



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area**

March 18, 2019

Mayor Lisa Matichak and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: City Council Session, March 19, Agenda Item 7.1 – Update on Initiatives to Assist Homeless and Unstably Housed Residents...

Dear Mayor Matichak and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty, which includes providing essential support services and policies to provide a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family.

Based upon these principles, we urge the Council to continue with supportive services for those residents who have become homeless or have become vehicle dwellers. Such services include expanding the safe parking program and especially utilizing parking lots at Shoreline Amphitheater when feasible. We urge the Council to consider adopting the safe parking strategies proposed in this comprehensive Staff Report, modeling after the most successful programs in neighboring cities such as San Jose and Cupertino.

We continue to support Mountain View's leadership in providing more housing, and in particular, affordable housing, which can help to alleviate the issues addressed in this staff report. Increasing the below-market-rate percentage in rental developments from 10% to 15%, as well as supporting the Homeless Prevention, Rental assistance and Rapid Rehousing programs are all helpful City policies.

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