The City of East Palo Alto

Via email: housing@cityofepa.org

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September 30, 2022

Re: East Palo Alto's Draft Housing Element

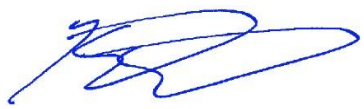
To the City of East Palo Alto:

YIMBY Law commends the City for doubling its lower-income and overall need allocations in its housing element (Draft, p.5-2). We also appreciate that the City has a housing plan, and intends to execute it in the near future (see *id.* pp.7-12 to -30). We believe the City has worked in good faith to comply with housing-element law.

We hear the "displacement pressures" that East Palo Alto residents face (*id.* p.7-5). State law provides a right of return for lower-income tenants displaced by redevelopment (Gov. Code § 66300(d)). Please ask us for support if this law is broken.

As to production, design review is so twentieth-century (cf. Draft p.3-7). There are more important things, like water, to worry about (see *id.* p.3-20 to -21). Find ways to process new apartments in less than 8–24 months. Thanks, and good luck.

Sincerely,



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