

## Sarah Godinez

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**From:** Matt Pierce [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7:39 AM  
**To:** Larry Spicer; Becky Shevlin; Tamala Kelly; Sergio Jimenez; Gloria Crudgington  
**Cc:** Alice Atkins  
**Subject:** Please spend sales tax money on affordable housing

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Dear Mayor Shevlin and members of the Monrovia City Council,

Monrovia went through a robust community input process to discuss how to spend its "Special K" money allocated by a 2019 sales tax measure.

Many respondents specifically said they wanted to see the money spent on affordable housing. But the City Manager's [report](#) on how to spend Measure K revenues makes no mention of "housing" or "homelessness." Please make sure to allocate some money from Measure K to this pressing housing and homelessness crises. This money would fit well under policy III: "Leverage Measure K funds to seek other funding sources." Spending local money on affordable housing will make it easier to secure money from outside sources, including the state and federal government.

About half of all Monrovia renters are rent-burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on rent. More than three quarters low-income renters are severely rent-burdened, meaning they spend most of their money on rent.

These people are our neighbors. Let's do right by them.

Sincerely,  
Matt Pierce (he/him)

Monrovia resident

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**From:** Gabrielle Klein-Mejia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Public comment re: City Council 2/7/23 Agenda Item CC-13

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Hello,

Regarding the First Round of Tree Planting for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, I see that residents will be responsible for watering the newly planted trees. Would it be possible to use some of the allocated money to assist those residents in setting up greywater irrigation if they're interested? This could be helpful for both water conservation purposes as well as helping to mitigate increases on the residents' water bills.

The LADWP actively promotes grey water projects as a way to reduce water use.

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2022-05-04/california-drought-water-restrictions-greywater>

Here's some additional information from the UC Master Gardener Program of Contra Costa County.

<https://ccmg.ucanr.edu/files/289340.pdf>

Thanks for your consideration.

Gabrielle Klein-Mejia  
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**From:** Gabrielle Klein-Mejia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Public comment re: City Council 2/7/23 Agenda Item CC-8

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Hello,

Regarding Installation of a Four-Way Stop at the Intersection of South Ivy Avenue and East Chestnut Avenue, I wanted to add my support to this proposal, and thank you in advance for moving ahead with this.

I live on Walnut Ave between Ivy Ave and Canyon. If I want to walk into the southern part of Old Town (say, around the Avalon apartment building) using crosswalks, I would either have to walk north to Colorado or walk south to Huntington, both of which would take me significantly out of my way. This new 4-way stop will definitely be useful for me!

Thanks again,

Gabrielle Klein-Mejia  
[REDACTED]

Dear Monrovia City Council,

Feb 7, 2022

Welcome City Council to a new year of representation. First of all, I want to thank the past Council, City Manager and all involved, in finally, after so many years, getting a public toilet in Library Park. We are so grateful!! Thank you!

On another matter, I am wondering whatever became of the money from Measure K and how it would be will be spent? So many people wrote in support of **'affordable housing.'** I hope that serious efforts are being given to that. I am also hoping and praying that we get an **inclusionary zoning ordinance** that will help our citizens be able to finding affordable housing within our city, especially in the lower income levels (that often reflect the wages of teachers, postal workers, nurses).

When our citizens come upon bad times, we have had the funding of the Monrovia Displacement Response Program which has been wonderful for those that have had the need for using it. We have been able to help so many people/ families.

We need to do more though.

I would like to propose a type of transitional housing in our city while people wait for permanent supportive housing or, even as permanent supportive housing for veterans, homeless folks with medical issues, etc. A brilliant engineer, Charles Woo created LifeArk, (<https://lifeark.net/homeless-housing>) modular homes that suit a variety of needs. They are pre-fabricated, self-sustainable housing, that are managed by some group like, Union Station, Home LA, etc. (I know that at least Becky has gone to see his project in El Monte.) It is very impressive.

I attend a lot of different meetings and what I have learned, is that if you build something addressing homelessness, there is lots of funding from county, state and federal agencies. On a higher level of government, they WANT to do something about homelessness, but they need cities to step forward to do something....provide a service..... create something.... build something, etc.

I am inviting you to an important Consortium meeting on Wednesday, Feb 8 in San Dimas.

Meanwhile I am urging our city to use our **Measure K money to build affordable housing and to look into our own LifeArk project.**

Sincerely,

Carol Daley,  
Monrovia Housing and Tenants Advocates  
Foothills Kitchen



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## Join us for our Housing Summit

*This Summit replaces our regular February meeting.*

**In Person**

Wednesday, February 8th from 8:30 am (coffee and mingle)

Program from 9:00 - 12:30 pm

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**Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation Campus**

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**with Speakers**



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Claremont City  
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Chair of the Regional  
Housing Trust



**Jenna Hornstock**  
LA City Planning  
Commissioner; Planning  
and Programs, Southern  
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**From:** Catherine McCallum [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:42 AM  
**To:** L Spicer; Becky Shevlin; Gloria Crudgington; Tamala Kelly; Sergio Jiminez  
**Cc:** Alice Atkins  
**Subject:** Allocation of Measure K Funds

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Dear Monrovia City Council,

Measure K was approved by 60% of Monrovia voters in 2019. There have been numerous public meetings seeking input on how to spend the funds raised, and I am aware that a number of people expressed support for allocating funds to build affordable housing.

Please allocate some of the money to affordable housing. The problem will not go away by itself. With housing costs too high, many people are stretched so thin that they struggle (and often fail) to make ends meet. Others are one paycheck away from losing their homes. A serious illness or injury, or the loss of a job can leave families on the street. These are working people, teachers, police officers, nurses, medical technicians, and our local work force.

Allocating our local funds to support affordable housing will make it easier to achieve funding from state and federal governments and non-governmental sources. Our city needs emergency shelter for cold and rainy weather akin to the cooling center we operate in hot weather. We could also use transitional housing, such as that available through LifeArk (<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2flifeark.net%2fhomeless-housing&c=E,1,6sNxUFuv5nqLfh0oVD6tSPkpEvYiK0iUrMDoSaO9gNhkfM74aOxLHSaw1k5JGV11YEKFZ0SGnF-YTEmw6Ka8HiTU7083QR-PLFsetsK4W-f0383K&typo=1>). LifeArk has gone to great pains to keep their units affordable, attractive, and livable. And finally, as always, we need an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to open up more areas of the city for affordable housing units.

Please use our Measure K funding to address these needs.

Thank you.  
Cathy McCallum  
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Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Tricia Pierce [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:10 PM  
**To:** crudgington@ci.monrovia.ca.us  
**Cc:** Alice Atkins  
**Subject:** Measure K: City Manager's Report: Support Affordable Housing

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Dear Monrovia City Council,

Please use sales tax revenue to support affordable housing in Monrovia.

This kind of allocation would not contradict the city manager's report. It would actually fit well under policy III: "Leverage Measure K funds to seek other funding sources." If we spend local money on affordable housing, we can get secure matching funds, including from the state and federal government.

But we should spell it out. Please direct the staff to spend new sales tax money on affordable housing.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Pierce

Monrovia resident