From:	Marilu Cuesta
То:	<u>, City Clerk</u>
Subject:	Support for Affordable Housing
Date:	Tuesday, June 14, 2022 8:00:49 AM

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Respectable Mayor Ramirez and Members of the City Council,

As a Mountain View Resident, I ask that you consider supporting the implementation of a Tenant or Community Opportunity To Purchase Act (TOPA/COPA) policy and support for Community Land Trusts and the appropriation of funding for the acquisition and preservation of affordable housing.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration, Marilu Cuesta

From:	Robin Lin
To:	<u>City Council</u>
Subject:	comment on 6/14/22 CC Meeting Study Session (3.1)
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Dear Mayor Ramirez, Vice Mayor Hicks, City Councilmembers Abe-Koga, Kamei, Lieber, Matichak, and Showalter,

I would like to comment on the Study Session Memo and the comment on page 12 about the Park Land In-Lieu "Fees". While these may be "fees" to a developer, these are <u>investments</u> that developers make into the community for the present and future residents of this great city.

While a lot of thought has gone into how to encourage new housing (and rightfully so), it feels like the same amount of thought hasn't gone into the city amenities that these new residents will hopefully enjoy. I would hope that no matter where these new residents reside in Mountain View, that they enjoy the same walkable access to amenities that existing residents enjoy in many parts of the city. I sadly don't believe that to be true even for existing residents, especially when it comes to parks and open space access. Residents in South Mountain View enjoy open access to beautiful parks like Cuesta and even Cooper Park while residents in North Mountain View have open access to mini-parks.

Given that much of the housing development is weighted in North Mountain View where there is already a significant dearth of parks, it seems highly inequitable to then consider decreasing these Park Land In-Lieu Fees. While POPAs are seen as a panacea for the city's park land problems, I would argue that the city has treated Mountain View Whisman School District lands as POPAs and over the past year, we have gotten a very real lesson in how the terms of Public Access can change unilaterally. Now large swaths of Mountain View residents have \_no\_ access to a non-mini park during daylight hours (e.g., Stevenson Park, Crittendon Park, Castro Park, etc etc).

City staff has demonstrated enormous creativity and nuanced thinking especially over these difficult covid years. I hope that Council encourages staff to think of more creative solutions to achieve our overall goal of making Mountain View a wonderful city to live in for current and future residents.

Thanks. Robin Good morning,

Here's the English translation of the comments that were received in Spanish below:

Dear councilmembers, I hope you are doing well as you receive my letter! I am Maria O and I am a member of the tenants coalition.

My biggest concern is that the rents are higher every day, and I think we are starting to get very stressed in thinking that one day, we will not be able to pay the rent because of such high prices.

That is why, on behalf of my neighbors, relatives, and the entire MV community, we ask for a moratorium to be able to pay our rent, so that in August or September, they do not increase it by 5 or even 8%.

If not, that they continue to charge us 1 or 2% as they were charging during the pandemic, because we see many families that are already working, but not at 100 percent and we still owe rent or money. Please consider this and hopefully do something for us, who want to continue living in Mountain View. It is very difficult for us to go to another city where we don't even know how we are going to start. Thank you very much for your attention!!

Sincerely, Lenka

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Queridos concejales, espero estén muy bien cuando resinan mi carta!

Soy María O y soy miembro de la coalición de inquilinos.

Y mi mayor preocupación es que las rentas cada día son más altas, y creo que estamos empezando a estresarnos mucho en pensar que algún día, no vamos a poder pagar la renta por los precios tal altos.

Por eso en nombre de mis vecinos, familiares y toda la comunidad de M V les pedimos una moratoria para poder pagar nuestra renta, para que en agosto o septiembre, no nos aumenten el 5 o hasta el 8%.

Si no que nos sigan cobrando el 1 o el 2% como estaban cobrando durante la pandemia, porque a vemos muchas familias que a un que ya estamos trabajando, pero no al 100 por ciento y o debemos renta o dinero, entonces por favor consideren y ojalá hagan algo por nosotros los que queremos seguir viviendo en Mountain View, y Que para nosotros es muy difícil irnos a otra ciudad donde ni siquiera sabemos cómo vamos a empezar. Muchas gracias por su atención!!