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**Subject:** **Livable Mountain View comment on 5.1 "Amendments to Chapter 28 (Subdivisions) and Chapter 36 (Zoning) Relating to Senate Bill 9 (SB9)".**

Chair Cranston,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on item 5.1 "Amendments to Chapter 28 (Subdivisions) and Chapter 36 (Zoning) Relating to Senate Bill 9 (SB9)".

In general, we support the staff recommendations. In particular, we support allowing no more than four housing units on a lot zoned as R1, whether primary units, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), or junior ADUs (JADUs). This aligns with the actions of the five Bay Area cities (San Jose, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Campbell, and Saratoga) mentioned in the staff report.

We also support staff's recommendation to generally limit changes in Chapter 28 and 36 to ones required to come into compliance with SB9. In particular, we support not changing the upper limit on FAR, as a change in FAR limits is not needed to enable the construction of 800 square foot or larger primary housing units noted in SB9.

Finally, as noted in the staff report, SB9 stipulates that no lot with a historic resource or located within a historic district be subdivided. We therefore request that staff compile a list of addresses that would not qualify for a lot split for this reason and make that list available to the public.

Thank you for listening to our views,

Louise Katz, Robert Cox, Mary Hodder, Toni Rath, Lorraine Wormald, and Jerry Steach

For the Steering Committee of Livable Mountain View