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Mayor Showalter, Vice Mayor Matchak, and Members of the Mountain View City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on item 6.1 "Holistic Citywide Review of Parking Regulations"

While I am the co-chair of the Downtown Residential Parking Subcommittee of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association, I am writing you as a private resident, rather than in my capacity of as co-chair of that subcommittee. Our committee was established with a vote of the city council to advise the council on parking policy affecting our neighborhood. In the future, we would appreciate advance notice (more than just the Thursday before the council meeting) on when such items are coming to council. This will allow our committee more time to discuss and comment on any policy issue and submit our comments as a group. In the past, city staff would reach out to us weeks in advance of such council meetings.

I do appreciate the city's willingness to reopen the issue of the Residential Parking Permit Program. In the past, our committee raised concerns that the complicated process developed by city staff would make it overly difficult to establish parking zones. The fact that no zones have been established since the program was inaugurated bears this out. Other cities in our vicinity have established zones in areas of high parking demand. I support revisiting this issue and engaging our parking subcommittee in the discussion.

Another concern I would like addressed is the enforcement of parking rules which prohibit the parking of cars on the street in front of driveways and fully or partially in red zones. As noted in the staff report, the California Vehicle Code prohibits parking in front of driveways. Parking partially or fully within red zones is also a parking violation. I live on a street with 22 homes and only 7 street parking spaces. The temptation to violate street parking rules in such a case is high. But there are good reasons for these rules. Shortly after our street was established in 1995, the Minton fire raged across our street, the heat of which damaged the windows of one of the residences on our street. If there had been no place for the fire trucks to park or use the hydrants, even more damage could have been done. Also, many driveways on our street are adjacent to one another. In such cases, when a neighbor parks his car in front of his driveway, it limits the visibility and turning radius of person using the adjacent driveway. At a minimum, the police should place warning notices on the violating vehicles informing the owners of their violations. Tickets should follow if the violations persist.

I would also like the city to explore how to deal with private delivery vehicles that double park or park in the middle of streets while doing their deliveries, rather than parking in approved parking spaces. A neighbor of mine recently damaged the side mirror of his car trying to drive around an Amazon truck that was parked in the middle of a street. One possibility would be to designate parking spaces in tight parking areas for loading and unloading, although I do not know whether this would cause more harm (by denying parking spaces for general use) than good (stopping the trucks from blocking our streets). City staff should conduct outreach and come up with good solutions.

Finally, I have noticed that PODS often show up in the public street parking next to the large apartment complex at the end of my street. These PODS can remain for days. I would like clarification on whether storing a PODS on the street for days is an allowable use of public street parking.

Thanks you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to staff proactively involving our committee on parking issues in the future.

Robert Cox