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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to ending homelessness throughout our community. I am a Mountain View resident as well as a social worker in housing and homelessness services in Santa Clara County.

Item 4.4 - Programmatic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between County of Santa Clara and City of Mountain View

I am writing to urge your approval of the MOU with the County. Without collaboration, we cannot effectively address our region's housing affordability and homelessness crisis. The proposed partnership presents an exciting opportunity to bring \$80 million to Mountain View to help create 200-250 new affordable homes for Mountain View residents.

Building more deeply affordable housing is the most important strategy for ending and preventing homelessness in Mountain View, and this partnership is essential to aggressively advance toward the City's impressive housing development goals.

Item 7.1 - Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program

I also urge approval of the Elevate MV Program. With the highest rates of income inequality in the country, Silicon Valley is no longer affordable for low-income families. According to California Housing Partnership Corporation, a renter in Santa Clara County would need to make \$55/hour – or 3.7x the minimum wage – in order to afford median rent. With such a huge gap between wages and rents, low-income families in our community are left teetering on the edge of housing instability.

Guaranteed basic income programs can play an important role in addressing this challenge, particularly when they focus on extremely low income (ELI) households. This program will make a huge difference for Mountain View families at greatest risk of homelessness.

I am excited about Mountain View's continued leadership in pursuing impactful solutions to our housing and homelessness crisis and urge you to move forward with the MOU with the County, and the guaranteed basic income pilot program.

Sincerely,
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