



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area

Sept. 12, 2016

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

Re: Council Meeting, Sept. 14, 2016, Agenda Item 8.1 – MidPen Housing NOFA Proposal - 460 N. Shoreline Boulevard

Dear Mayor Showalter and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports affordable housing for all Californians. Therefore, we strongly recommend setting aside funding for this all-affordable development. Since land for affordable housing is so difficult to find and purchase in Mtn View, it is helpful that Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition already owns the land where the additional housing is to be built.

At the community meeting held on August 25th, Mid-Peninsula made it clear they wanted to work with the neighbors to ensure that the location of noise generators, such as the trash enclosures and basketball court would take into account their concerns. Similarly, they assured the neighbors they will listen to their thoughts regarding parking, lighting, sound barriers and more.

We expect Midpeninsula to work closely with both the City and the neighborhood as they proceed through the design process. This is their standard practice, with the most similar situation being when units were added to Central Park Apartments (Paulson Park Senior Apartments).

It is unfortunate that 12 units must be demolished in order to provide 62 new units, but Mid-Peninsula has promised that these households will be fairly relocated and given the opportunity to move back into the new units when the development is completed.

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 VTA bus line.

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