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May 8, 2023

Honorable Mayor and Council Members
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View CA 94041

Dear Mayor Hicks and Members of the City Council,

I was in the third cohort in 2022 of the Trades Orientation Program. Before TOP I had no idea how to enter the trades. TOP gave me a chance to explore different areas of building construction before I decided which trade was right for me.

TOP provided me with the knowledge I needed to get into the Carpenters Union Local 405, and to find a sponsoring employer to enable a paid apprenticeship. When I was recently laid off from that position, I turned to my TOP mentors to help me look for another sponsoring employer. I was unemployed for 24 hours, and now have a better position than before.

I believe that the education I obtained in the TOP classroom and the ongoing support I receive from TOP instructors and other staff I am well on my way to being a journeyman union carpenter and a productive, participating member of our community.

Sincerely,
Felicia Preston

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From: [Cheryl Ho](#)
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Subject: 5/9/23 Meeting Item 7.2
Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:19:31 AM

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Dear Mountain View City Council,

I am writing in support of Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation and Reach Silicon Valley and its "Mompreneur" program for one time American Rescue Plan Act funding for workforce development. As a physician who works with the vehicle dwelling community in Mountain View, I have heard consistently firsthand of the trust and relationships they have with Reach Silicon Valley. The community trusts this organization and shares their hopes, dreams, and needs with them. For many years, Reach SV has been coming alongside this community to develop and foster the already intrinsic assets the community has and assists them to reach their potential at scale. I am in full support of them receiving the full \$75,000 in funding.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Ho MD