behind these standards is unconvincing. Specifically, the city does not establish why adding ADUs to an area characterized by large lots and low density would increase fire risk when compared to the single family homes that are already allowed in this area.
- **Discretionary Permitting Requirements:** The ordinance proposes to require that "Prerequisite Discretionary Permits" must be completed before an ADU application can be deemed complete. This requirement subverts the mandate in state ADU law requiring an entirely ministerial permitting process. If an ADU applicant must first complete a discretionary hillside permit review with public hearing prior to filing an ADU permit application, that is not a ministerial process, and would not conform with the 60 day permitting requirement. South Pasadena is permitted to consider tree removal, historic preservation, and hillside development in its ADU ordinance, but it must do so in a ministerial manner.
- **Ten Foot Building Separation:** The ordinance proposes a 10 foot building separation requirement for detached ADUs. If this requirement is included in the ordinance, it must include an exception for ADUs 800 square feet and under Gov. Code Section 65852.2(c)(2)(C).
- Development Standards Applied to Exempt ADUs: Gov. Code Section 65852.2(e)(1) outlines a series of categories of ADUs that are entirely exempt from local development standards. These "exemption ADUs" cannot be subject to additional local standards such as parking, floor area, and lot coverage. While some sections of the proposed ordinance seem to acknowledge this requirement, in other areas the ordinance attempts to apply local development standards to ADUs falling into these categories. For example, parking requirements are imposed on new ADUs in multifamily buildings, when none are allowed. The ordinance should make clear that all ADU permits covered by subdivision (e) or the state standards are exempt from otherwise applicable standards in the local ordinance.

We ask that the City Council reconsider these issues and amend the ordinance.

II. South Pasadena should embrace ADU development.

Rather than taking the approach outlined in this ordinance, South Pasadena should consider the benefits of embracing ADU development. ADUs and JADUs are low-impact, affordable sources of new housing that will help address California's housing shortage without disrupting existing single-family neighborhoods. They can

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provide flexibility for multi-generational families or older homeowners seeking to age in place.

The current housing shortage in California makes all housing more expensive, forcing people to share smaller spaces in order to afford a home, or leaving people without the means to afford any shelter at all. With more homes available, we would have less overcrowding, and people would be able to afford more space and have more secure living situations. Not only is South Pasadena's proposed ordinance illegal, it would exacerbate the very problems that the Council is seeking to solve. We at CaRLA hope that the Council considers amending the ordinance. CaRLA is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose mission includes advocating for increased access to housing for Californians at all income levels, including low-income households. You may learn more about CaRLA at <u>www.carlaef.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Dylan Casey Executive Director California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund

California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund -

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 Appointment of Armine Chaparyan as City Manager and Approval of City Manager Contract

1. Alan Ehrlich

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Editor SCNG < >; Subject: South Pasadena Council Mtg 5/5/2021 Public Comment Opposed to paying women 95%, Agenda Item #12

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Attached is a public comment I have submitted to the South Pasadena city council for this evening's session opposed to the contract being offered to City Manager nomineee Armine Chaparyan, as it recommends paying a highly qualified female candidate only 95% of what was offered to the unqualified male candidate.

Alan, Civic Watchdog, grrr.



"Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants."

- Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis

"Openness in government is essential to the functioning of a democracy." International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers, Local 21 v. Superior Court California Supreme Court, 42 Cal.4th 319 (2007)

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Public Comment City Council Agenda Item #12

I oppose the appointment of Armine Chaparyan for the simple reason that the council is openly hostile to the selected candidate.

Not only was it insulting enough that the council chose the less qualified candidate as your first choice, but now the employment agreement with Ms. Chaparyan offers to pay the more highly qualified female candidate only 95% of what you offered to pay the less qualified male candidate.

According to the staff report, the salary for city manager is based on the experience level of the selected candidate. The only experience the male candidate had that Ms. Chaparyan does not have is leaving a wake of million dollar lawsuits and state and federal investigations in the last two cities where he has worked. That's not the type of experience this resident wants in a city manager. I prefer competency and transparency.

Have you already forgotten the debacle caused by your first nomineee? Has the council already forgotten how much damage Dewolfe left in her wake? Those who forget history are condemned to repeat it.

This council continues to embarrass itself and the city. Mayor Mahmud, if you believe that women are only worth 95% of men for equal or better quality work, you have lost all moral authority to lead the city and need to resign as mayor.

Alan Ehrlich

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 Appointment of ad hoc City Council Subcommittee for Implementation Strategies re Caltrans Surplus Properties Disposition (a.k.a. Phase II)

- 1. Richard Fannan & Emilia Lomeli-Fannan
- 2. Sally Takeda
- 3. Ellen Daigle
- 4. Ron Rosen
- 5. Kim Carlson

From: Emilia Lomeli < Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:26 PM</p>
To: City Council Public Comment <ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov>
Cc: Jon Primuth <jprimuth@southpasadenaca.gov>; Emilia Lomeli-Fannon
Subject: Request the support for Bill SB 381 on behalf of the So Pasadena City Council

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Dear Mayor Mahmud and All Council members,

We are respectfully asking the South Pasadena City Council members support Senator Portantino's Bill to help in expediting the sales of the Caltrans properties. As you know we have waited not one decade but two. We have made many repairs and maintenance to the property we occupy out of our funds. The property needs many more updates and repairs but we can't go on speding our own funds for this purpose with no hope that we will be able to purchase the home. As I mentioned we have asked to buy the property for the last 20 years.

There are two members of the Council whose emails don't appear on the list in City's website thus we could not add their email to this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Richard Fannan & Emilia Lomeli-Fannan

From: Sally Takeda < Sector 2012:37 PM Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:37 PM To: City Council Public Comment < ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov> Subject: Agenda item #13: Appointment of ad hoc City Council Subcommittee for Implementation Strategies re: CalTrans surplus properties disposition (Phase II)

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Sally Takeda, homeowner on Bonita Drive

Item #13: Appointment of ad hoc City Council Subcommittee for Implementation Strategies regarding CalTrans surplus properties disposition (Phase II)

Mayor Mahmud and City Councilmembers,

Please seriously consider appointing Councilmember Primuth and Councilmember Cacciotti to the Phase II ad hoc subcommittee tonight. This ad hoc committee critically needs both councilmembers to be a part of the potential negotiations with CalTrans, the creation of a land trust and also the financing strategies for the purchase of surplus properties.

Councilmember Primuth has the largest number of CalTrans properties in his district and Councilmember Cacciotti has an inordinate amount of local, legislative and legal expertise dating back from the "710 Freeway Fight" to his work as a deputy attorney general for the State of California, specifically in the Department of Transportation. His insights of the inner workings of CalTrans, the State legislature and our own city, where he has served as a Councilmember since 2001 leads to "slam dunk" appointment in the Phase II ad hoc subcommittee.

I fully support both Councilmember Primuth and Councilmember Cacciotti to be appointed to the Phase II subcommittee.



Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:22 PM
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Subject: Agenda item #13 Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

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Good Evening,

My name is Ellen Daigle and I am making a public comment on Agenda item #13.

I have known and supported Mayor-pro tem Cacciotti for over 20 years as our councilperson.

I am supporting his appointment to the Ad Hoc subcommittee for Cal Trans Houses.

Michael worked for Cal Trans and has years of knowledge and experience with Cal Trans and our freeway fight.

Michael has worked with and is a personal friend of Mike Roos who was speaker of the house and most

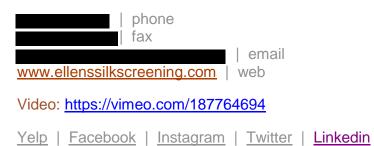
recently worked with our city on our freeway fight.

Michael has worked closely with State Senator Portanino . We are so lucky to have Michael to work on this important issue.

Thank you Ellen Daigle



President and Founder | Ellen's Silkscreening Error! Filename not specified.Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030



From: Ron Rosen <
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To: City Council Public Comment <ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov> **Subject:** City Council meeting, Agenda Item 13, Open Session May 5, 2021

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I agree with these comments of Delaine Shane:

I strongly support appointing Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti and Council Member Primuth to the Phase II ad hoc subcommittee to deal with the Caltrans Surplus Properties. It is imperative that these two public officials take the lead on negotiations with the State. I believe that they will represent my voice and that of my neighbors in getting these properties out of the control of Caltrans and back into our community now. Both men understand this issue, its ramifications to our neighborhood, and can successfully negotiate with the state.

I continue to support the non-legislative approach to dealing with this issue as presented and refined by the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation. I also want to say how much I appreciate Council Member Zneimer's questions, that have not been answered satisfactorily, with regards to the City's financial abilities and fiduciary responsibilities to manage this large and complex portfolio of real estate, especially when the two former Caltrans vacant lots are still not pocket parks after all these years and the weeds at the Berkshire site continue to grow ever higher. Please support the appointments of Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti and Council Member Primuth to the Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee.

Ron Rosen

From: Kim Carlson < Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:52 PM
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Subject: comment for the meeting tonight

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Please read aloud:

Mayor Mahmud and City Council Members,

Regarding Item #13: Appointment of ad hoc City Council Subcommittee for Implementation Strategies regarding CalTrans surplus properties disposition (Phase II)

I strongly support D3 Council member Primuth and D1 Council member Cacciotti being appointed to the Phase II subcommittee. Both of these council members support the need to negotiate with CalTrans on the sale and financing of the vacant properties in our neighborhood.

These two council members are best suited to represent the interest of those most impacted in this city by the CalTrans homes.

Thank you, Kim Carlson

Kim Carlson