

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS  
IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY 2020-2025

WHEREAS, nearly five years ago, the City Council adopted the Community Plan to End Homelessness in Santa Clara County (2015-2020) (2020 Community Plan), the County's first regionwide plan to address the significant and growing challenge of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, since the 2020 Community Plan's adoption, Countywide partners, including the City, worked collectively to achieve many notable accomplishments, including, but not limited to the following (source: Santa Clara County):

- Resolving homelessness for nearly 9,000 households representing over 14,000 people.
- Doubling the number of supportive housing units in Santa Clara County and temporary housing and emergency shelter capacity.
- New homelessness prevention system launched, which now serves about 1,000 households annually.
- More than 1,600 veterans housed, supported by nearly 800 private landlords in the effort.
- Passage of Measure A in 2016, providing \$950 million to develop permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing.
- Raised another \$100 million in private contributions to support the implementation of this Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, despite the accomplishments achieved during the period of the 2020 Community Plan, the issue of homelessness remains and has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the development of the 2020-2025 Community Plan (2025 Community Plan) seeks to build on those accomplishments while seeking to address the underlying, systemic causes of homelessness through three key strategies: (1) address the root causes

of homelessness through system and policy change; (2) expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need; and (3) improve quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all; and

WHEREAS, several actions under each of the three Strategies are identified in the 2025 Community Plan to help meet five key target outcomes:

- Achieve a 30 percent reduction in annual inflow of people becoming homeless.
- Housing 20,000 people through the supportive housing system.
- Expand the Homelessness Prevention System and other early interventions to serve 2,500 people per year.
- Double temporary housing and shelter capacity to reduce the number of people sleeping outside.
- Address the racial inequities present among unhoused people and families and track progress toward reducing disparities; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Community Plan reflects the voices of over 8,000 individuals reached across the County and provides stakeholders with a shared framework that could result in large collective impact; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Destination: Home, Santa Clara County, cities within the County, and other nonprofits initiated the strategic planning effort and an extensive community engagement process to develop the 2025 Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Community Plan provides a range of potential options/ actions to address homelessness as determined by each city and its local needs and priorities, and there is substantial alignment between the 2025 Community Plan and the City's initiatives, policies, and values to address the need; and

WHEREAS, the County's biannual count of homeless persons, which includes both sheltered persons and families in emergency shelters and transitional housing as well as unsheltered persons and families sleeping on the streets, in vehicles, abandoned properties, and other places not meant for human habitation, serves as a baseline for understanding homelessness in the region and shows its dramatic increase in recent years; and

WHEREAS, according to the County's counts, homelessness in Mountain View nearly doubled from 139 persons in 2013 to 276 in 2015, increased to 416 homeless individuals in 2017, and rose further to 606 in 2019; and

WHEREAS, supporting the 2025 Community Plan does not commit the City of Mountain View to any one component but rather encourages the implementation of strategies and funding for programs to proactively house and serve the homeless, relative to the resources available in Mountain View and subject to City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's support of the 2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness would continue to advance the goal of developing regional strategies in collaboration with other jurisdictions and agencies to end and prevent homelessness by creating permanent housing solutions and enhancing existing service systems; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's consideration of this resolution has been duly noticed pursuant to applicable laws and has been placed upon the City Council meeting agenda on the date set forth in the Council report, or to such date that the City Council may have continued or deferred consideration of this resolution, and on such date the City Council conducted a duly noticed public meeting at which meeting the City Council provided members of the public an opportunity to comment and be heard and considered any and all testimony and other information provided in connection with the approval of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the activities allowed under this resolution do not constitute a project under the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that approval of this Resolution is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that the City Council hereby supports the goals and objectives in the Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-2025, submitted for consideration at its meeting of December 8, 2020, the contents of which Council report titled "Adopt a Resolution to Endorse the Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-2025" are incorporated herein by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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