



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

March 20, 2016

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

Re: City Council Meeting, March 22, 2016 Agenda Item 7.1 -  
Parking Requirements for 1701-1707 West El Camino Real Development

Dear Mayor Showalter and Members of the City Council:

The LWV would like to comment on the parking requirements for Palo Alto Housing's affordable housing development at 1701-1707 West El Camino Real. The LWV supports incentives for development of affordable housing and also supports increased density along transportation corridors. The Palo Alto Housing development fulfills both of these goals. If the parking ratio is not reduced, it is likely that fewer affordable units will be built on the site.

As the staff report explains, the City's parking study supports reducing the parking standards to .45 spaces per unit. The project is also designed to encourage use of bicycles and public transit, as well as car pooling. These are also goals the LWV supports. Because Palo Alto Housing has plans to utilize alternate transportation and because the El Camino Real Precise Plan and the Zoning Ordinance both allow parking standards to be reduced if supported by a parking study, we encourage the Council to reduce the parking ratio as requested by the developer and recommended by staff.

Thank you for considering our input.

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