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The displacement response strategy presented in the staff report seems predicated on the wrong-headed assumption that humans are fungible.

The focus is on mitigation of displaces housing units. It should focus instead on helping displaced families. If my neighbors are displaced from their R3 unit where they have been living the past 20+ years, they will not be able to find new housing in the area. They will be displaced and likely leave Mountain View for good, as no 2 bedroom unit exists in the city for the rent they are currently paying.

Whether the unit is replaced by deed restricted, CSFRA, or market rate will not matter to this family, or others like them.

What will help:

- \* First Right of Return
- \* Expanded relocation benefits
- \* Evaluate an acquisition/preservation program

"Affordable Housing" has a years-long waiting list, and not all displaced families will qualify. A good displacement response should focus on making sure that no family is forced to leave because their home was redeveloped. The number of affordable units is a false metric - it at best approximates the actual goal.

Thanks for taking the time, and all else you do. I am proud of what our city is doing with CSFRA and etc, and am excited for the other good we can do.

- Isaac Stone

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For Item 3.1

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Dear Lisa,

In tonight's Council meeting, you will be deciding on a displacement strategy. I remember a decision a few years back to replace an old—and affordable—apartment building with a string of individual condominiums. The deal gave Mountain View fewer homes in the same space, and they were too expensive for the displaced residents on Rock Street (A name high on Mountain View's list of its cruel mistakes) to aspire to buy.

It would be wonderful if tonight the Council can find a way to require that a building that is approved to take the place of an old one 1) have at least 30% more units than the old one and 2) offer a specified percentage of its units at rents that the displaced renters can afford.

I hope you can find some way to cover the displaced renters for the year or so that they must wait for the rebuild.

Thanks for reading.

Joan Brodovsky