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From: Serge Bonte <sbonte@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 01, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Gary Kremen; Board of Directors; Siegel, Lenny; Rosenberg, Ken
Cc: Rich, Dan
Subject: re: 4/11/17 Valley Water Board Meeting - Agenda Item 4.1 Recommendation Regarding District-Owned Residential Rental Properties, Following District Outreach and Analysis.

Dear Mayor Rosenberg,
Dear Vice-Mayor Siegel,
Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District's Board of Directors,

I just noticed that the Water District will be discussing its residential properties leasing policies on its 4/11/17 board meeting.

I wanted to resubmit my email below as a public comment to agenda item 4.1 "Recommendation Regarding District-Owned Residential Rental Properties, Following District Outreach and Analysis."

Hoping to see the Water District and the City of Mountain follow-up favorably to my modest suggestion.

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte
Mountain View Resident

PS: In reading the meeting agenda material, I noticed that "Resolution NO. 09-78" -approved in 2009- might need some updating to reflect Mountain View's recent housing rental policies. In particular, this statement in the resolution : "The property must be Leased on a month-to-month basis only;"

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From: Serge Bonte <sbonte@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Apr 1, 2017 at 8:23 AM
Subject: Affordable Accessory Dwelling Units on Water District's 20 properties in Mountain View?
To: "Rosenberg, Ken" <Ken.Rosenberg@mountainview.gov>, "Siegel, Lenny" <Lenny.Siegel@mountainview.gov>, Board@valleywater.org
Cc: "Rich, Dan" <dan.rich@mountainview.gov>

Dear Mayor Rosenberg,
Dear Vice-Mayor Siegel,
Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District's Board of Directors,

I read about the [recent brouhaha](#) over the Water District's proposal to provide housing for the homeless on its 20 some properties in Mountain View. The Water District should be commended for looking at creative ways to address our regional housing and homelessness crisis. It is clear though the current proposal will be a tough sell in Mountain View.

I wanted to make a suggestion that could be implemented much faster, with far less controversy and provide for 20 some affordable units in Mountain View.

Last year, the City of Mountain View relaxed its regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (often called granny units). In order to comply with new state laws (SB 1069 and AB 2299), the City [further relaxed the regulations](#) last week.

How about taking advantage of these new streamlined regulations to build the largest possible Accessory Dwelling Units on each of the Water District residential properties in Mountain View? This could be implemented quickly (near "by right" permitting), fairly inexpensively (no cost for land, smaller structure to build), without having to displace current tenants (or having to wait for the properties to become vacant) and without precluding over possible uses for the main residences.

Funding for these units could possibly come from Measure A or even Mountain View's affordable housing fund. As far as building the units, non-profits affordable housing developers might want to (and probably should) enter that market - in fact, Habitat for Humanity [already has in Santa Cruz](#)-

With good collaboration between Water District and the City of Mountain View, we might be able to see 19 new (permanently) affordable units in Mountain View in 2017.

While this might not sound like a large number county wide, this would be greater than the number of Very low AMI (17) and Moderate AMI (0) units combined that were permitted in 2016 (based on Mountain View's most recent Housing Element report).

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte
Mountain View Resident