October 21, 2019

Honorable President Simitian and Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear President Simitian, Vice President Chavez, and Supervisors Cortese, Ellenberg, and Wasserman,

On behalf of SV@Home and our members, we write today to commend the County for its progress in implementing the Measure A Affordable Housing Bond. We also wholeheartedly support the two developments proposed to receive financing today, which will provide 176 new affordable homes for our neighbors and maintain the momentum of Measure A’s on-schedule implementation.

Thank you to the Office of Supportive Housing for its diligent work to make these new developments possible. And thank you to the Board of Supervisors for your steady guidance in overseeing the allocation of these funds. We remain incredibly grateful to the Santa Clara County residents whose votes set us on this course of providing housing opportunities for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Of the 176 new homes before the Board this week, 87 will serve as permanent supportive housing for members of our community who have recently experienced homelessness. This latest allocation means that Measure A’s implementation remains firmly on its ambitious timeline. Funds have been allocated for one third of the overall affordable housing production goal and, if the Board approves these two proposals today, we’ll have 1,562 new homes under way or completed. When you include affordable homes planned to be rehabilitated through Measure A funds, the County is at 2,097 homes to be built or rehabbed.

Measure A is the best kind of success story. It shows what we can accomplish together when we commit ourselves to building a better future for our community.

SV@Home looks forward to continuing to support the successful implementation of Measure A and working towards a Santa Clara County where everyone has a place to call home.

Sincerely,

David K Meyer
Director of Strategic Initiatives