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Honorable Mayor Hendricks and Members of the City Council
City of Sunnyvale
456 W. Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Dear Mayor Hendricks, Vice Mayor Klein, and Councilmembers Goldman, Griffith, Melton, Larsson, and Smith:

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. Most notably, Sunnyvale has already identified opportunities for increased housing density near transit, including as part of the Downtown Specific Plan, Lawrence Station Area Plan, and El Camino Real Specific Plan.

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 Sunnyvale 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. Sunnyvale's current efforts to implement its Housing Strategy, including reinstating zoning code provisions for inclusionary affordable rental units, are a key part of this long-term vision. To that end, we urge the City to pass an Inclusionary Zoning ordinance for rental properties that mandates 15% of units be affordable at an average of 80% AMI or lower in developments that consist of nine or more units.

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 Sunnyvale to meet our shared commitments.

Sincerely,



Pilar Lorenzana