



June 20, 2021

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

Re: Council Meeting June 22nd, Agenda Item – 4.2 – Urgency Ordinance Extending Residential Eviction Protections

Dear Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports policies that protect tenants, especially promotion of cost-effective prevention services to assist those on the edge of becoming homeless. Council has adopted similar ordinances beginning on 3/27/20 to help tenants who have been impacted by COVID and have not been able to pay their rent. This ordinance is carefully drafted to be automatically repealed should either the State or the County pass measures superseding the Mountain View ordinance.

California has made available COVID relief funds to help both tenants and landlords, but as of June 10th, according to SV@Home, only 2% of these funds had been disbursed. The application process is cumbersome and processing of the payments is slow. According to Catholic Charities, none of the applicants they helped had received funds as of mid-June. It is critical to allow more time for the relief funds to be distributed as this will help both landlords and tenants and prevent a situation with mass evictions for nonpayment of rent from occurring.

The LWV fully supports this extension. Thank you for considering our input. (Please submit any questions about this letter to Donna Yobs at dmyobs@yahoo.com)

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