December 11, 2018

City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Re: North Bayshore Precise Plan (“NBPP”): Bonus FAR requalification

Dear Honorable Council Members:

I was encouraged to read that Google and the City are thinking about solutions to mitigate the NBPP’s impact on our schools. We predict approximately 1,752 new students may come from the three future neighborhoods in the NBPP development. This presents several key issues: (1) Neither MVWSD or MVLA has funding for land in the northern part of the city on which to build schools, and (2) The cost of construction alone for new MVWSD facilities could exceed $122 million.

As part of the Bonus FAR study session planned for early 2019 to review the Precise Plan's Bonus FAR qualifying criteria, you'll be asked to consider Google's offer of a 3.5-acre site to be dedicated for the construction of an elementary school in North Bayshore. We have received Google's proposal for the North Bayshore area and are reviewing it. We are encouraged by the offer of land for a school site.

We ask that you give MVWSD time to evaluate this potential site and that the Council consider the impact of moving forward with any planned developments as these policy decisions may not take into consideration any negative impact on building an elementary school in the North Bayshore. After we complete the analysis, I am certain that our Board of Trustees will come back with questions.
As we have expressed during the development of the NBPP, we support smart growth in our city, and the building of a community that allows our families and staff members to affordably live, work and thrive here in Mountain View.

We thank you for the continued dialogue on this important matter. We plan on sending thoughts next week.

Sincerely,

Ayindé Rudolph, Ed.D.
Mountain View Whisman School District Superintendent

Cc: Dan Rich, City Manager
Cc: Martin Alkire, Principal Planner
Cc: Jannie Quinn, City Attorney