



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

March 25, 2018

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

City Council Meeting, March 27, Agenda Item # 6.2 - Gatekeeper Process Update

Dear Mayor Siegel and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports affordable housing for all Californians. For this reason, the LWV has supported requesting that affordable housing be prioritized as a community benefit. When developers are seeking Gatekeeper approval, Council generally requests community benefits. We suggest that the affordability requirements, especially with regard to ownership housing which is presently a 10% below-market-rate component be raised to 15%, equivalent to the requirement for rental housing. Similarly, we suggest that for non-residential Gatekeeper projects, the affordable housing impact fees be higher. These proposals are consistent with Council's policy of requiring more of Gatekeeper projects.

We are not proposing that the percentage be raised for rental housing developments as we cannot assess the economic feasibility of increasing the percentage on individual projects.

In addition, with regard to noticing, we agree with the EPC's recommendation to expand the noticing radius and extend the time of noticing. We also propose that there be a community meeting scheduled when significant tenant displacement is expected. In the past, many tenants have raised concerns about not having sufficient information in such cases.

Thank you for considering our input.

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cc. Jannie Quinn

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