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June 10, 2022

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

RE: In Support of Mountain View Solidarity Fund in Fiscal Year 2022-23 Recommended Budget

Dear Mayor Ramirez and Members of the Mountain View City Council:

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As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated immigrant families and hurt our communities even as immigrant residents worked on the front lines to keep our communities fed, clothed, housed, and safe. And yet, they are often left out of federal, state, and local COVID-19 relief programs and services because of immigration status, language barriers, or insufficient outreach initiatives.

The Mountain View Solidarity Fund has been a critical organization, led by Latina parents in the community, to help close these gaps for immigrant families. Their work to ensure that people have the necessary financial assistance to cover vital expenses related to food, housing, health, and children has been crucial throughout these uncertain times. That is why LCF recently invested in the Mountain View Solidarity Fund to ensure the equitable distribution and implementation of

American Rescue Plan resources in the city.

Today, it was announced that consumer prices jumped to 8.6% last month from 12 months earlier. As inflation continues to hit Latino and immigrant families hard across California, especially in Mountain View, it is more necessary to work with groups like the Mountain View Solidarity Fund to ensure immigrant households have a strong social safety net to begin to recover from this pandemic.

With respect,



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