

I have been a Caltrans renter for over 23 years in South Pasadena. I would like to know why you are using median income for all of Los Angeles County instead of using median income where the house is located. According to the US Census Bureau,¹ the median household income for 2009-2013 was \$85,058 in South Pasadena. South Pasadena is in Los Angeles County obviously, but there is a big difference in median income. This is what should be used in order to qualify to purchase a house in South Pasadena at an **affordable** rate.

Additionally, why is a housing related public or private organization given priority to purchase my house before I am. Even though I make more than the "area" median income, I still don't make enough money to afford to purchase a house in South Pasadena where the median value for owner-occupied housing units is \$820,000.² This will probably be my only chance to purchase a home. I should be given the opportunity to purchase the house where I have been living for over 23 years at a price I can afford.

Thank you.

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¹ <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06/0673220.html>

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