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Dear Councilmember:

As long-time homeowners in the city, we appreciate all of the efforts Mountain View has made to deal with homelessness in a pro-active way for several years. Below are some specific comments about elements proposed by staff to be discussed in your study session on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Our general position is to urge Council to support inclusion of homelessness services in the city's base budget, not one-time funding.

Strategy 3.1.d – Explore a homeless prevention emergency rent relief program

We strongly support maintaining and increasing the funds distributed by CSA for rent relief of individuals facing homelessness. It is our understanding that preventing people from falling into homelessness is more effective than trying to support them once they find themselves in that situation.

Strategy 5.3.b Provide annual fire and safety inspections and safety information at existing safe parking sites

As part of safety information during our increasingly hot summers, we support expanding the cooling center locations and hours available (especially when the library is closed). It is a health and safety issue that homeless people receive timely information through outreach and posting of hours at safe parking sites and other convenient locations, not just on the city website and social media.

Thank you for your efforts to serve all of the residents of our community,  
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