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Support for Project Homekey proposal for Crestview Hotel conversion (Item 48 on 10/19/21 agenda)

Dear members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of our members, we write today in strong support of the Project Homekey proposal for the Crestview Hotel conversion. SV@Home has endorsed the Community Plan to End Homelessness and sees this as an important opportunity to further these goals.

According to the County's 2019 homelessness survey, Mountain View and Sunnyvale are home to over one thousand individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The 66 units provided by this project are desperately needed and are located close to transit and services.

The Crestview project further distinguishes itself by being the result of a local property owner who wanted to do his part to help provide homes for our most vulnerable neighbors. The City of Mountain View has already done extensive work to engage the community around the proposal and to lay the groundwork for a successful Homekey application. This is an historic funding opportunity and the County's leadership is critical to leveraging all of the needed resources.

Thank you to the Board of Supervisors and staff for your continued support for Homekey program applications County-wide. The need for affordable housing to respond to and prevent homelessness is immense. Like the other Homekey projects in the county, this is an opportunity that we cannot afford to waste.

Sincerely,



Mathew Reed
Policy Director