

Public Comment  
Sister Amy Bayley, RSM  
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Good evening, Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, city council members, city staff, and those watching from near and far.

My name is Sister Amy Bayley, I am a Sister of Mercy, and I work for Mercy Housing California, a national non-profit which develops, owns, and manages workforce, senior, and veterans housing and housing for those with special needs. We have been working in partnership with the Congregation of the Mission to create a new vision for their 13-acre De Paul campus at Bluff and Date in south Montebello, which the Vincentians have owned since the 1950s.

To be clear, the property is not for sale. But it is very underused, and the hope is that it could be repurposed to better serve the city of Montebello. During the last year we have met with many, many individuals and groups to determine the best local outreach for our planning, and we have received tremendous insight and suggestions. And for this, we are really very grateful.

My purpose here tonight is to invite you and the Montebello community to the input meetings we will be hosting in May to begin to develop a broad-based Master Plan for the campus.

In keeping with the Vincentian goals, the 5 primary components of the Master Plan will be for-sale and rental housing, market-rate and workforce homes, as well as community oriented open space. Let me repeat--the primary components of the De Paul Campus Master Plan will be for-sale and rental housing, market-rate and workforce homes, and community oriented open space.

There have been some random, very different rumors roaming around out there, but these will, in fact, be the primary components. It is important to note that there is no current plan. And no application has been submitted to the city. This is just the beginning stage of creating a Master Plan for the campus.

The meetings are scheduled for different days and different times over a three-week period in order to include as much community participation as possible. Very quickly, I'll note the scheduled days and times, which are also posted on our website at [mercyhousingmontebello.org](http://mercyhousingmontebello.org).

Friday, May 12 @ 11:30am  
Saturday, May 13 @ 10:30am  
Wednesday, May 17 @ 6:30pm  
Thursday, May 18 @ 7:00pm  
Monday, May 22 @ 6:00pm

The meetings will be 90 minutes and will cover the same material and information each time. The purpose of the meetings will be to give updates about the De Paul Campus master planning process, receive feedback, and answer questions from community members as best we can. Simultaneous translation in Spanish will be provided at all meetings. For those unable to attend, the written presentations and videos will be posted on our website. Again, at [mercyhousingmontebello.org](http://mercyhousingmontebello.org). And one last note, in addition to keeping up-to-date on meetings and checking the facts on the FAQ page, you can also provide input and ask questions through the website on the Contact page.

So....thank you for your time. Please join us in May. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you. Thank you.