



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

May 20, 2018

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

Re: City Council Meeting May 22, Agenda Item 6.1 – Gatekeeper for 400 Logue Avenue

Dear Mayor Siegel and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports affordable housing for all Californians. We also support below-market rate units (BMRs), known as inclusionary zoning, as we believe that dispersal of affordable housing is healthy for the community. As a result, we supported the Council's action to increase the BMR rental requirement from 10% to 15%. In addition, we supported the proposed East Whisman Precise Plan (EWPP)'s goal of achieving an overall goal of 20% affordable housing in this area.

We urge the Council to approve the Gatekeeper request for this project as we support residential uses in such close proximity to jobs in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, increasing the supply of housing is critical to alleviating the jobs/housing imbalance.

We are pleased to see the developer offering 15% BMR units. However, depending upon the number of low-income units versus moderate-income units proposed, we hope the Council will consider increasing the affordability requirement to match the EWPP goal of 20% affordable housing.

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