

Re: City Council November 18 Meeting – Agenda Item 19

November 15, 2019

Dear Mayor Filseth and Council Members,

At its November 14 meeting, PAN (Palo Alto Neighborhoods) voted unanimously to support the Colleagues' Memo put forth by Councilmembers Kou and DuBois and to ask Council to adopt the emergency ordinance put forth by staff.

We thank Councilmembers Kou and DuBois for their recognition of this important stopgap measure needed until the state bill takes effect January 1.

We thank staff for redirecting time and resources in order to prepare the ordinance for consideration by Council as soon as possible.

Adopting this ordinance sends a clear signal to our community that the Council is serious about housing and will use the tools at its disposal to encourage the retention of low and middle income housing.

We believe this ordinance is an important step toward addressing the lack of housing for middle and low income residents.

We look forward to your decision on Monday night, and urge you to make it a unanimous one. Unanimity will demonstrate that all Councilmembers realize the importance of preserving affordable homes for our friends and neighbors to live.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheri Furman, Co-Chair PAN

Rebecca Sanders, Co-Chair PAN

PS We noticed in Section 1E the staff refer to the City of Redwood City, and perhaps they intended to refer to the City of Palo Alto.