



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

June 7, 2018

Mayor Lynette Lee Eng Members of the City Council
City of Los Altos
1 N. San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: City Council Meeting June 11thS, Agenda Item #6 – 385-389 First Street Development Proposal

Dear Mayor Lee Eng and Members of the City Council

The LWV supports affordable housing and incentives for development of affordable housing. We also support inclusionary zoning, which means including below-market-rate units (BMRs) within both rental and for-sale complexes. The League believes that dispersing BMRs within a larger complex has been shown to be a socioeconomic and political success in California.

Although this mixed use development proposal for 385-389 First Street is contributing only a small piece of affordable housing, it is a step towards providing affordable housing in Los Altos. We were pleased to see the Council increase the inclusionary requirements so that 15% of the units must be affordable. We would have been much happier if this project was subject to the newly adopted regulations. Nonetheless, the project conforms to the relevant State and City laws and, also, supports the goals of the Downtown Vision Plan by adding both housing and commercial space, so we urge approval of this development.

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