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**From:** Kelly Traver  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 2:06 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** secure storage ordinance

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Can you please tell me when secure storage of firearms will be on the agenda? I thought at the last meeting when you adopted banning firearms from public places you agreed to put secure storage on an upcoming agenda. Perhaps this should be an item for May when you discuss mental health awareness (you will be doing a proclamation?) as secure storage intersects with this. In 80% of school shootings, the shooter (who is obviously mentally distressed/ill) uses as his weapon an unsecured firearm. Two teen suicides everyday happen in this country using an unsecured firearm. During Covid, unintentional child deaths increased by 43% and teen gun suicides by 9%. Now that the U.S. is opening back up we can expect to see a spike in school shootings (which we have this month already). I do not want to see this in Mountain View. PLEASE can you tell me when this will be on the agenda?

Thank you, Kelly Traver

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 7:36 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Support for Safe Storage of Firearms

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Dear City Council members,

Thank you for adding safe storage of firearms to the Strategic Roadmap Action Plan. I encourage you to take up this important topic this year. Safe storage saves lives!

All the best,

Karen Pandula  
Silicon Valley Gun Violence Prevention Alliance

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**From:** Lisa Goldman  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 7:39 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Safe storage

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Dear City Council members,

I am a resident of Mt View. Thank you for adding safe storage in the roadmap action plan. At least 4.6M children in the US live in homes with unsecured guns, a number that could increase as gun sales spike. While there isn't one law or ordinance that will end gun violence, we know that secure storage can prevent unintentional shootings and teen suicides. As a mom of two teens, I appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Thanks,  
Lisa Goldman

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**From:** Jen ·  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 7:58 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Thank you!!

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Dear City Council members,

I'm writing to thank you for adding safe storage to your roadmap action plan. At least 4.6M children in the US live in homes with unsecured guns, a number that could easily increase as gun sales spike, unless there is education and attention around safe storage. While there isn't one law or ordinance that will end gun violence, we know that safe storage can prevent unintentional shootings and deaths by gun suicide.

With gratitude,  
Jennifer Burton

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**From:** Alex Ruiz ·  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 9:59 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** 4/27 Council Meeting - Strategic Initiatives - Broadband

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Hi City Council Members,

I'm writing to provide input on the Strategic Initiatives discussion this coming Tuesday. I've been living in Mountain View for approximately 14 years now. As a long time resident, I am proud of and have taken advantage of being in the heart of Silicon Valley. Though I don't often go to the council meetings, I try to follow the agenda and notes closely. In general, I've been impressed with how this group has navigated these unprecedented times.

That being said, I am very disappointed to see that your Mobility and Connectivity plan doesn't place a great emphasis on increasing the high speed and general connectivity options for Mountain View residents. As this pandemic has shown, having reliable and fast internet options is increasingly critical in our connected world. Being able to get a fast connection allows parents to work from home, kids to attend classes and the whole family to have online appointments with their doctors.

Having fiber or other fast connections eases traffic and congestion (by letting residents work from home), increases access to education (by letting children attend personalized classes online), provides more public service options (free wifi for disadvantaged communities, online menus for restaurants that visitors can pull up, connected infrastructure, etc..)

I live in Waverly Park and the fastest internet I can buy is woefully slow. During this pandemic I've done my best to get faster options to my home, but they just aren't available. I don't think we should look at the pandemic as a one off case. This has shown many of us the potential future of work. That means we increasingly need more and faster internet access.

Here are just a few articles/research (of which there are thousands) that will be useful as you make this decision:

1. [Digital Prosperity: how broadband can deliver health and equity to communities](#)
2. [Articles that encourage workers to move to cities with Gigabyte speeds](#)
3. [Digital Divide: health, education and prosperity depend on high speed internet](#)

Finally, I'd like to address the concern raised in Note 1 that this project would require too much capital investment and time from the council. For the first, there are companies, like Google, who would be happy to partner with Mountain View to bring fiber or Giga speeds. I don't believe Mountain View would have to foot the bill for this. Also, as a resident, I would happily pay an additional tax if I could be guaranteed Giga speeds. As for the second, this initiative will impact and help with most of the other key agenda items this council has raised, including Housing, Mobility and economic vitality.

I am happy to make myself available for questions or advocacy if that is needed.

Your truly,

Alex Ruiz

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**From:** Kenneth Wharton  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 8:43 AM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** MV Solidarity Fund

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Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund.

In particular, I encourage you to please use the \$7.4M in American Rescue Plan funds (especially the \$3.0M that does not yet have a staff recommendation) to maximize the amount of flexible financial assistance you can get into the hands of the wide range of people who are really struggling during this pandemic. You can increase the effect of this money by spreading it out to different organizations with different connections to different portions of our community. I've been hearing great things about the MV Solidarity fund, and I would encourage you to seriously consider choosing them to receive a substantial portion of this money, as they are an effective and direct line to our Latino neighbors (including those who are undocumented).

I've heard some concern that all of this money might instead go to CSA -- another wonderful organization for which I've recently volunteered. But I think this would be a mistake for several reasons. First of all, any organization is going to be more effectively able to invest their first million than their second million. Second, it's a fact that different families have different connections to these various organizations, and if we want to reach everyone -- including undocumented workers who tend to slip through the cracks -- we should absolutely spread out our efforts. And finally, the MV Solidarity fund is headed up by Latina leaders with 20+ years of organizing experience -- please give them a chance to help. They can reach people who CSA cannot.

Sincerely,

Ken Wharton

20-year Mtn. View Resident

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**From:** Anett Gyurak  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 2:34 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** Resident support for MV Solidarity Fund - American Rescue Plan allocation request

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Respected City Council members,

My name is Anett Gyurak. I have called Mountain View home for over a decade and I work at a local technology company. Our family have roots in this vibrant and diverse community with our son going to the local elementary school, Landels - and some of our closest friends all living in the city. We cherish the diversity both in terms of race and SES that still characterizes Mountain View -- especially when compared to neighboring cities. However, over the decade I have been watching this diversity diminish with affordability decreasing. I am proud of some of the city's initiatives: rent control, rent moratorium, affordable housing and overnight vehicle parking and RV dweller rules that allowed lower income families to stay local and remain in the city.

In this email I wanted to reach out to you as my elected city official about an important and urgent issue that I believe matters a lot for our community during this time of crisis: **supporting our struggling local undocumented Latino families.**

I recently learned about the **Mountain View Solidarity Fund**, and I am so impressed with the success of the initiative where Latina parents have put together a community-led mutual aid fund to powerfully support undocumented families in these unprecedented times when many families and children were left behind. As I have learned about the work that these women have been doing in the community for so long, I can't help but be inspired by their work and **hope that our city can get them more resources** to build upon the incredibly powerful work that they have already done.

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.**

I know the **Mountain View Solidarity Fund is asking for half of this fund**, and I trust that their approach and success speaks for itself and **you will vote to grant the funds**. They powerfully demonstrated the value of their approach: being closest to the problems that undocumented families face, they can help most effectively distribute these funds through processes that can work well for our community and help preserve our diversity and values.

Sincerely,

Anett Gyurak





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**From:** Eugene C Cordero  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 7:26 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for the MV Solidarity Fund

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Dear Mountain View City Council,

My name is Eugene Cordero, I've lived in Mountain View for 13 years, and I'm a professor at San Jose State University.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund. I originally donated to the work that Anthony Chang, Paula Perez and Olga Melo did last spring to help redistribute funds in the early days of the pandemic. This was important to me because our community needs to provide extra support to some of the most vulnerable members of our community during these hard times. I'm pleased to see that this work has continued resulting in the MV Solidarity Fund and a partnership with the Los Altos Community Foundation. These efforts have raised over \$100,000 and helped many within our community. Their work is valuable and I would like to see the City of Mountain View support their continued efforts.

I understand that Tuesday evening the city council will consider how to allocate \$7 million from the American Rescue Plan. Knowing that so many of our undocumented Latino families have been struggling during 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 and especially undocumented families. The MV Solidarity Fund has demonstrated success in reaching the most vulnerable within our community, so I'd encourage the city council to consider using the MV Solidarity Fund to reach such populations. Leaders like Paula and Olga come from this community and they best can understand the challenges that undocumented families face and how to ensure these families get the assistance they need.

Thank you for considering my request.

Best, Eugene

Eugene Cordero, Professor  
Department of Meteorology and Climate Science  
San Jose State University

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**From:** Sarah Livnat  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 7:32 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** MV Solidarity Fund

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Sarah Livnat. I live in Mountain View with my 3 children who have gone through or are at MV public schools. I have been active in the community as PTA president at Castro and Gabriela Mistral and as a participant on the MVWSD boundaries task forces advocating for equity for our English-language-learners. I also co-founded Listos MV in 2016.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund.

I have been closely connected to the Latino community in Mountain View for many years and have helped support and mentor leaders of the community, first through my work in the schools and then through Listos. Over the years, and in particular during the pandemic, our local volunteer leaders have supported the most vulnerable in our community with compassion and urgency. These Latina volunteer leaders of MV Solidarity Fund have proactively provided resources and helpful information through social media and workshops, quickly responded to the needs of community members and inspired other members of the community to help, and advocated on behalf of the needs of the community with city leaders. For the sustained health and wellness of the MV Latino community going forward, I hope that our city can empower them with more funding.

I heard 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 how hard this time has been for so many, I strongly urge you to allocate \$3M in funding for flexible financial assistance for families that have been hit hardest by the pandemic.

And I hope that you allocate half of that funding to the MV Solidarity Fund so that Latina leaders in the community, who are the closest to the problems that undocumented families face, have a chance to administer these funds in the ways that can work best for these families.

Sincerely,

Sarah Livnat

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**From:** Wendy Wong  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 9:36 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk; Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Ask to Support MV Solidarity Fund

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Wendy Wong. I have lived in this wonderful community of Mountain View for 20+ years. I am a homeowner, and have 2 children in Mountain View public schools (Landels & Graham). I'm happy to call this place my home because of the diversity this city offers and the care this city has for its residents. I feel welcomed and I feel safe.

This is my first time writing to city council because this is something i'm truly passionate about and want to help.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund. During the pandemic, I have had the privilege of working from home but know that many of my neighbors and parents of the kids our children go to school with have not. It's been so important to me to give to this community that has given so much to me. I work for a diagnostic company that makes COVID tests. I actually had the privilege of helping to develop the test and received a bonus for the nonstop work me and the team put into the development. Although I worked the long hours, I didn't feel I deserved the money because I knew there were many families suffering during this time. So I gave that money to the community by donating to the MV Solidarity Fund because I believe in racial equity and that Latina community leaders like Paula Perez and Olga Melo best understand the needs of the community and how to best reach and support most impacted families in these hard times. Families that would have otherwise been overlooked but are truly in need.

I understand that the city council is considering what to do with \$7.4 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan. Knowing that so many of our Latino, and especially undocumented, neighbors have been struggling in this time, I strongly urge you to commit \$3M of that funding to flexible financial assistance for the most vulnerable families in our community.

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

Thank you for your consideration,

Wendy

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**From:** Miguel Sanchez  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 10:11 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Miguel Sanchez  
**Subject:** Suggestion for allocating American Rescue Plan funds

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MV City Council,

I write to you in the hopes that you would consider allocating some of the forthcoming funds of the American Rescue Plan to a recently created Mountain View Solidarity Fund.

In my last message to you back in January I mentioned my family's commitment to helping members of our vulnerable community through our personal aid efforts. About the same time, we were also happy to hear that other community members had started their own aid efforts, leading to the creation of the Mountain View Solidarity Fund.

What is amazing about this effort is that it has been spearheaded by a group of local women community activists, among them Olga Melo and Paula Perez. As much as they themselves have faced great economic and personal challenges over the past year, they managed to bootstrap this effort. Their focus is the vulnerable community who need quick direct aid, without complicated process and applications. As this is the same community my family is focused on helping, when we found out of the creation of the Mountain View Solidarity Fund, we also dedicated some of our funds to their efforts. It's hard to overstate the impact this kind of aid has had on our community members. I think grassroots efforts like these, particularly led by women who themselves are part of this struggle, are extremely important initiatives to support and encourage.

We hope that when considering allocations for the American Rescue Plan funds, you would strongly consider continuing to support the aid efforts of the Mountain View Solidarity Fund.

Thank you,

- Miguel Sanchez

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**From:** Brianna De Dios  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 10:35 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; : McCarthy, Kimbra; , City  
**Subject:** Clerk; Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com  
Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View.

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Rosa and Guadalupe De Dios. I have lived in Mountain View for 28 years. I have two children and work as a cook at a small cafe restaurant.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund / Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View.

I am so grateful to have received support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View. In the last year, my husband was laid off of work in which it made it hard for rent and other bills to get paid. I am thankful for getting support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View, and it was so nice to know that people from my community are able to support us during this hard time.

Please support them in any way you can to continue the work they are doing in the community.

Thank you,

Rosa and Guadalupe De Dios

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**From:** Karen Leshner <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 8:55 AM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** American Rescue Plan funds

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund.

I donated to the work that Anthony Chang, Paula Perez and Olga Melo did last spring to redistribute funds in the early days of the pandemic because I was saddened by the need and inspired by their effort to meet the needs of families in our community.

I am so grateful that they have continued that work through the MV Solidarity Fund, and am impressed that they have received fiscal sponsorship through Los Altos Community Foundation, and raised over \$100,000 in funding and commitments. I hope that our city can get them more resources to continue to meet the needs of the Latino community.

I heard that on Tuesday evening city council is considering how to allocate \$7.4 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan, including \$3 million that does not yet have a staff recommendation.

I hope that you can commit that \$3M in funding for flexible financial assistance for undocumented Latino families who have faced huge challenges during the pandemic. And I hope that you allocate half of that funding to the MV Solidarity Fund so that the community leaders like Paula and Olga, who come from the community and best understand the problems that undocumented families face, have a chance to distribute these funds and support families in their community.

Sincerely,

Karen Leshner  
Old Mountain View Resident since 2010

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**From:** rosa arellano <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat;  
sally.lieber@ Alison.Hicks@ McCarthy, Kimbra; , City  
Clerk; Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Rosa and Guadalupe De Dios. I have lived in Mountain View for 19 years. I have three kids all in school (Graham, MVHS, and Foothill Community College) and work as a child caretaker.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund / Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View.

I am so grateful to have received support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View. In the last year, my husband and I were not able to work due to getting infected with COVID-19. This made it hard to pay rent, medical bills and other essential bills. I am thankful for getting support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View, this allowed for our family to be able to get back on our feet and become active members of our community again and it was so nice to know that people from my community are able to support us during this hard time.

Please support them in any way you can to continue the work they are doing in the community.

Thank you,  
Rosa Arellano



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**From:** Marili Silva <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 11:02 AM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk; Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Marili Silva. I have been living in Mountain View for 15 years. For now I study from home as do my two children and support them in studing. My husband Omar is the one who works and provides the expenses for us.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund / Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View because my family and I are very grateful to receive financial support from the Mountain View Solidarity Fund Foundation.

The financial help was of great benefit to cover household expenses and prevent us from getting into debt. The aid process was very easy and straightforward to apply which is not intimidating unlike other aid agencies. I feel safe living in a caring and generosity community. Therefore, I strongly ask for your support to strengthen the Mountain View Solidarity Fund Foundation so that they continues to help those in need through this charity during these difficult times where we are learning to adapt and survive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Marili silva

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**From:** Rosalia Gil <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 11:21 AM  
**To:** Alison.Hicks@mountainview Ellen.Kamei@mountainview.gov ;  
Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com; Ramirez, Lucas; Showalter, Pat; , City Clerk;  
McCarthy, Kimbra; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Lieber, Sally

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Rosalía Gil. I have lived in Mountain View for 16 years. I have 4 children and worked as a caretaker.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund / Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View.

This fund has helped me a lot with paying my rent and some of my bills when my family was sick with COVID- 19 and couldn't work for over a month. Please support them in any way that you can to continue the work they are doing in the community.

Thank you,  
Rosalía Gil

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**From:** julieta flores ·  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 12:46 PM  
**To:** Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com; Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Sally.lieber@moutainview.gov; Hicks, Alison; Kimbra.maccarthy@moutainview.gov; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Julieta Flores . I have lived in Mountain View for 5 years.  
At this moment I'm not having a job.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund / Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View.

I am so grateful to have received support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View. In the last year, I have not had steady work and it's been hard to pay all my bills. I tried to get help from CSA but I was not eligible because I rent a room and don't have a written lease. I am so grateful that the process of getting support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View was so simple, and it was so nice to know that people from my community are able to support us during this hard time.

Please support them in any way that you can to continue the work they are doing in the community.

Sincerely

Julieta Flores.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Kimberly Myers Hewlett  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matchak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Cc:** Billy Hewlett  
**Subject:** Allocation of American Rescue Plan \$\$ from MV resident

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Kimberly Myers Hewlett. I have lived in Mountain View for +13 years with my husband and our two kids.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund.

My family and I donated to the work that Anthony Chang, Paula Perez and Olga Melo created last spring to redistribute funds in the early days of the pandemic because it seemed important to support undocumented Latino families who were facing such financial hardships during the pandemic.

It's inspiring to see that they have built upon the work of last spring to establish MV Solidarity Fund, partnered with Los Altos Community Foundation, and raised over \$100,000. I hope that the city can get them more funding to do more of this work.

I understand that Tuesday evening the city council will consider 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 undocumented Latino families 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 mixed status & undocumented) families.

And I hope that you allocate half of that funding to the MV Solidarity Fund so that leaders like Paula and Olga, who come from the community and can best understand the challenges that undocumented families face, have a chance to get these funds to families who need it the most. I truly believe that the power of the MV Solidarity Fund comes from the community participation and trust that the leaders have built. The support that you can give will help create a stronger and more stable Mountain View as we look towards recovery.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Myers Hewlett

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**From:** Mauricio Palma <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 4:41 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matchak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Cc:** Olga Melo; Paula Perez; Anthony Chang; Gina D. Dalma; Manuel J. Santamaria  
**Subject:** Mountain View Solidarity Fund

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Mauricio Palma. I am the Director of Community Building at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, headquartered in Mountain View.

I am writing in support of the Mountain View Solidarity Fund.

Silicon Valley Community Foundation has supported the Mountain View Solidarity Fund because we are captivated by Paula Perez and Olga Melo. Their leadership and work have touched the lives of hundreds of neighbors in the community for so many years.

Our social problems require individual and structural solutions. Paula and Olga invited many others to join forces and they have generated a wonderful solution that we can all support. The creation of a mutual aid fund for Latino families gives us faith in the transformative power of community-driven solutions. With a commitment to civic participation, economic equity, and racial justice, we provided \$15,000 to the Mountain View Solidarity Fund because we know that the best solutions often come from those who are the closest to the problem. Paula and Olga, leadership and work, embody that principle.

We know that community leaders like Paula and Olga have gone through the Mountain View's Spanish language civic leadership academy. We hope that the city council continues to support and invest in leaders like them and the projects and efforts that they are leading.

Sincerely,

Mauricio Palma

Mauricio Palma  
Director, Community Building  
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**From:** Jazmin Gonzalez <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 5:53 PM  
**To:** Kamej, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Mountain View Solidarity Fund

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Jazmin Gonzalez. I am a Program Officer with the Sobrato Family Foundation, based here in Mountain View.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund.

Our board recently approved a \$25,000 grant to the MV Solidarity Fund because we are so impressed with the work that Latina leaders like Paula Perez and Olga Melo have been doing in the community for so many years, and with their most recent effort to stand up this mutual aid fund for Latino families.

With a commitment to racial equity, we were also excited to support this project because we know that the best solutions often come from those who are the closest to the problem, and that this Latina-led volunteer effort embodies that principle.

We know that community leaders like Paula and Olga have gone through the city's Spanish language civic leadership academy. We hope that the city council continues to support and invest in leaders like them and the projects and efforts that they are leading.

Sincerely,

Jazmin Gonzalez

Jazmin Gonzalez (she/her/hers), Program Officer  
The Sobrato Family Foundation

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## Gutierrez, Jeannette

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**From:** Ellen Wheeler  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 8:14 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** From Ellen Wheeler - Re item 8.1; Supporting allocation to MV Solidarity Fund

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Dear Mayor Kamei, Vice Mayor Ramirez, Mountain View City Council Members, City Manager McCarthy, and Mountain View's City Clerk:

I'm writing regarding agenda item 8.1 on this Tuesday's council meeting agenda.

Specifically, I'm writing to provide feedback on your decisions on how to allocate the \$7.4m from the American Rescue Plan, and even more specifically, how to allocate the \$3m that is not currently allocated.

I'd like to encourage you to **allocate some of that \$3m towards the MV Solidarity Fund**. You're likely aware of this group of Latina parents that keeps working tirelessly to help others in our community. They are helping undocumented families who are struggling with rent during these extremely difficult financial times.

I know that they are working through Los Altos Community Foundation as their financial agent to get money to these families. (I've actually made a donation to LACF for this purpose and have asked others to do the same.)

I personally know and can vouch for two leaders of MV Solidarity Fund, Olga Melo and Paula Perez, and have also come to learn of the additional leadership of Anthony Chang in this effort.

Thank you for considering my request to allocate some of the unallocated \$3m towards MV Solidarity Fund. I know you're likely getting swamped with requests, so I appreciate you considering this group that is doing so much good grass roots work done in Mountain View.

Sincerely, Ellen Wheeler  
MVWSD Trustee (title for identification purposes only)

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**From:** Isabel Martinez  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 9:02 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk; Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com

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My name is Flavio Cordero,  
I've lived in Mountain View, CA for 32 years.  
I have a 15 year old daughter, I work as a food runner, in a local restaurant. Even though I just started this job, I've worked for the restaurant industry for over 30 years.  
The reason I never applied for CSA is because I was not aware of their assistance to the public, I want to support this program so they can give a hand out to hard working people who are/were in my position.

- sincerely

The Cordero family

-Jacqueline, Isabel & Flavio

Ps: with your help I can now be at peace that my rent will be payed on time.  
And I can be calm & happy because of you guy -once again thank you!

Enviado desde mi iPhone



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**From:** Jose Molina  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 11:04 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk; Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Our testimony about FSMV

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Jose Molina. I have lived in Mountain View for 18 years. I have 2 children and work as a handyman.

I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund / Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View.

I am so grateful to have received support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View. In the last year in a half, We have not had steady work and it's been hard to pay all our bills. We tried to get help from CSA but We were not eligible because I did not have all the requirements that they asked for. I am so grateful that the process of getting support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View was so simple, and it was so nice to know that people from my community are able to support us during this hard time.

Please support them in any way that you can to continue the work they are doing in the community.

Sincerely,  
Jose Molina and Family

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**From:** Fondo de Solidaridad Mountain View <fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 11:09 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk  
**Subject:** Tues, 4/27: Agenda Item 8.1; American Rescue Plan; MV Solidarity Fund

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Dear City Councilmembers,

We are the volunteer leaders of Fondo de Solidaridad de MV / MV Solidarity Fund (you can read more about our work in this [Google Doc](#)). Although this is our first time writing to you as this group, we are primarily a group of Latina women who have been doing work in the community for 20+ years as parents in Mountain View public schools, around affordable housing and housing displacement, through the city's Spanish-language Civic Leadership Academy ("Academia"), and more. MV Solidarity Fund is just the most recent step/project in a long 20+ year arc of community organizing by and for our community.

We are writing to you about agenda item 8.1 on the city council meeting agenda for Tuesday, 4/27 where the city council will be giving staff direction on funding from the American Rescue Plan.

We have the following recommendations for the American Rescue Plan funding:

- Use \$3M of the City's American Rescue Plan funding to support funding for flexible financial assistance and/or a guaranteed income pilot to promote economic recovery for families hit hardest by the pandemic, including Latino immigrant undocumented and mixed status families in our community
- Allocate ½ of this \$3M in funding (= \$1.5M) to MV Solidarity Fund so that people from the Latino community who are the closest to the problems that undocumented families face have a chance to distribute these funds through processes that meet the community where they are at

Below are some of our considerations in making these recommendations:

- **Need in the community:** As a group of primarily working class Latina immigrants and parents of school age children who have lived in Mountain View for 5-20 years, we see everyday the economic devastation and stress of the pandemic in our community. Despite increased vaccinations and gradual re-opening of schools and businesses, we know that the Latino community has been among the hardest in this time and still has a long road to economic recovery over the coming year.
- **Opportunity for Latino leadership in meeting community needs:** Given the significant hardships in the Latino community in this time, we see an incredible opportunity for the Latino community to take a leadership role in designing the solutions that meet our community's needs. 7 of the 9 MV Solidarity Fund community volunteers are graduates from the Academia. We see this opportunity to empower Latino leadership through the MV Solidarity Fund as a natural outgrowth of and a powerful story resulting from the city's investment in the Spanish-language Civic Leadership Academy. This is one of the most significant opportunities to date for graduates of the Academia to take on a larger leadership role in our community, and perhaps singular in the opportunity to steward financial resources.
- **Our capacity for meeting community needs:** After piloting a community-led redistribution of funds in May/June 2020, our group decided to partner with and get fiscal sponsorship from Los Altos Community Foundation to strengthen our financial, operational, and administrative infrastructure. Under the 501c3 of Los Altos Community Foundation in the last couple months, we have raised and quietly redistributed ~ \$50K in flexible financial assistance to ~ 50 undocumented families, and have another \$50,000 in commitments. Our biggest limitation is funding. Between our volunteers' deep understanding and relationships in the community and the support of Los Altos Community Foundation, we have the capacity to significantly increase our reach to hundreds of families.
- **Economic recovery and American Rescue Plan:** Although we imagine that there are many funding needs in this time, we believe that economic recovery in Mountain View needs to center the most impacted in our community, which includes working class Latino immigrants, undocumented and mixed status families, single

parents, essential workers and more. We see parents in our community are only slowly getting back to work as schools and businesses reopen. Therefore, we can imagine that working class Latino families in particular may need many months to recover, and that sustained flexible financial assistance over a period of time (something like the guaranteed income pilots in Stockton, Marin and Oakland, and more) may be what our community needs.

- **Size of request and imagining the possibilities:** We recognize that \$1.5M of funding to be channeled to families through the MV Solidarity Fund is a significant request. And we also see it as a bold continuation of the \$4M in rent relief funds channeled through CSA over the last year, as well as an opportunity for Mountain View to potentially think bigger and more creatively about community-led solutions that can lead to economic recovery for the most vulnerable in our community. With \$1.5M in funding to be channeled to families, we could imagine going beyond flexible financial assistance and considering big ideas with big impacts like a community led guaranteed income / universal basic income pilot.
- **Both/and including MV Solidarity Fund:** We know and appreciate that there are many nonprofit organizations (including CSA, Dayworkers Center of Mountain View, Reaching Potential Movement and more), churches, and informal community groups working hard to support the most vulnerable in our community in these difficult times. And, as both MV Solidarity Fund and CSA are working on providing flexible financial assistance in our community, we have had a preliminary discussion with Tom Myers at CSA on - if we were both fortunate enough to receive funding for flexible financial assistance and/or a guaranteed income pilot - how we might be able to collaborate on crafting solutions that can best meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. With that in mind, we want to be clear that we are advocating for a both/and strategy of supporting the important work that groups like CSA have been doing for many years AND including more Latino-led efforts where people from most impacted communities have more of an opportunity to self-determine the stewardship of resources and program design in ways that can meet the needs of our community.

Thank you so much for your consideration. We are available to discuss or iterate on any of these ideas going forward.

With gratitude and respect,

Fondo de Solidaridad de MV / MV Solidarity Fund

(Paula Perez, Olga Melo, Azucena Castañon, Marilú Cuesta, Isabel Salazar, Sonia Sequieros, Nadia Mora, Nura Bohnhoff, Anthony Chang)

## Gutierrez, Jeannette

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**From:** Dolores Jarquin  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 11:28 PM  
**To:** Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk;  
Fondosolidaridad.mountainview@gmail.com; soniahumos@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony about FSMV

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Dolores Jarquin . I have lived in Mountain View for 28 years. I have 1 child and worked as a housekeeper. I am writing in support of the MV Solidarity Fund / Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View.

I am so grateful to have received support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View. In the last year, I have not had steady work and it's been hard to pay all my bills. I got help from CSA but it was not enough, some of my friends were helping me with some food and some donations to passed by in this tough times. I am so grateful when one of the person from FSMV contact me and that the process of getting support from Fondo de Solidaridad de Mountain View was so simple, and it was so nice to know that people from my community are able to support us during this hard time.

Please support them in any way that you can to continue the work they are doing in the community.

Thank you,

Dolores Jarquin