



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

June 19, 2016

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

Re: Council Meeting, June 21, 2016, Agenda Item 6.1 – 1701-1707 West El Camino Real

Dear Mayor Showalter and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports affordable housing for all Californians. Therefore, we strongly recommend approval of this all-affordable development, which will add to the diversity of affordable housing in Mountain View. We were pleased to see that the EPC heartily endorsed this development.

We are particularly pleased to see that 30 units will be available for veterans who earn 30% or less of the area median income. Extremely low-income households (those with 30% or less AMI) have the hardest time finding housing in the marketplace. This is a good location for veterans, with easy access to services at the Palo Alto VA and also the Veterans Resource Center at Foothill College.

The site is well-located for all the lower-income tenants who will live here, as the development is within walking distance of many key services and amenities and also on a frequent-service VTA bus line and close to the Mountain View Transit Center. Due to the population being served as well as the site's excellent location near transit, we support the staff and the parking study's recommendations to require only .45 spaces per unit. We are pleased to see that reducing the parking allowed for two more affordable units to be included.

We also support staff's position that requiring public benefits would be unnecessary and redundant because the development is all-affordable; affordable housing is one of the key public benefits intended by this requirement.

We commend Palo Alto Housing (PAH) for changing the unit mix in order to be more competitive for the critical low-income housing tax credits. PAH is an experienced nonprofit housing developer and we trust their judgment, as confirmed by staff, in this respect.

Thank you for considering our input.

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