



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

January 20, 2013

Mayor John Inks and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: January 22 Council Meeting: Agenda Item 6.2 – First Community Housing Development at 1581-5 El Camino Real West

Dear Mayor Inks and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area would like to repeat its support for the First Community Housing development on El Camino Real. We are pleased to see that this housing will be targeted to those at very low- and extremely low-incomes and that most will be from Mountain View. There is a demonstrated need for affordable housing for developmentally disabled adults who can live independently.

We have noted that there has been no neighborhood opposition to this development and that the developer has worked with staff to design a sustainable and attractive development, a marked improvement to the existing buildings on the site.

We also commend the developer for providing free Eco-passes to tenants for the life of the project. Not only is this important to these particular tenants, who will depend mostly on public transportation, but such encouragement of public transit on El Camino Real is important in order to reduce traffic levels and greenhouse gas emissions. The Eco-passes are relatively inexpensive for the buyer and critically important to the users, especially tenants such as these who will be very low- and extremely-low income and not owners of cars.

We think this development is an excellent example of how the NOFA process has worked well in terms of spending City affordable housing funds more efficiently.

Sincerely yours,

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