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From: Emily Ramos
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:57 AM
To: City Council; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; , City Clerk
Subject: Re: 6.1 Strategic Roadmap Action Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23
Attachments: Letter to Council - Strategic Roadmap Action Plan.pdf

To Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council

Mountain View YIMBY is a chapter of South Bay YIMBY. We are a group of people who live or work in the city of Mountain View and believe in increasing equitable access to the opportunities offered by this amazing city, and combating global warming through urbanization. We do so by advocating for construction of homes at all income levels, from supportive housing to market rate! We protect Mountain View's more vulnerable residents by defending Mountain View's rent control law, and advocating for better displacement protection policies. Last but not least, we push for more transit, and bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

Therefore, Mountain View YIMBY expresses enthusiastic support for a number of potential projects to achieve the strategic priorities from the workplan in the staff report. However here are our **top 3 priorities**:

#14 Review and propose revisions to the R3 Zone standards that consider form-based zoning, incentivizing stacked flats, and updated Rowhouse Guidelines.

We commend the R3 up-zoning effort to increase housing capacity by 12,000 units over the next 40 years and the City's commitment to implementing tools that would allow these housing units to be built. We encourage the council to broaden its approach from simply incentivizing stacked flats and townhouses to making a broad range of apartments and missing middle housing types more feasible. We applaud the upzoning of Mountain View's medium-density residential. We view this as an extension of anti-displacement tools, which is why we believe this must be implemented in tandem with the project: ***#13 Hold a Study Session on a displacement response strategy and net loss; develop a work plan for any desired follow-up actions.*** We support developing strategies and ordinances to help stem displacement in our community. There should never be incentives for a net-loss development. Options should include: replacement requirements for demolished rent controlled units, tenant opportunity to purchase (TOPA) or community opportunity to purchase (COPA) ordinances, and tenant right of return options.

#19 Continue work on the Housing Element for the 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) period.

The housing crisis is a regional issue and we want to ensure that Mountain View does its part to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. MV YIMBY wants to work with community, staff and council to be sure Mountain View has a compliant Housing Element. As we plan for more housing, we also don't want to rely on a single source for housing. Therefore, we ask that we also look into allowing multi-unit housing in R1 zones through this project as well.

#20 Develop strategies for middle-income persons to afford different housing types.

Like many cities around the Bay Area, it is time for Mountain View to explore eliminating exclusionary zoning and enable multi-unit housing on all properties zoned for housing. Opportunity Housing may

be a solution that cost-effectively expands housing options for Mountain View residents while maximizing land and infrastructure with duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, five-plexes and more.

Although, they are not in our top 3, we also enthusiastically support the following projects on the workplan:

#2 Develop a City mobile home ordinance modeled on the CSFRA and administered by the RHC.

Mountain View YIMBY supports the protection of our vulnerable neighbors. We urge the council to grant rent stabilization and eviction protections to all mobile home residents as quickly, effectively and efficiently as possible.

#3 Develop a comprehensive Homelessness Response Strategy that includes housing, services, and an expenditure and funding plan.

We support exploring opportunities to build affordable housing for vulnerable communities.

#10 Create a Moffett Precise Plan

The Moffett district occupies a strategic location on major transit routes and adjacent to our thriving downtown, which makes it an ideal location to add homes. We would also like bike lanes included.

#15 Facilitate the development of affordable housing at the VTA Evelyn Site.

We support exploring opportunities to build affordable housing.

#16 Facilitate the planning, entitlement and building permit process for Lot 12.

As we mentioned in our letter to council in October, we believe that Lot 12 is a rare opportunity to provide housing for our most vulnerable residents and are excited that it could be the first Measure A project in Mountain View. We urge the council to aggressively pursue this opportunity.

#17 Review the zoning of parcels with existing numbers of units that are at a greater density than currently allowed by the Zoning Ordinance/General Plan.

We vehemently oppose net-loss housing developments and downzoning. To prevent that, we need an inventory of where current zoning is contrary to pre-existing structures, and a plan to upgrade the zoning so that any development that does occur increases our supply of homes.

#18 Partner with the County to explore the potential conversion of the Crestview Hotel to housing for unstably housed individuals and families.

We support exploring options to house our vulnerable neighbors.

#21 Work with MVLA to explore the possibility of the District acquiring the Shenandoah property and the opportunity for shared uses and affordable housing on the site.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Lieber, Sally; Ramirez, Lucas; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat
Cc: City Council
Subject: 4/27/21 meeting agenda item 6.1 (Strategic Roadmap Action Plan)

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To: Members of the Mountain View City Council
From: Joel Dean, 750 North Shoreline Boulevard, MV
Subject: Strategic Roadmap Action Plan

The Action Plan lists strategic priorities which sound high-minded, including (1) Community for All; (2) Livability and Quality of Life; (4) Mobility and Connectivity; and (7) Organizational Strength and Good Governance ... Maintain fiscal responsibility. Then on page 6, item 25, there appears a project which flies in the face of those priorities: "Continue the feasibility study of Automated Guideway Transportation System."

The automated guideway would be a perfect fit if the Action Plan priorities were (1) Community for all except those unfortunates sandwiched between North Bayshore and the Caltrain station; (3) Destroy the livability and quality of life of residential areas along Shoreline and Moffett Boulevards and Middlefield Road; (4) Give more toys to a small minority who already have more than their share, while severing connections for the underserved majority; and (7) Spend a billion dollars on those toys, keep feeding consultants who are waxing fat at the public trough, and economize on the third-world transit services available to everyone else.

The only potentially useful aspect of the guideway is the connection between the Light Rail's NASA station and North Bayshore. City Council may have slammed the door on this by disapproving a crossing of Stevens Creek at Charleston Road. The rest of it is a mortal insult to those of us who have already been imposed on by the equally useless Reversible Bus Lane.

When funding for continued study of the automated guideway came before the City Council in 2019, it was approved by a vote of 4-3. The votes of current Council members were 3-2 against, and the 'aye' voters were not wildly enthusiastic. In the interim, the pandemic has aggravated shortcomings in our infrastructure, including health care, education, the electrical grid, communications, housing, and transportation systems. All these need to be addressed and the benefits distributed more equitably. Under current circumstances, spending vast sums of money on tinsel projects is unforgivable.

I ask the Council to strike the Automated Guideway from the Action Plan. This turkey has strutted and fretted its hour upon the stage for far too long. It should be slaughtered, fed to the flies, and then be heard no more.

Thank you for your attention.

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From: Maritza Rodriguez-Ortega
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:09 AM
To: Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; lisa.matichak@moutainview.gov; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk; fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Mountain View Solidarity Fund

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund. I have known Paula Perez and Olga Melo for 17 years as I have been familiar with their work in the schools and in the community advocating for educational opportunity for the Latino community. I recently learned about their work with the MV Solidarity Fund, and I am so grateful that these hard-working and dedicated Latina parents have put together this community-led mutual aid fund to support undocumented families in this hard time.

I understand that the city council will consider on Tuesday evening how to allocate \$7.4 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan, including \$3 million that does not yet have a staff recommendation. Knowing that so many of our Latino, and especially undocumented, parents have been struggling in this time, I strongly urge you to commit as much of that funding as possible to get flexible financial assistance into the hands of Latino (especially undocumented) families.

And if you do, I hope that you allocate half of that funding to the MV Solidarity Fund so that Latino leaders like Paula and Olga, who are the closest to the problems that undocumented families face, have a chance to distribute these funds through processes that can work well for the community.

In solidarity,
Maritza Rodriguez Ortega
Community in Action Team Founder