



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

October 17, 2011

Chairperson Trontell and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: Agenda Item #5.1, October 19, 2011 - Study Session: Proposed General Plan Map Amendment and Rezoning, 100 Moffett Boulevard

Dear Chairperson Trontell and Environmental Planning Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area would like to comment on the proposed plans for redevelopment of 100 Moffett Boulevard by Prometheus.

We are writing again about the affordable housing issue, similar comments to those we made with regard to the developments proposed for 111 N. Rengstorff and the San Antonio Inn site. Of course, developers must comply with the City's Rental Housing Impact Fee Ordinance, if one is adopted. However, when Fairfield Residential submitted this project for Gatekeeper approval, Fairfield committed to building below market rate units as part of the development and we are disappointed that Prometheus is not keeping this commitment, which might or might not have been a factor in Council's approving the Gatekeeper application.

As we have stated regarding other recent rental development proposals, we would like to see at least some below market rate ("BMR"s) included as part of the development. Reserving some units for those with lower incomes is an excellent way of creating a healthy and diverse community. Because the developer is requesting higher density than is presently allowed at the site, this provides an opportunity for a Development Agreement, through which BMR units could be required. And we think it is important to address this issue early in the process.

In relation to parking on this site, we hope that the developer will consider providing transit passes for its tenants, one way to ensure that the proposed parking is sufficient. We also hope that unbundled parking will be considered as a way to reduce parking requirements. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely yours,

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