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Mayor Clark and Members of the City Council City of Mountain View P.O. Box 7540 Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

In re: Agenda Item 7.1, November 25, 2014, North Bayshore Precise Plan

Honorable Mayor Clark and Councilmembers:

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning applauds the work of Staff, consultants, the EPC, and City Council that has resulted in many innovative and environmentally sustainable features in the proposed North Bayshore Precise Plan during a long and difficult process.

We look forward to working with all concerned parties to make it even better in the future.

To that end, we hope to partner with others to study residential uses in North Bayshore as soon as possible. We encourage the current and future Councils to do whatever they determine is necessary for this study to occur quickly and efficiently. We hope that any action items arising from the study will be pursued urgently as well.

As you know, there are many reasons to study this option, the "environmentally superior alternative" in the GP2030 EIR, starting with the potential for sizeable reduction of greenhouse gases (as well as traffic) if some North Bayshore workers can live close to their jobs.

Regardless of whether the Plan is passed on November 25 or at a later date, we also request that in view of future possibilities for housing in this area, Council should not encourage or approve office development in places where residential development could be most logical. This means that the ideal locations for residential development and supporting infrastructure should be determined as quickly as possible and

"reserved" (by whatever mechanism that Staff and the City Council determine is feasible) until more detailed study and actions arising from it are completed.

We feel strongly that all stakeholder segments of the community should be fully involved in the "what might go where" discussion--using a website and other flexible communication methods--and that anyone making a substantive proposal should always be identified in the public record.

Since this is probably the last letter we will be sending to the current Council, we would especially like to express our continued appreciation for those actions you have taken that will improve sustainability in Mountain View.

Sincerely,

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