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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been living in my house for over 20 years. The first time I requested purchasing my house was in 1992 or 1993 when prices in South Pasadena were reasonably priced. This house should have been offered to me decades ago when I would have been able to afford it. Now your sales program excludes me because I supposedly make over 150% of "median income." Your report states ". . . and whose household income does not exceed 150 percent of the **AREA** median income...." According to the 2010 United States Census, "South Pasadena had a median household income of **\$84,185.**" This is the amount that should be used. Even though I make more than Los Angeles County median income, I still couldn't qualify for a loan to purchase my home at market value. As you know, property values in South Pasadena in particular have increased dramatically over the past 15 years. I feel as though I am being penalized for working hard all of my adult life and never asking a penny from the government. I don't feel a person should have to be low or moderate income to be offered to purchase the home they have been living in for over 20 years.

Allowing me as a long time resident to stay in the house by purchasing it should be of the highest priority BEFORE giving it to a housing authority. I think I should be able to purchase the home I have been living in, supplying maintenance for, repairing and improving for over 20 years at a price I can afford. Now that I am nearing retirement age, I should not be discriminated against and forced to move. I plan to retire in 2 years; where do you expect me to go? Anyone who has lived in a Caltrans house for as long as I have should be able to purchase it at an affordable price, not market value. I should not be behind a housing authority. I should be given credit for the time I have spent in the house and maintained it. You should sell it to me at the price it would have been the first (or second, or third) time I asked to purchase it. Also, there should be no 30 year deed restriction unless it's 30 years from the day I originally moved in which was October 1992. Thank you.

Janice Austgen
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