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Mountain View City Council
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA

Re: September 26, 2017 City Council Study Session: North Bayshore Precise Plan

Dear Mayor Rosenberg, Vice Mayor Siegel, and Members of the City Council:

We write to thank you for the work that the Mountain View City Council and staff has undertaken over nearly two years to create an updated North Bayshore Precise Plan. Through your work, Mountain View has become a regional leader in tackling the Bay Area's interrelated housing affordability, sustainability, and quality-of-life challenges.

We strongly support the following elements of the plan:

- 9,850 new homes to create thriving, walkable neighborhoods close to one of the region's most important employment centers.
- A goal of 20 percent affordable homes for very low, low, and moderate income residents, with developer incentives, such as Bonus Floor Area Ratio (FAR), to achieve the Plan's affordable housing goals.
- A suite of measures to support walking, biking, and transit, including planned transit improvements in North Bayshore.

Additionally, we encourage the City to commit to a master planning process that provides a clear implementation plan to create 9,850 homes in North Bayshore in a timely manner, including steps to deliver any necessary infrastructure improvements.

The North Bayshore Plan is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a place where people across the income spectrum can live, work, play, and contribute to the overall health and well-being of their community. It is an essential tool to improve the city's jobs-housing imbalance and ensure that those who provide critical services to the community can live close to where they work, instead of having to commute long distances to the edges of the region, generating unnecessary traffic, congestion, and pollution.

To achieve this vision—including the Plan's goal of 20 percent affordable housing—depends on the full build-out of the 9,850 homes allowed under the preferred scenario.

As you consider residential uses in North Bayshore at your September 26th study session, we strongly urge you to ensure that these priorities are reflected in the final Precise Plan and Affordable Housing Guidelines.

Please “stay the course” to create affordable, sustainable neighborhoods in North Bayshore, and create an even better quality-of-life for everyone who lives and works in Mountain View.

Sincerely,

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