



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

January 28, 2018

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

Re: Council Meeting, Jan. 30, 2018, Agenda Item 6.1 – Affordable Housing Expansion at 460 N. Shoreline Boulevard and Funding Appropriation

Dear Mayor Siegel and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports affordable housing for all Californians. Therefore, we strongly support the affordable housing expansion proposed for 460 N. Shoreline by MidPen Housing. As we have stated before, with land for affordable housing so difficult to find and purchase in Mountain View, it is helpful that MidPen already owns the land where the additional housing is to be built. This is undoubtedly one reason that the City subsidy per unit is lower than for most recent all-affordable developments.

It appears from the staff report that MidPen has tried to work with the neighbors to ensure that their issues are resolved. We expect MidPen to continue to work closely with both the City and the neighborhood as they proceed through the process.

Although it is unfortunate that 12 units must be demolished in order to provide 62 new units, the temporary relocation appear to be reasonable with all those displaced given the right to return to a new unit.

We are pleased to see the range of unit sizes and also pleased to see that MidPen expects to receive Section 8 vouchers for a number of the units, ensuring that these units are truly affordable to the tenants and helping the long-term financial stability of the project.

At this time when there is so much discussion of the need for affordable housing, we urge the Council to support this development.

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