



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

February 14, 2016

Chair Capriles and Members of the EPC
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: EPC, February 17, 2016 – 779 East Evelyn Avenue

Dear Chair Capriles and Members of the EPC:

The LWVC supports action at all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing for all Californians. Based upon this position, we have been a supporter of the ROEM 116-unit development at 779 East Evelyn from the time it was first proposed.

We agree with staff that conversion of this site from industrial to residential is appropriate as the new development is next to residential and maintains compatibility with the neighboring uses in terms of scale, massing and height.

Like others who attended community meetings to review this development, we had concerns regarding the difficulty of schoolchildren easily getting to the elementary and middle schools. We applaud the proposals the developer has made to help alleviate these concerns. The private shuttle to the local schools, as well as to the Mountain View Transit Center, are excellent, somewhat novel ideas, as are the dedicated on-site shared car and the on-site bike sharing program. Previously approved developments have committed to providing Eco-Passes, or an equivalent, and we commend ROEM for promising these for the life of the project.

Thank you for considering our input.

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