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City Manager Kimbra McCarthy, Honorable Mayor Lucas Ramirez, Vice Mayor Alison Hicks, and Council Members Abe-Koga, Matichak, Kamei, and Showalter,

It is our understanding that on Thursday, January 5, the council will discuss the process of how to select a replacement for Council Member Sally Lieber. Furthermore, that members of the public may be given an opportunity to speak out on the upcoming council issues that are most important to them to aid the council in the selection process.

Of course, any council member replacing Sally Lieber should have an in depth knowledge of the housing issues facing our community. Beyond that, in the upcoming term, we expect the council to address the Downtown Precise Plan Plan 2, plans for the Castro Street Pedestrian Mall, the Grade Separation at Castro Street, and the Historical Ordinance Update. So, we recommend that council address these issues as well should they interview prospective candidates.

Thank you for listening to our concerns on this important subject,
Robert Cox, Louise Katz, Leslie Friedman, Nazanin Dashtara, Muriel Sivyer-Lee, Jerry Steach, Toni Rath, Mary Hodder, and Jamsheed Agahi
For the Steering Committee of Livable Mountain View

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To the Mountain View City Council,

In 2020 the voters of Mountain View chose Sally Lieber to represent us and our progressive values. She has stood up for mobile home stabilization, safe parking, as well as having a vision for improving our downtown. We want to be sure those values remain constant with the planned reorganization, regardless of our the vacancy is filled.

However, I feel very strongly that a special election reflecting the views of Mountain View residents should be held to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Sally Lieber. Here are some of the specific reasons:

1. There are two years remaining on Sally Lieber's term, which means the new Council member can have a significant impact.
2. Whoever takes her place will be in a strong incumbent position and should be elected by the voters of Mountain View, rather than appointed by Council.
3. The very important decisions that will be made in the next two years should be made by a council selected by the voters and should reflect our values.

These are vital reasons the Council should not appoint a successor, even though this may be allowed. I know this is a challenging decision and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in tonight's deliberations.

I strongly support you scheduling a special election to as soon as it is possible.

Thank you,

Susyn Almond