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Mountain View City Council,

I'm looking forward to your consideration for the Rental Housing Committee Alternate role at the December 12 meeting, following my initial candidacy and testimony on October 17. I appreciated the opportunity to meet you all one-on-one leading up to that point and hearing your questions and feedback on Mountain View's rental housing, CSFRA, and MHRSO. I have been keeping up to date on RHC business by watching the meetings virtually and am ready to serve if appointed.

Housing is critical infrastructure for our local community. Healthy, sustainable housing for all Mountain View residents allows individuals and the community to thrive. A lack of safe, affordable housing places a huge burden on individuals, families, and the City as a whole. I am an experienced rental property owner in Northern California who personally manages properties, builds relationships with residents, and finds accommodations in exigent circumstances, including the pandemic. Ensuring healthy, sustainable housing requires empathy for all parties, diligence, and focus to identify fair solutions in a complex landscape of concerns that affect people's daily lives. My goal on the RHC is thoughtfully and fairly helping to administer the CSFRA and MHRSO for Mountain View.

With the holiday season upon us, I made a prior commitment to attend a community event in San Francisco on the evening of December 12. Therefore, I unfortunately cannot attend the Council meeting, which the clerk told me about after I made that community commitment. I've connected with each of you via email and can discuss any questions or topics you may have. Please let me know if I can provide any information to help with your decision.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Happy holidays!

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Dear Council Members,

I cannot be at the meeting tonight when you choose a new member of the Rental Housing Committee, but I would like to comment on the fine candidacy of Li Zhang. She is bright, fair, and would definitely look for what is best for Mountain View - with no personal bias at all.

Li is so willing to look at all aspects of a situation, and calmly listens to the opinions of others, as well. I am very happy that he is finalist for this position, and I do hope she will be the new member chosen.

Thank you for all you do for the City - just driving down Castro is reassurance that Mountain View is a positive and relatable city!

Sincerely,

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