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**From:** Lester, Elise  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:41 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Miranda, Saul  
**Subject:** Letter of Support from Assemblymember Berman and Senator Becker  
**Attachments:** Becker Berman Fondo Support Joint Letter.pdf

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Hello,

Please find attached the letter of support for Fondo de Solidaridad | Mountain View CLT for the Mountain View City Council study session on the anti-displacement response strategy.

I apologize for any inconvenience caused by the delay in sending this letter.

All the best,



**Elise Lester**

*Field Representative | she/her/hers*

**Office of Assemblymember Marc Berman, 23<sup>rd</sup> District**

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# California Legislature

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Mountain View City Council Members  
Mountain View City Hall  
500 Castro St.  
Mountain View, CA 94041

## **Re: Support of Fondo de Solidaridad | Mountain View CLT**

Dear Mountain View City Council members,

We understand that the City of Mountain View is conducting a study session on the City's displacement response strategy and noted with interest that there is a recommendation on creating an acquisition and preservation pooled fund. We are fully supportive of the City's efforts to address the concerns of residents that run the risk of being displaced and pushed out of our communities. A pooled fund specifically directed at displacement prevention would be a welcome strategy, especially when linked to a community ownership model.

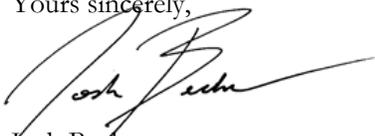
The inclusion of community ownership of housing as one of the goals in Mountain View's Housing Element is an important aspect addressing displacement and having trusted community partners is paramount for success. In that spirit, we would like to express our support of Fondo de Solidaridad | Mountain View CLT and their efforts as working class Latina immigrant leaders to help address displacement and affordable housing through the creation of a community land trust.

We have had the privilege and honor of building a relationship with the Fondo leaders over the last year after learning about their work partnering with the City of Mountain View and local foundations to redistribute \$2+ million in relief funds to some of the most vulnerable working class and low-income families in our community during the pandemic.

That effort was yet another example and demonstration of what can happen when we follow the lead of the most impacted communities and the leaders who come from the community. We will continue to support the Fondo de Solidaridad | Mountain View CLT as they work towards establishing a community land trust and acquiring their first building as a demonstration project in the coming months. We hope the City of Mountain View will support this important work by implementing the displacement response strategy outlined in the Housing Element.

Sincerely,

Yours sincerely,



Josh Becker  
Senator, District 13



Marc Berman  
Assemblymember, District 23

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**From:** Anna Marie Morales  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:19 PM  
**To:** Abe-Koga, Margaret; Hicks, Alison; HousingElements@hcd.ca.gov; Matchak, Lisa; Ramirez, Lucas; Showalter, Pat; Steering Committee; , City Clerk; City Council; Ramos, Emily Ann  
**Subject:** Acquisition and Preservation Study

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Dear Esteemed City Council Members,

Tonight's discussion at 5 PM on the Acquisition and Preservation - Opportunity to Purchase aspect of the Displacement Response strategy holds particular significance for our mobile home community, as explicitly acknowledged in the Housing Element program. In alignment with the Housing Element's directive to prevent and mitigate displacement while preserving affordable housing, I wish to emphasize the critical importance of initiatives such as rent stabilization, deed restrictions, and community ownership models outlined in your objectives and metrics. These measures are essential not only for our mobile home residents but for all who call Mountain View home. As a longtime resident of Mountain View, spanning over four decades, both my mother and I extend our sincere appreciation to the Council for recognizing and including the often overlooked mobile home community in your plans. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to honoring the housing element.

Now, more than ever, I urge the Council to take decisive action in implementing robust preventative measures and displacement protections. Our residents have endured significant challenges, and the establishment of these safeguards is crucial to ensuring their security and stability, especially following the hard-fought battle for rent stabilization. Please reach out to our community so we can be a part of this very important process. Your unwavering support in safeguarding our community's well-being is paramount. Together, let us ensure that every resident of Mountain View feels secure in their homes and empowered to build their future here.

Thank you,  
Anna Marie & Susan Morales

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**From:** MV TC  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:17 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Study Session 3.1

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Honorable Mayor and council members, we hope this message finds you well.

The Mountain View Tenants Coalition (MVTC) is a grassroots organization that, since its inception in 2014, has been dedicated to combating community displacement and advocating for rent control measures. These efforts have had a significant, soothing impact, ensuring the continued residence of a vital segment of the city's working population in Mountain View.

We are grateful for the efforts of the staff in compiling this report and for the city council's decision to prioritize this issue. Following our translation of the report, we wish to express our concern regarding the current proposal's lack of clarity on the immediate benefits of allocating funds to any group at this time. Instead, we suggest that a detailed explanation of the criteria for accessing similar funds would be greatly beneficial, especially for community organizations like ours that are likely to be interested in applying for them.

Our coalition has been a vocal proponent of community housing solutions, viewing them as crucial countermeasures against the displacement and gentrification of vulnerable communities. We are thus heartened by the comprehensive strategy that includes the Owner's Purchase Agreement (OPA), recognizing these initiatives as positive steps forward. While we understand the decision to incorporate a consultant into this framework, we stress the importance of ensuring that this individual works closely with the community. Their role should primarily focus on facilitating the successful implementation of the OPA.

Furthermore, we support the ongoing efforts to reinforce the Mobilehome Residents' Stability Ordinance (MHRSO), Tenant Relocation Ordinance (TRO), and the creation of new ordinances to safeguard tenant rights following the expiration of SB330. This approach mirrors our stance on finding legislative alternatives to SB649 that favor local tenants.

We sincerely hope that our feedback is taken into consideration as we continue to strive for the betterment of our community. We look forward to further collaboration and remain committed to the cause.

With warm regards,

Mountain View Tenants Coalition (MVTC)



Mountain View Tenants Coalition