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Dear esteemed members of the City Council,

On behalf of Mountain View's leisure and lodging businesses, the Chamber of Commerce wishes to comment on Agenda Item 4.7, Potential Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) RevenueBallot Measure.

The TOT remains an important facet - and cost factor - of hotel operations, especially given the challenges of the pandemic. Several hotels had to close, and many others are still in serious financial difficulty. The Chamber supports investigating the situation more fully to better understand the full impact an increase would have to their financial situation and survival. Should the Council approve the hiring of an outside consultant, the Chamber will gladly assist in the data gathering process, including connections with hotel owners and other business stakeholders.

Thank you  
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