



## COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

### **Update on Open Space Zoning on Kinneloa Avenue**

Good News from Pasadena's Interim City Manager Steve Mermell regarding the Kinneloa Avenue site that was considered for development. It is not final yet but he is taking the first step to look elsewhere for potential sites. I am pleased about his decision.

From Steve Mermell's email below:

"Based on concerns raised by members of the public at recent Public Safety Committee meetings, regarding the potential placement of Permanent Supportive Housing at the Kinneloa site, I have asked Bill Huang, Director of Housing and Career Services, to explore other potential locations which may be deemed more suitable. As you are aware, the decision if and where to locate such housing rests with the full City Council."

Gene Masuda

Pasadena Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

**Below is the correspondence from our Interim City Manager Steve Mermell:**

**From:** Mermell, Steve

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 3:46 PM

**To:** Masuda, Gene

**Subject:** Kinneloa Site

Vice-Mayor Masuda, thanks for speaking with me earlier today regarding the issue of homelessness and its impact on our community. As we discussed, this is a very challenging, multi-faceted issue necessitating a variety of approaches. One approach suggested by the Housing & Career Services Department is to develop Permanent Supportive Housing at various City owned properties: Heritage Square South, the Civic Center and the Kinneloa site near Ability First & the Urgent Care Center. Permanent Supportive Housing has proven to be a successful way to get people off the streets and prevent their return by providing services which enable them to function as productive members of society.

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Please advise if you have any questions or need additional information.

Steve Mermell  
Interim City Manager

