



Community Development
Department

Memo

DATE: May 10, 2022
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Angelica Frausto-Lupo, Community Development Director
PREPARED BY: Matt Chang, Planning Manager
RE: Additional Document, Item No. 1, Public Comment – General

The attached written comment was received by 12:00 p.m. on May 10, 2022.

From: Josh Albrektson
Sent: Saturday, May 7, 2022 8:32 AM
To: PlanningComments
Subject: General Comment, Planning commission 5/10

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I just want to be sure you guys are aware of these things, since I doubt they are told to you.

The California Association of Realtors filed a public records act lawsuit against the city of South Pasadena. CAR requested documents about the city and Placeworks decided to include illegal sites in their Housing element and also claim 1,000 ADUs and South Pasadena doesn't want to hand them over, I am sure because it will get them in more legal trouble.

Here is the link:

https://www.caforhomes.org/files/ugd/6934fb_27b8b2e13f1e4d0b8e7daba45c501be2.pdf

The California Association of Realtors also filed a lawsuit against South Pasadena for not having a compliant housing element.

Here is a link to the lawsuit:

https://www.caforhomes.org/files/ugd/6934fb_54f487cb5ff34c53aa6754e2cf409d55.pdf

Here is an article about it. One of the reasons South Pasadena was chosen was because of the illegal low income sites (like Pavillions) and enacting the highest inclusionary ordinance in the state.

<https://www.dailynews.com/2022/04/20/realtor-affiliated-group-sues-six-cities-for-failing-to-adopt-new-housing-plans/>

Along with financial penalties they are going to ask the court to take over the Housing Element process from the City.

And it looks like the SCAG cities will get a partial reprieve. If a SCAG city has a compliant Housing Element by October 15th, 2022, you will not be hit with the rezoning penalties. That means that by August 15th, you will need to have turned in a Housing Element that HCD will find compliant.

Sadly for South Pasadena, the Housing Elements placeworks have been created for you have been nowhere near compliant, so you will still get hit with the penalty.

<https://www.ocregister.com/2022/05/04/cities-that-failed-to-meet-californias-housing-deadline-seek-extension-of-rezoning-rule/>

Also, FYI, I work as a doctor from 6 PM to 3 AM every other week. When I cannot make the planning meetings, I record my public comment on my phone and play it for you guys because I get frequent phone calls at work. So if I am mentioning Andrew Jarrett and he is not there, you know why.

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