



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

April 27, 2020

Mayor Abe-Koga and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Council Meeting April 28 – Agenda Item #6.1 ADU revisions

We commend the staff for bringing the city's ordinance for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) into conformance with State law. ADUs can be a source of income that allows homeowners to stay in their homes and provide more "affordable by design" housing. We are pleased to see laws liberalized at every level to encourage the construction of ADUs.

We recommend you prohibit short-term rentals for all ADUs, not just those with less than 800 square feet. Although these were initially allowed because interest was so low, we think that with fewer regulations now to discourage building ADUs and with active promotion of the new rules, more people will be interested.

Long term rentals will truly add to the stock of affordable housing in our area. In addition, we encourage you to enact an amnesty program for ADUs, along the lines proposed by staff.

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