

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AND FAIR RENT ACT (CSFRA)

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Mayor Lisa Matichak and Members of the City Council
 City of Mountain View
 500 Castro Street
 Mountain View, CA 94041



Re: Exploration of CSFRA modifications

Dear Mayor Lisa Matichak and Members of the City Council:

On November 8, 2016, Measure V, otherwise known as the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) was passed by the voters. The stated purposes of the CSFRA are "to promote neighborhood and community stability, healthy housing, and affordability for renters in the City of mountain View by controlling excessive rent increases and arbitrary evictions to the greatest extent allowable under California law, while ensuring landlords a fair and reasonable return on their investment and guaranteeing fair protections for renters, homeowners, and businesses" (Section 1700).

In April 2017, the Rental Housing Committee started implementing and administering the CSFRA and adopted Regulations to further clarify the text and intent of the CSFRA in a fair and equitable manner. In its two years of operation, the Rental Housing Committee has been dealing with issues that might benefit from clarification through modifications of the CSFRA.

On June 25, 2019 the City Council decided to form a subcommittee to explore potential amendments to the CSFRA. The Rental Housing Committee would like to express its interest in providing background information and input regarding any City Council sponsored initiative to amend the CSFRA. In the past two years, the Rental Housing Committee also conducted several meetings with various stakeholders in the City and recommends gathering input from these interest groups. The Rental Housing Committee hereby offers its assistance in organizing such community meetings.

Matt Grunewald
 Chair of the Rental Housing Committee
 City of Mountain View