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Rental Housing Committee
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Dear Chair Honey and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the City Council to ask the Rental Housing Committee (RHC) to take definitive action regarding the application of the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) to mobile home space rentals. By not adopting regulations regarding mobile home rental spaces on January 22, 2017, the Committee created uncertainty and ambiguity for the entire mobile home park community. Failure to adopt the regulations, after seeking the advice of counsel and specifically requesting staff draft them, leaves the question of whether mobile home park space rentals are covered by the CSFRA unanswered.

We appreciate implementation of the CSFRA requires the RHC to interpret the text of the Charter Amendment, and that can be challenging. It is important for all members of the community, including mobile home park residents, to have clarity and certainty on this issue, particularly when the question has been pending for some time.

The City Council appointed each of you to the RHC to fulfill the responsibilities set forth in the CSFRA and answer specific issues such as this one. Section 1709(d) requires the RHC to establish rules and regulations for administration and enforcement of the CSFRA. It is the responsibility of the RHC to interpret the CSFRA and determine whether the mobile home park space rentals are covered by the CSFRA. This is not the responsibility of the City Council; in fact, we are prohibited by the CSFRA from doing so.

On behalf of the entire City Council, the purpose of this letter is to request the RHC fulfill its obligations under the CSFRA and take action. Thank you for your expeditious attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Leonard M. Siegel
Mayor

cc: City Council, CA, CM, Acting Program Manager

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