CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

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1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91030

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Additional Documents to the March 26, 2025 City Council Meetings. The attached documents include submitted written public comments and amendments to the agenda. Submit by no later than 12:00 p.m., on the day of the City Council meeting. Correspondence received after this time will be distributed the following business day.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO THE MARCH 26, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Public Comment_Graham Witherall_ Item No. 2
- Public Comment_Margo Newman _ Item No. 2
- Public Comment_Joanne Nuckols _ Item No. 2
- Public Comment_Miriam Jin_ Item No. 2

From: [redacted]
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Huntington Drive Overlay Zones
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 10:32:56 PM

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To: South Pasadena City Council

From: Graham Witherall, [redacted]

I'm writing in support of the proposed changes to the Huntington Drive Overlay Zone. There has been naturally occurring affordable housing along the section of Huntington from Fletcher to Garfield. Removing the proposed parcels in that section of Huntington would be welcomed by residents in this area as a constructive move for the neighborhood. I encourage the council to move forward with this alteration.

Thanks,
Graham Witherall

From: Margo Newman
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Supporting the revision
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 8:49:05 PM

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I am writing in support of removing the parcels indicated on Huntington Drive from the overlay zone, as there is already naturally occurring affordable housing along that section of Huntington Drive. I believe displacing the many people from their residences and constructing large structures in this residential neighborhood would cause irreparable harm to the character and functioning of the immediate community. My family and I strongly support making this revision.

Thank you.
Margo Newman
[redacted]

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Margo F. Newman
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From: Joanne Nuckols
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Fw: Special City Council/Planning Commission Meeting Questions /Comments, 3/26/25
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 10:38:34 AM

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City Council and Planning Commission,

Below are questions I submitted Jan 14, 2025 which to date have not been answered and pertain to implementation of Measure SP which is on the agenda tonight. It's been two months and there have been multiple meetings with no information related to these questions providing answers.

Additionally, the meetings in this two month period have me wondering about other issues and more questions, which I will not ask here in that I am first trying to get answers to my original questions first.

On another point, many residents are not attending the meetings and have no idea of the issues pertaining to tonight's meeting, becasue they did not know about the meeting. This height issue and development and over development is the most important issue facing the city in a long time and the people need to be involved. I think the public out reach is lacking and additional meetings to inform should be added. This is not an issue that can be, nor should be rushed.

We need to be on a South Pasadena agenda timeline, not a State of California timeline or an entity suing the city timeline!!! More time is needed to absorb this information which is presented on a profession level, not a layman level, and you need to get more citizens to participate.

Correcting RHNA information right direction, but building heights higher than need be so far, wrong direction. Pictures shown out of context and not related to what's existing, so hard to related what anything would look like if built here.

Joanne Nuckols
South Pasadena Resident

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Joanne Nuckols [redacted]
To: City Council Public Comments <ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 11:42:59 AM PST
Subject: Special City Council Meeting Questions /Comments, 1/14/25

South Pasadena City Council and staff, I am submitting the following questions about the agenda items and Measure SP which I hope will be answered soon during the public input, community dialogue moving forward? During the campaign there was a lack of information related to many issues and for adequate public input and understanding of the city's process, there needs to be specific information honestly presented and all questions from the community answered in a public discussion, so that we all have an adequate understanding of what is proposed for the future of South Pasadena.

1. "Maintain local control of zoning and land use" as stated in city's SP mailer. How will this be accomplished when the State of California can at any time decertify the Housing Element if they don't agree with a city's action, or lack thereof, as they have threatened to do with other cities in California, one example being Norwalk? Related, please explain further the statement "the measure provides local control and reduces the City's risk of losing its certification." How is the risk reduced exactly?

2. The city should consider a special election so the voters can cement the new height limit decided and have assurance it will not be changed to a higher limit by the state if they don't agree. Correct me if I am wrong, but the city council could at any time as could the state force the city council to change the limit to any height they want with only a new ordinance in place?

3. "To protect South Pasadena's single-family neighborhoods' residential character" as stated in city's SP mailer. How will this be accomplished since SB 9 and SB 450 essentially eliminate single family zoning in California? What protections do you plan to institute to accomplish this claim? Will the city be using the historic resource exemption in SB 9?

4. The city has stated that HCD considered the 45' height limit a "constraint to development" which is why it was put on the ballot for repeal. But, how could it be a constraint if over 600 units have been

approved and 300 in the pipeline, according to a city official, have been approved for building in South Pasadena, some of which have used Density Bonuses to go over 45'? Please explain further the justification for this statement which is clearly false?

5. Will the potential mass displacement and eviction of current tenants, many of which in existing affordable housing, be addressed during the planning process for the new ordinance?

6. In the City's FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Q9 about the city having enough water, part of the answer states "the fact is more people will call South Pasadena home and more people will use local services and resources. This will result in impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance, including impacts to aesthetics air quality, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions and noise." Please state further these impacts and why they cannot be mitigated, so the residents know exactly what negative impacts will come by this proposed new development?

Thank you.

Joanne Nuckols
South Pasadena Resident

From: Mark Perez
To: JANET BRAUN; City Clerk"s Division
Subject: Re: Zoning Proposed Changes -- Huntington Drive
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 11:00:33 AM

From: Miriam Jin
Date: March 26, 2025 at 10:26:06 AM PDT
To:
Subject: Re: Zoning Proposed Changes -- Huntington Drive

Hello,

I am a resident of South Pasadena for over 12 years lol and I support removing parcels indicated on Huntington Dr from the overlay zone as there is already naturally occurring affordable housing along that section of Huntington Dr.

Thank you.
Miriam Jin