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**Public Comment
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From: [Josh Albrektson](#)
To: [City Council Public Comment](#)
Subject: Thursday meeting public comment.
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 8:02:52 PM

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I was very encouraged by what the staff told you guys on Feb first and some of your suggestions. I met with staff last Friday, gave them some ideas for both zoning and simple programs. I also talked to them about some laws that I don't think they knew of.

If you guys enact what you, Mr Anderson of Pavillions, and staff suggested I am sure HCD will accept your zoning for 2,067 with a buffer. I'll be happy to write a letter to HCD in support and they should give you substantial evidence on the sites/zoning.

The last thing you really have to fix is your AFFH. I've given staff suggestions on that subject too, but you probably need Care First or the South Pasadena tenants union to support your AFFH program.

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From: [Ed Simpson](#)
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Dear Council Members:

The idea that we must provide “affordable” housing should not mean those of us in our homes should have serious changes to our lives.

We do not owe anyone coming to California or born here a house they can afford. Human overpopulation has consequences.

Open space was taken for all the houses in which we now reside. Not much open space left unless we build on Garfield Park. Do we want to build ever higher buildings in earthquake country? Does anyone care about all the cars and traffic such structures bring?

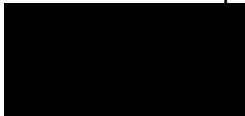
In the memorial for the mountain lion P-22, we heard again and again how humans have taken wildlife habitat for houses and built killer highways so that any animal trying to move from one “open space” to another will likely be struck and killed.

If one believes we should build more housing in California, it should not mean our City cannot differ. Years ago, a lovely home up the street was for sale. The prospective buyer wanted to destroy the house and build FOUR condos on the lot *and* the garages were planned for the front of the buildings! We rose up with other neighbors and said “No” and the city zoned our street R-1. **We should not lose that right.**

Finally, lets be real here. **Investors** will buy houses, destroy them, replace with multi houses on that lot; multi homes equal more services needed at taxpayers expense. **Investors will not be building “affordable” housing, but they will be making a lot of money.**

Our City must retain the right to make reasonable decisions about South Pasadena. The quality of our life matters.

Ed and Bee Simpson



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