

TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

June 10, 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: Approve Direction for a Safe Parking Program on City Lots and Safe Parking Ordinance Parameters; and 7.2: Oversize Vehicle Parking Prohibition Ordinance

On behalf of SV@Home and our members, we write today regarding two items affecting individuals who are unstably housed in our community.

First, we want to express our support for the staff recommendation to expand Mountain View's Safe Parking program. Thank you to the City Council for tasking staff with exploring how to use public land and other available parking lot space for this purpose. While we recognize that this initial expansion will not provide space to all the identified people residing in their vehicles in Mountain View, it is an important step towards providing more stability to people who are living and working in our community.

At the same time, we are concerned by the proposed ordinance that could create additional restrictions on people who are currently living in their vehicles on the City's streets. For many people living in RVs or other vehicles their car is what enables them to continue to participate in the community and maintain a job.

To that end, we urge the Council to both support the expansion of Safe Parking presented by staff and to oppose the proposed ordinance to place additional parking restrictions on certain vehicles at this time. Without the adequate provision of Safe Parking or other interim housing alternatives, making parking certain types of vehicles more difficult will only push people to neighboring cities, out of the region, or onto the streets.

We appreciate the holistic approach the Mountain View City Council is taking to addressing our regional housing affordability crisis. We know that this challenge is not Mountain View's alone, and additional regional solutions must be identified to ensure cities are working together to support the unstably housed. SV@Home is committed to working with the City to develop and support joint efforts involving other cities and the County. We look forward to that collaboration and thank you for all of your efforts on these difficult issues.

Sincerely,



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