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April 30, 2019

Honorable Mayor Matichak and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Dear Mayor Matichak, Vice Mayor Abe-Koga, and Councilmembers Clark, Hicks, Kamei, McAlister, and Ramirez,

RE: Item 6.2 – 950 West El Camino Real - Affordable Housing Project

On behalf of SV@Home and our members, we endorse Palo Alto Housing's proposed 100% affordable residential development at 950 West El Camino Real.

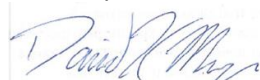
Palo Alto Housing's proposed 71-unit development would provide 70 new homes affordable to people with low and very low incomes. This means these homes will help individuals who are making less than \$65,170 and \$46,550 per month, respectively. Importantly, the proposed development includes 15 homes for people with developmental disabilities, an underserved population who lack housing choices across the County.

These 71 homes are an investment in Mountain View's future. In a time of high cost of land, high cost of construction, and great need for low-income housing, we need to be able to continue to invest in affordable housing. We are caught in a cycle of escalating costs, where scarce housing and land makes it more expensive to build housing, which exacerbates the scarcity. In order to break the cycle, we need to produce more affordable housing.

The location of this development near El Camino Real and Castro St is ideal. As evidenced by the number of help wanted signs along Castro St, businesses are having trouble hiring service sector workers. These studio apartments would be ideal for those working in downtown Mountain View, allowing them to live near their jobs and avoid long commutes that contribute to traffic in the area. Its location near El Camino Real provides easy access to major bus lines, which is helpful for all residents, but especially important for the individuals with development disabilities who may depend on them.

Mountain View continues to be a leader on addressing our shared affordable housing challenges through housing-centered land use planning, prioritization of public land for affordable developments, and other successful policies to incentivize affordable housing, including inclusionary zoning requirements. **We urge the City Council to support this development and approve it without delay.**

Sincerely,



David Meyer
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