



May 16, 2020

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

Re: Council Meeting May 19, Agenda # 6.2 Selection of Developer of Lot 12

The League of Women Voters is excited to see the development of Lot 12 as affordable housing finally proceeding. First, and most important, we recommend that the Council seriously consider replacement **parking off-site**. The cost of underground parking at this location is far more costly than parking would be in a parking structure elsewhere; the latter would reduce the City subsidy for this project. Reducing the City's parking subsidy should maximize the number and affordability of the housing units.

We urge the Council to evaluate the proposals for Lot 12 based upon the following criteria:

- A high priority be given to proposals that maximize the number of affordable units
- Target lower area median income levels
- Demonstrate creative ways to leverage the City's funds
- Propose ground-floor non-residential space that actually serves the community's needs.

Thank you for considering our input.

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