May 20, 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 7.1: Fiscal Year 2019-20 through Fiscal Year 2020-21 City Council Major Goals Work Plan

On behalf of SV@Home and our members we write today to thank the Council for your continued commitment to prioritizing housing solutions for people of all incomes and abilities. We would like to thank staff for consolidating and providing next steps on the projects you voted on during your previous goal-setting meeting. You have a range of excellent proposals before you to advance.

In particular, SV@Home would like to highlight three proposed projects that we believe would have the largest impact on achieving the city’s goals of creating and preserving housing opportunities for all members of the community:

- **Project 1.9: Hold a Study Session on displacement and net loss; develop a work plan for any desired follow up actions** – This will give staff the opportunity to develop a range of policy tools to address ongoing community concerns regarding the displacement of lower-income Mountain View residents.

- **Project 2.5: Review and propose revisions to the R3 Zone standards that consider form-based zoning, incentivizing stacked flats, and updated row house guidelines** – This combines several proposed housing-focused projects to create opportunities for denser, missing-middle housing types that will integrate well into existing neighborhoods around the city.

- **Project 2.2: Develop strategies for middle-income persons to afford different housing types** – This seeks to address the challenge that even middle-income families face significant barriers to ownership opportunities in Mountain View.

In pursuing these projects, the City of Mountain View will continue to set the standard for progressive housing policy in Santa Clara County. Mountain View can be a pioneer of a multi-faceted “3P” (Production, Preservation, and Protection) approach that enjoys broad support across housing advocates and members of the general public alike.

Sincerely,

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