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

Dear Mayor Siegel, Vice Mayor Matichak, and Councilmembers Abe-Koga, Clark, McAlister, Rosenberg, and Showalter:

We write today to thank the City for its timely response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury's request to address specific findings and recommendations that were included in its June report entitled "Affordable Housing Crisis: Density is our Destiny."

As the staff response catalogues, many of the findings are well known to the City, and many of the recommendations have already been integrated into policy. Mountain View has been a regional leader in many of these areas. Most notably, the City has taken significant action to identify opportunities for increased housing density and actually ensure that affordable housing is built.

One of the most important recommendations included in the Grand Jury Report is for cities to better coordinate their response to affordable housing, finding regional solutions where possible. We agree that one city alone cannot resolve the housing crisis, and that partnership is needed to ensure success. We are pleased that Mountain View is positively considering the issue of the RHNA sub-region and urge the City to participate.

The Grand Jury report calls for a sustained commitment to long-term solutions. Mountain View has a deserved reputation for pioneering policies that serve as best practices for the rest of the County. In furtherance of this reputation, we encourage the City to bolster its affordable housing toolkit by updating its Inclusionary Zoning ordinance to include a 15% affordability requirement for home ownership developments. We also look to the City's leadership to identify and implement the policies necessary to meet the ambitious housing goals for North Bayshore.

We are all in this housing crisis together and all jurisdictions need to do their part. SV@Home stands ready to continue our work with Mountain View to meet our shared commitments.

Sincerely,



Pilar Lorenzana
Deputy Director