



WEST PASADENA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CITY HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE POLICIES

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- WPRA acknowledges the need for additional housing, especially affordable housing, so that people and families of all income levels can live in Pasadena. Affordable housing should be the primary focus.
- WPRA urges the City to pursue housing solutions tailored to Pasadena's unique characteristics by adhering to its own design guidelines as well as the Land Use Goals and Policies of the Land Use Element of the General Plan and Specific Plans stressing architectural compatibility and excellence in design and materials.
- WPRA urges the creation of more incentives for the development of 100% affordable housing projects and supports the city's concessions menu, while discouraging use of the excessive State Density Bonus.
- WPRA advocates a priority for adaptive reuse to convert vacant or underutilized commercial and industrial properties to dwelling or multi-use units. Adaptive reuse conserves resources and land, and produces less environmental impact.
- WPRA supports maximizing the benefits of public transit accessibility by concentrating additional residential construction in proximity to rail and high-capacity bus service.
- WPRA supports requiring upgrades or increases to existing infrastructure capacity for the construction or conversion of additional residential units in a given area, including adequate street, driveway and parking capacity and traffic impact assessment and mitigation.
- WPRA urges the City to promote the replenishing and maintenance of our dwindling urban forest footprint and encourage the care and expansion of public green spaces. Street trees and protected trees on private land must be protected from construction encroachment and neglect.