



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022**

August 23, 2010

Mayor David Casas and Members of the City Council
City of Los Altos
City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Agenda Item #8 – Modification to Approved Project at 100 First Street

The LWV of the Los Altos/Mtn.View Area would like to comment once again on the modification to the development for 100 First Street. We confirm our earlier support for this project as we believe it is important to increase housing opportunities downtown.

Our support is conditioned upon our understanding that the developer is planning to include the required below-market rate (“BMR”) units on site. We believe this is important in terms of the parking concessions the developer is receiving. Also, this fulfills the true intent of inclusionary zoning, which proposes that “affordable” units be scattered throughout as many housing developments as possible and throughout as many neighborhoods as possible, so that those with lower incomes are integrated into all neighborhoods. BMR units in this downtown area will be very helpful to those who may have jobs in the downtown, particularly those who may drive only one car, or not drive at all, and by living here will be able to walk to services and or work.

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