



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

November 12, 2018

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

Re: City Council Study Session, November 13, Agenda Item 3.1 – Terra Bella Visioning and Guiding Principles Plan

Dear Mayor Siegel and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports allowing more housing in the Terra Bella area at reasonable densities, as proposed particularly in Alternative 1 or the EPC Alternative in the proposed plan. The neighborhood is ideal for mixed uses, as services and jobs are in close proximity. There is also bike connectivity to many areas of the City.

We urge a strong affordable housing component, including a 15% inclusionary requirement for both ownership and rental developments. We hope the City will use other strategies, such as proposed for North Bayshore, to approach an overall goal of 20% affordable units, so long as these strategies are financially feasible without discouraging development.

As we have noted earlier, this area includes many older underutilized office buildings which can be torn down to make way for new housing, which is far preferable to displacing tenants by demolishing older, naturally affordable housing, as is happening elsewhere.

Thank you for considering our input.

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