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Mayor Abe-Koga and Councilmembers City of Mountain View 500 Castro Street Mountain View, CA 94041

RE: Support for SummerHill East Middlefield by SummerHill Housing Group

Dear Mayor Abe-Koga, Vice Mayor Kamei, and Honorable Councilmembers Clark, Hicks, Matichek, McAlister, and Ramirez,

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, I am writing to express our support for the SummerHill East Middlefield development proposed by SummerHill Housing Group. The Leadership Group is excited to support more housing, both forsale and rental units, for the city of Mountain View at a time when new, highquality condominiums and apartments are in limited supply.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group was founded in 1978 by David Packard, Co-Founder of Hewlett Packard. Today, the Leadership Group is driven by more than 330 CEOs/Senior Executives to proactively tackle issues to improve our communities and strengthen our economy, with a focus on education, energy, the environment, health care, housing, tax policy, tech & innovation policy, and transportation. One of the top concerns of our members is a need for high quality and affordable housing here in the Bay Area.

At a time when the Bay Area is in a dire housing crisis, dense housing on scarce land is an effective solution. We are excited that this 463-unit development includes both rental and for sale units with 25% of the apartments available to low and moderate income households. This development is also a model for others as it is the first residential project within the East Whisman Precise Plan (EWPP), and faces no opposition from community members.

We are pleased to see that this development will bring not only housing, but other amenities to the community of Mountain View, such as a park, a public paseo, and bike lanes. Additionally, this development is located close to public transit, with the Middlefield Light Rail Station about a quarter mile from the site and a VTA Bus Stop just a short walking distance away. In addition to proximity to public transit, this site is also very close to downtown Mountain View, which includes retail and amenities such as grocery stores, parks, and the San Antonio Shopping Center.

Further, the Leadership Group is focused on supporting the developments like the one before you as more housing near public transportation encourages residents to use alternate modes of transportation which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and traffic congestion.



Due to the housing density of the proposal, inclusion of affordable units, location of the site, proximity to transportation, and proximity to the downtown, the Leadership Group believes that the SummerHill East Middlefield development should be approved as proposed.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 2020

City Council City of Mountain View 500 Castro Street Mountain View, CA 94039

Dear Hon. Council Members:

I write on behalf of our Board of Trustees to request that you postpone the public hearing currently scheduled for May 5, 2020 regarding the approval of the SummerHill Project.

This postponement is crucial for several reasons:

- 1. This development would add 463 units to a neighborhood school (Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary) that is already currently at capacity. The SummerHill project will generate 45 grade K-5 students, 27 grade 6-8 students. The total cost of construction to house these added students is estimated to be \$8 million.
- 2. The City Council's direction at its November 5 meeting was for staff to return to Council with a school strategy in the first quarter of 2020. However, school strategy has been completely eliminated from City Council's revised agenda. It is disheartening that despite our collective commitment to work together and create a community wide strategy, we are now back to square one; trying to negotiate as developments appear on City Council's agenda.
- 3. It was understood and the Council publicly stated that the Sobrato and North Bayshore Precise Plans were less than ideal and would not serve as precedent-setting deals or as a school strategy. Yet this current proposal generates an even greater shortfall compared to those plans, revealing growing inequities amongst development projects, rather than a unified, standard approach.



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4. Even with serious concessions being provided to Sobrato on behalf of our school district to make the project pencil out, SummerHill's proposal falls seriously short of what Sobrato agreed to

If the City only provides \$1,500,000 of Community Benefit Funds as suggested by city staff in their email to us, and if Level I fees generate \$2,600,000 (not verified) the total funds available to the school district would be \$4,100,000:

Sobrato \$12,000,000/635 dwelling units = \$18,978 per dwelling unit SummerHill \$4,100,000/463 dwelling units = \$8,855 per dwelling unit

Difference = -\$10,123 less per dwelling unit

If the City contributes 100% of the Community Benefit cash, \$4 million, and if Level I fees generate \$2,600,000 (not verified), the total funds available to the school district would be \$6,600,000:

Sobrato \$12,000,000/635 dwelling units = \$18,978 per dwelling unit SummerHill \$6,600,000/463 dwelling units = \$14,255 per dwelling unit

Difference = -\$4,723 less per dwelling unit

I understand the need to keep business going, and to create a sense of normalcy in the midst of COVID-19 uncertainty. Now, more than ever, communication is critical. Again I implore the City Council to reaffirm your collective desire for true community engagement by delaying action and requiring that SummerHill, and all developers, invest in our community through their actions with a school strategy mindset. To have this move forward without such an approach would not be a wise investment for the future of our city and our schools.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ayindé Rudolph, Superintendent

cc: Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager Eric Anderson, Senior Planner