



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

January 22, 2012

Mayor Mike Kasperzak and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: Council Meeting January 24, 2012 Agenda Item: 5.1 – Historic Incentives

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area recommends approval of the amendment proposed which would allow condominium conversion of six or fewer units as part of an affordable housing project if located in an historic resource in conjunction with an Historic Preservation Permit.

We believe the Habitat for Humanity project will serve lower income households who could not otherwise afford to purchase a home in Mountain View. We think it is admirable that Habitat is willing to preserve the historic residence at 300 Chiquita Avenue, even though we realize this will mean converting six rental units into 2 condos.

We believe the proposed amendment is carving out a narrow exception to the condo conversion ordinance. We also understand that by the time Habitat is ready to rehab this six-unit complex, over 500 new rental units will have been created in Mountain View, meaning that the initiative ordinance relating to condo conversions will not be a factor.

We hope you will approve the amendment. Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely yours,

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