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Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
70 W. Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110
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Re: Stanford University Sustainable Academic Growth and Affordable Housing Need

Dear Members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

The Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club supports the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors' proposed ordinances for **inclusionary zoning and developer impact fees** which will address the need for affordable housing on and near the Stanford University Campus to mitigate affordable housing impacts from future development at the University.

The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance would mitigate the demand for affordable housing by households resulting from jobs created through the purchase of goods and services by residents in the newly constructed housing.

The Affordable Housing Impact Mitigation Fee Ordinance would mitigate the direct demand for affordable housing created by the employment of faculty, staff and contractors associated with newly constructed Academic Space at the University. It would be used to fund the three lower levels of affordable housing- extremely low, very low and low-income housing.

There is a critical need for affordable housing, especially near job centers. In addition, providing housing near jobs reduces the Vehicle Miles Traveled and associated co-pollutants, which include green house gases.

We also are supportive of the sustainable growth approach to intensifying development within the Stanford Academic Growth Boundary, restricting future development to areas already developed, so as to preserve the green spaces and the foothills.

Respectfully,

Gladwyn D'Souza, Chair, Conservation Committee
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter (SCLP)

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