



September 12, 2021

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

Re: Council Meeting September 14th, Agenda Item – 7.1 – Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance

Dear Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports adoption of this ordinance. Our League position on Rent Stabilization favors rent stabilization and just cause programs that are fair and reasonable to landlords, tenants and the community. As the Staff report points out, this ordinance is drafted to ensure that park owners have an opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable rate of return, while also promoting stability and affordability for mobile home residents by controlling excessive rent increases. Thus, the ordinance is consistent with the principles adopted by our local League.

The ordinance benefits current and future tenants by minimizing displacement and providing stable and predictable housing costs, while also providing a fair rate of return to park owners. Controlling excessive rent increases is especially important for mobile home park residents as nearly half rely on fixed or very low incomes. The ordinance fills a gap in the original rent stabilization ordinance (CSFRA) that was unclear about the inclusion of mobile homes.

We are pleased that the City Attorney has taken input from the community and modified the draft so that mobile home renters, not only those who rent spaces, are covered by the ordinance, as this is a particularly vulnerable population.

We also agree that having the Rental Housing Committee (RHC) administer the ordinance is efficient and builds upon the years of experience the RHC has had implementing CSFRA.

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

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