



Making
Housing &
Community
Happen

*Educating and Empowering Congregations for **Housing Justice***

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MHCH equips congregations, community leaders, and neighbors with practical tools needed to transform their communities, to end homelessness, and to stabilize the cost of housing through education, advocacy and organizing.



We have six subcommittees:

- Homeless housing (Permanent Supportive Housing)
- ADU-Accessory Dwelling Units (“Granny Flats”).
- Safe Parking in collaboration with Foothill Unity in Monrovia
- Inclusionary ended and we are launching a Community Land Trust.
- North Fair Oaks Empowerment Initiative.
- **Church Land to build affordable housing.**




Our Philosophy

Are we in a homeless crisis
or a housing crisis?

Are we in a housing crisis or
an affordable housing crisis?

We are deeply faith-rooted in all we do.. It takes faith to believe it's possible... to see Christ in the least of these and draw upon God's love and Jesus' example to redeem the



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- What are the questions you have about the proposed policy?
 - What do you like about it?
 - Would you like to see this get passed?



What does it take to get it passed?

It needs to be studied by the Planning Department.

Then put onto the Council agenda.

It takes at least five votes on the City Council.

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How does this happen?

We ask.

“We have not because we ask
not.” James 4



Discuss ways that
we can ask.



Some ideas to consider:

Do you feel ready to write a brief letter to your City Council rep? To have other pastors you know sign it?

Are you open to sharing this with other pastors you know in your district?

Are you willing to call your City Council rep?
Pastoral group offer brief Presentations.

What will it take?

If there are ten calls and/or ten letters from each church to their City Council reps
And 50 pastors submit a public comment when it comes to the city council, this is highly likely to be passed.

Sample letter

Dear _____

We appreciate your leadership in our city. One of the biggest obstacles to building affordable housing is a lack of sites. A significant number of churches in Pasadena desire to have affordable housing on their excess land. Yet, most church land is not properly zoned to allow this use. To make it possible for any church in Pasadena that feels led to provide affordable housing on their property we are asking the city to make what is called an “overlay” zone. This would apply to any church when 50% of the units to be build would be affordable. The overlay zone would:

- Allow roughly a 100% density increase (i.e. a property zoned at 16 units per acre would increase to 32 units per acre).
- Allow church property that is zoned “commercial” to also become residential
- Allow church property that is zoned “public” to also become residential.

Thanks for your consideration. Can I count on you to help churches address the housing crisis?

Signed _____



Are you in?

Who is in?

Please put in chat what part you would like to play..