



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

September 29, 2019

Mayor Matichak and Members of the City Council  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Council Meeting Oct. 1st – Study Session, Agenda Item # 9.1 Google Landings Development

The LWV from the national organization to the local level strongly supports providing a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family. As a result, we have consistently supported efforts to provide affordable housing, whether with zoning changes, below-market-rate units, loosening ADU requirements, building all-affordable developments, and lately, efforts to help the homeless.

Our reading of the Google Landings Development indicates that there would be at least \$8.1 million in community benefits that could be specified for projects not directly related to the Google development. This number could increase if another \$18 million proposed by Google as community benefits is determined to be project requirements rather than community benefits. We believe that Google needs to mitigate its traffic impacts as part of its project cost and that these transportation improvements should not be considered community benefits.

We urge the Council to consider using these community benefit funds to tackle the issue which has recently become so pressing – that is, helping those who are living in their cars or RV's. With this money, the City should be able to find some creative solutions, whether buying a motel to convert to permanently supportive housing, providing incentives for private owners to allow safe parking, adding emergency shelters, or numerous other potential ways to alleviate this crisis.

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