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General Comment for Open Session Regarding Inclusionary Zoning

The South Pasadena Planning Commission appears poised to approve another housing development in our city that will offer zero affordable units. The proposed development on a spacious 1.6-acre tract of land is next to the gold line metro stop—an ideal location to build density housing for low- and middle-income people who rely on public transportation.

The Seven Patios proposed development is just one of many housing developments the City has approved in recent months in downtown South Pasadena that provide no units affordable for low-income households. Meanwhile, the City has appealed the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirement—*i.e.*, the state mandate to address the crushing housing crisis—as unrealistic. The Planning Department’s presentations regarding the RHNA numbers describe a massive “shortfall” of sites to develop affordable units. Yet the City is allowing developers to gobble up available parcels for luxury town homes and condominiums.

Without an inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring developments to include some affordable units, it is clear that developers will provide none. City Councilmembers and Planning Department staff have promised South Pasadena residents an inclusionary zoning ordinance for well over a year. What is the hold up?

South Pasadena should develop affordable housing not merely because the state requires it. Our city should proactively do its part to combat the affordable housing crisis, which threatens the diversity and vibrancy of our community and causes homelessness numbers to climb year after year. Approval of Seven Patios with zero affordable units is a step in the wrong direction.

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