

**TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL**

September 10, 2018

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and Members of the City Council  
 City of San Jose  
 200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor  
 San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Carrasco, and Councilmembers, Arenas, Davis, Diep, Jimenez, Jones, Khamis, Nguyen, Peralez and Rocha.

**RE: Item 4.1 Response to Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report  
 Entitled “Affordable Housing Crisis: Density is our Destiny”**

On behalf of our members, I write today to thank the City for its timely response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury’s request to address specific findings and recommendations included in its report entitled “Affordable Housing Crisis: Density is our Destiny.”

As indicated by staff responses, the City has taken steps to implement many of the recommendations reflected in the Grand Jury report – from establishing an inclusionary ordinance that reflects best practices to taking steps to amend its accessory dwelling unit ordinance earlier this year.

And, yet, as indicated the Mayor Liccardo’s memo, “we are in the middle of a severe and stubborn housing crisis” – one that demands consideration of a broad set of tools if we are to make considerable headway on the housing scarcity and affordability issues that plague many San Jose residents. While the City is on track to build 145 percent of its market-rate housing goals, at the current pace and level of resources, it will meet only 15 percent of its low- and very-low income targets, and 9 percent of its moderate-income goal.

**SV@Home strongly supports the combined direction stemming from two separate memoranda authored by Mayor Liccardo and Vice Mayor Carrasco and Councilmembers Peralez, Jimenez, and Rocha. We urge the Council to swiftly act on the two main recommendations stemming from the memoranda as soon as possible, namely:**

- **To agendize a discussion regarding a potential city-wide commercial linkage fee nexus study and feasibility analysis and**

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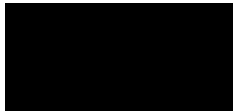
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- **To provide a detailed report back regarding nexus study and feasibility analysis implementation plan as well as updates regarding the regional commercial linkage fee and implementation of the RHNA sub-region among others.**

We are grateful for the leadership on this Council and for its shared sense of urgency and purpose for addressing the housing crisis. We continue to offer our support to ensure that, together, we find a way to provide housing affordability and stability for all San Joseans.

Sincerely,



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