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of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area**

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

City Council Meeting, October 9, Study Session - Direction on Development Priorities for Lot 12

Dear Mayor Siegel and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports affordable housing for all Californians. And what a wonderful location this is for anyone needing affordable housing! We strongly urge the Council to prioritize using Lot 12 entirely for affordable housing, targeted to households earning a maximum of 80% area median income (AMI), or, if feasible, targeted to households earning a maximum of 60% AMI, as the need is greatest at the lowest levels.

We also encourage the Council to consider heights up to 6 stories on Bryant Street, assuming this can be accomplished with sufficient transitions to the Franklin Street neighbors. As the staff report states, the actual number of units will be determined by the mix of uses and the sizes of the units. The massing and the floor-area-ratio are more significant than the actual number of units. Nonetheless, we hope the project will maximize the number of units within these parameters.

Regarding the population to be served, we agree with staff that flexibility at this point is wise. We suggest that perhaps part of the development could be for seniors and part of it for families, as both populations would find this an ideal location. Right now, Mountain View's affordable housing is heavily skewed towards seniors.

Assuming the Council wants to see all 160 parking spaces replaced, it is reasonable that the City would provide additional subsidy to the project besides providing the land. We agree that the maximum parking ratios proposed by staff are reasonable and perhaps could be lowered due to the proximity to public transit and nearby amenities, particularly if some of the housing is targeted for seniors.

Thank you for considering our input.

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