



City of Arts & Innovation

**Public Comment for March 31, 2020
City Council Meeting
Prepared by the City Clerk's Office at 3 p.m. on March 27, 2020**

Item	Name	Position	Comments
<p>10. Cases P19-0507 and P19-0508 - Appeal by Kyle Paine of Community Development Partners of Planning Commission denial of proposed revision of previously approved conditional use permit and design review for construction of 50 affordable and supportive housing units, 4,214-square-foot parish hall, 2,950-square-foot friary and chapel, and 1,300-square-foot greenhouse at St. Michael's Episcopal Church - Determine project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects), as this project will not have a significant effect on environment - 4070 Jackson Street (Community and Economic Development) (Ward 5) (10-minute presentation)</p>	Judith Graeber	Support	<p>4568 Edgewood Place I am a very strong supporter of the development of the St. Michael's property into a place where less fortunate people can find a home. I have know the Pastor at St. Michaels for some years now and she is dedicated to people who need help in a safe setting where they can grow and develop into contributing people. The people who will be running the facility are well experienced in this endeavor in other communities and can be expected to do a great job here in Riverside. The impact on the neighbors will be minimal, everyone says not in my back yard but this needs to happen somewhere and this is a big piece of vacant (mostly) land that could help so many people. This can make Riverside a model community and very proud for being so supportive of people in true need. Please vote in favor of allowing this project to go forward.</p>
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