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To: Rental Housing Committee <RHC@mountainview.gov>

Cc: Sue Russell <[REDACTED]>; Anky Van Deursen <avandeursen@housing.org>

Subject: Item 9.2--Rent and the Treatment of Utilities in CSFRA and RUBS

Dear Chair Keating and Members of the Rental Housing Committee--

Attached is a letter from the Los Altos-Mountain View Area chapter of the League of Women Voters regarding item 9.2 on the upcoming agenda.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Katie Zoglin



August 20, 2023

Via E-Mail

Re: Item 9.2 -- Rent and the Treatment of Utilities in CSFRA and Ratio Utility Billing Systems

Dear Chair Keating and Members of the Rental Housing Committee:

The League of Women Voters (LWW) supports rent stabilization and just-cause programs that are fair and reasonable to landlords, tenants, and the community. The LWW additionally supports broad public participation and transparency in government.

We agree with the analysis and support the recommendations in the staff report dated August 21, 2023, regarding rent and the treatment of utilities in the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) and Ratio Utility Billing Systems. We agree that the Rental Housing Committee should adopt regulations that clarify the use of RUBS. We commend staff for soliciting stakeholder input on the issue.

In addition, we urge the RHC to require clear noticing to tenants regarding any change, as the current system has been very confusing. One option would be to require written notice with the lease.

Please send any questions about this email to Sue Russell, Co-Chair of the Housing Committee, at housing@lwvlamv.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Zoglin".

Katie Zoglin
President

LWW of Los Altos-Mountain View Area

C: Anky van Deursen