



June 21, 2020

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

Re: Council Meeting June 23, Item #7.2 – Google Landings Project

The League of Women Voters urges the Council to modify the conditions of approval for this project, relating to community benefits and, also, the payment of commercial linkage fees. Google has agreed to a prepayment of a portion of the commercial linkage fee. Staff has indicated that current affordable housing funds are not sufficient to support the numerous affordable housing developments in the pipeline. Therefore, we recommend prepayment of the entire linkage fee.

Similarly, the community benefits payment of \$2.5 million to be paid to the City to help disadvantaged communities should be paid upon approval of the project. These funds are desperately needed due to the pandemic.

With the demolition of four housing units, **there is a net loss of units, contrary to Council policy.** Google should at least replace these units somewhere, along with paying the TRA0 to the displaced tenants.

We understand that Google is entitled to build this office square footage and that the zoning in this area does not allow residential. Obviously, we would like to see a major housing development being built in tandem with the Google Landings project as new office space only exacerbates the jobs/housing imbalance. We are hopeful that approval of the Landings project could enable Google to de-densify office space at Shorebirds, thereby facilitating Google's plans to build a mixed-use project which includes many residential units there.

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