

DATE: February 26, 2026

TO: Rental Housing Committee

FROM: Jennifer Logue, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Charter Modernization – Proposed Amendment to CSFRA**

PURPOSE

The Mountain View City Council's 2025–27 Work Plan includes a project to place a measure on the November 2026 ballot proposing amendments to the City Charter to modernize its provisions. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Rental Housing Committee (RHC) of a proposed non-substantive amendment to Section 1702(o) of the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) and to provide the Committee with an opportunity to review, discuss, and provide feedback on the proposed amendment.

BACKGROUND

On February 10, 2026, the City Council reviewed and discussed proposed amendments to the City Charter, including a revision to Section 1702(o) of the CSFRA to update references to sections of the Mountain View Municipal Code. The Council expressed support for the proposed amendment and directed staff to seek feedback from the RHC. Given that amendments to the CSFRA may be perceived as substantive or controversial regardless of their scope, securing the RHC's understanding and support for this amendment is an important step toward achieving voter approval.

DISCUSSION

Staff recommends amending Section 1702 of the City Charter, which sets forth the definitions applicable to the CSFRA, to revise subsection (o), the definition of "Relocation Assistance," to update references to provisions of the Mountain View Municipal Code. The current definition references Municipal Code provisions that have since been repealed or renumbered, creating ambiguity and potential confusion regarding the applicable requirements. Accordingly, this Charter provision should be amended to reference the correct Municipal Code sections and to ensure that future Code amendments do not create similar inconsistencies.

The proposed amendment to subsection (o) would read as follows:

- (o) *Relocation Assistance*. Financial assistance in the amounts set forth in **Chapter 46, Article II (commencing with Section 46.2-1.5) of the Mountain View City Code, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, governing the provision of tenant relocation assistance.** ~~Article XIII, sections 36.38.15, including without limitation Subsection 36.38.15(d) regarding "Special circumstances" households as defined in Mountain View City Code, Article XIII, sections 36.38.05(g).~~

QUESTION

1. Does the Rental Housing Committee support incorporating the proposed amendment to Section 1702 of the City Charter into the November 2026 Charter modernization ballot measure?