



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

January 11, 2020

Mayor Jan Pepper and Members of the City Council
City of Los Altos
One North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: City Council Meeting Jan. 14th, Agenda Item # 5 – 444-450 First Street Development

Dear Mayor Pepper and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos/Mountain View Area supports the proposed development at 444-450 First Street. As the Staff Report states, the project is in keeping with the General Plan and the guidelines for the Downtown Vision, also. We are pleased to see more housing downtown as this should add to the commercial vitality. We agree with the Planning Commission that the density as well as the size and unit mix are appropriate.

We are glad to see more affordable units added to the housing stock of Los Altos, as well as more market-rate housing as there is a great need for more housing of all types in our region. We have always believed that ownership below-market-rate units (BMRs) are best targeted to moderate-income households, so we are happy to see that 3 of the 4 BMRs are moderate-income units.

Following up on Staff and Planning Commission recommendations, the developer, Dutchints, has tried to accommodate neighbors, just as this developer did with 5150 El Camino Real. The incentives and waivers appear to be reasonable, in accordance with local and State law.

Sue Russell
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