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Ms. Kimberly Thomas  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

RE: Santa Clara County Housing Authority Plan to Amend Administrative Plan to Support City of Mountain View Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program Participants

Dear Ms. Kimberly Thomas,

The Santa Clara County Housing Authority, established in 1967, provides rental assistance for more than 17,000 Santa Clara County households through the federal Housing Choice Voucher or “Section 8” program. SCCHA’s mission is to provide and inspire affordable housing solutions to enable low-income people in Santa Clara County to achieve financial stability and self-reliance.

The City of Mountain View’s Guaranteed Benefit Income (GBI) Pilot Program aligns with SCCHA’s mission, by seeking to improve low-income residents’ financial stability through the provision of a 12-month unrestricted financial benefit, paid monthly. In November 2021, a representative from SCCHA met with the City of Mountain View to discuss the GBI pilot program design and potential impact on other benefit programs, including Section 8 benefits.

SCCHA plans to amend its Administrative Plan to mitigate negative impacts to Section 8 families who also receive temporary income through the GBI pilot program. According to 24 Code of Federal Regulations 5.609 (c), when determining annual income of families that receive Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance, “Annual income does not include the following: ... (9) Temporary, nonrecurring or sporadic income (including gifts).” SCCHA’s planned Administrative Plan amendment will classify income received through guaranteed income pilot programs as temporary, thus excluding this benefit from being counted towards the family’s annual income for purposes of tenant rent portion calculation. This policy is planned to remain in effect for the City of Mountain View GBI program’s 12-month project period, with the ability to be extended. All other Housing Authority policies and processes remain in effect.

Sincerely,

Janine Burrier

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janine Burrier". The signature is fluid and cursive, matching the printed name above it.

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