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March 20, 2022

Mayor Ramirez and Members of the City Council  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View 94041

Re: Council Meeting, March 22nd, Agenda Item 7.1– Implementation of SB 9

Dear Mayor Ramirez and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters California endorsed SB 9 and our local LWV supports it. We are pleased to see that Mountain View’s draft ordinances for implementation of SB 9 are in keeping with the spirit of the law.

We do have a few comments. Most important is the prohibition against the sale of one of the two duplexes (or “dual urban opportunity units”) separately from the other duplex. It seems that allowing separate ownership would be an excellent opportunity to create entry level ownership units.

Perhaps a less important issue is whether there needs to be a new land use type called “dual urban opportunity” or whether the current duplex ordinance could simply be modified.

Regarding the second story decks, the Staff’s proposed modification seems reasonable. And we urge the Council to review the issue of requiring payment of below-market-rate fees for someone adding one of these units. We hope that the payment of fees does not discourage owners from using SB 9, as the major objective is to create more moderate/middle income housing opportunities, whether rental or ownership.

Thank you for considering our input. (Please send any comments about this letter to Donna Davies at [dnndavies@gmail.com](mailto:dnndavies@gmail.com)).

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