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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

Advocates for Affordable Housing (AAH), a volunteer group of Mountain View residents since 1993 has long been concerned about the shortage of affordable housing for low income residents. The situation has clearly grown worse over the years. Thus, we are speaking up regarding Item 7.2 on the agenda. We wholeheartedly support the staff recommendation regarding older units that are demolished so they can be redeveloped. Each lost affordable unit must be replaced. Since there is no doubt that the displaced residents are low income, the rents must be deed restricted in perpetuity. Otherwise it would be simply a matter of time with new tenants paying market rates that the city would lose many affordable units. The faster the turnover of tenants, the faster the affordability would disappear. SB 330 specifically spells out the requirements to avoid that loss.

We urge you to accept the staff recommendation to require new related affordable units to be deed restricted in perpetuity so that affordable housing is not lost.

Sincerely,
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