



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

April 13, 2020

Chair Cox and Members of the EPC
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: EPC Meeting April 15 – Agenda #5.1 Modifications to Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance (TRAO)

The League of Women Voters commends the City of Mountain View for being a leader in providing tenant relocation assistance. We were pleased that the Council made modifications to the TRAO a priority for this year. Therefore, we support all the modifications to TRAO that the Staff Report recommends.

However, we urge the EPC to go beyond what is recommended by Staff and immediately implement the stronger benefits required by SB 330 regarding relocation benefits, making the local ordinance consistent with State law SB 330 now rather than later.

Most importantly, this means that all tenants living in rent-stabilized units, regardless of income level, would be eligible for benefits. Secondly, the monetary benefits pursuant to SB 330 are typically significantly higher than those provided under the City's TRAO. We are particularly concerned about displacement because of economic circumstances that may result due to COVID-19. This was not an issue on February 4th when the Council narrowed the scope of the TRAO Work Plan Update, but with the crisis we are now facing, **we believe that modifying TRAO to be consistent with the stronger provisions of SB 330 is even more important now.**

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