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Mayor Rennie and Members of the Town Council  
Town of Los Gatos  
110 E. Main St  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Dear Mayor Rennie, Vice Mayor Leonardis, and Council Members Spector, Sayoc, and Jensen:

**RE: Response to the 2017-2018 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report**

We write today to thank the Town 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 Town, and many of the recommendations have already been integrated into policy. Earlier this year, Los Gatos took steps to amend its Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance to increase ADU construction opportunities throughout the Town, similar to recommendations mentioned in the report. We are pleased that the Town is taking up the issue of the RHNA sub-region, and the regional discussion about barriers to meeting RHNA targets. We expect Los Gatos to be an active and important partner in these regional discussions.

The Grand Jury report calls for a sustained commitment to long-term solutions. One of the recommendations called for the adoption of a Commercial Linkage Fee to fund affordable housing opportunities in the community. **We ask the Council to prioritize a nexus study on Commercial Linkage Fees to help fund affordable housing in Los Gatos.**

Continued commercial development in Los Gatos increases the number of jobs, as well as the unmet housing demand. As neighboring cities have found, it is possible to establish fees that can sufficiently fund affordable housing, while not deterring

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commercial development. Fees can be set at different levels for different commercial development types. In addition, fees can also be based on the size of a business to decrease the burden on small businesses.

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 Los Gatos to meet our shared commitments.

Sincerely,



Pilar Lorenzana  
Deputy Director

