



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

December 11, 2016

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

Re: City Council Meeting, December 13, 2016 Study Session, Agenda Item 3.1 - Review of Proposed Master Plan in North of California Street Master Plan Area

Dear Mayor Showalter and Members of the City Council:

The LWV would like to comment on the Greystar proposal that is the focus of this Study Session. The LWV supports action at all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing for all Californians. The LWV also supports coping with the jobs/housing imbalance by allowing increased densities where a feeling of open space is retained.

For these reasons, the LWV urges the Council to support Greystar's Option 1, as this proposal would provide significantly more housing units than Option 2, which would exacerbate the current jobs/housing imbalance.

The LWV also urges the Council to consider affordable housing as part of a strong public benefits package, required of Greystar since both options are based not only on Tier 1 FAR, but, in addition, both require additional building height above that allowed under Tier 1 FAR. We would urge the Council to consider either a dedication of land for affordable housing, as proposed by Spieker in its Gatekeeper request last week, or construction of an all-affordable development as proposed by Fortbay at 777 W. Middlefield, or building 20% of the units as below-market-rate, the same target Council is striving to achieve in N. Bayshore.

Thank you for considering our input.

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