



May 17, 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 # 5.1 Rowhouse Development at 1555 W. Middlefield

The LWV sent you a letter before the March 17th public hearing on this development, which is part of your file, so we will not repeat all that we said before that hearing was continued.

We do want to stress, once again, that we urge the Council to require Summerhill to provide 12 below-market-rate (**BMR**) **units on site**. Staff has made clear that the project is subject to the City's BMR Ordinance, Phase I, which requires 10% of the total development to be built as BMRs on-site rather than paying in-lieu fees. A year ago the City required the Lux-Largo development at 1411-1495 W. El Camino Real to provide BMRs. Summerhill should do the same. These moderate-income BMRs would serve the "missing middle" that Council has expressed interest in helping.

We also recommend that displaced tenants be given priority on the BMR waitlist. We understand that there is some turnover in the rental BMRs; if even a few displaced tenants could be placed in these BMRs, this would be helpful.

Finally, keeping with the intent of the City's requirement to provide seniors with 12 months' notice to vacate, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and delays in the project approval, it would seem reasonable to extend the moving date until the buildings need to be demolished, thereby making it easier for the remaining tenants to find replacement housing.

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