



November 10, 2020

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

Re: La Avenida Community Meeting, November 12th

The LWV urges the City to **proceed as rapidly as possible** with this well-planned 100% affordable development by Eden Housing. La Avenida Apartments will provide much needed housing for 100 very low-income households. We have been experiencing a crisis in housing for lower-income households, and especially extremely low-income households, for several years and this crisis has been exacerbated by COVID-19. In addition, passage of Measure C means that many people now living in RVs will no longer be able to live where they have been living. As a result, the 30% of the units at La Avenida set aside for permanent supportive housing are urgently needed in Mountain View.

We commend the Council for its consistent and strong support of every proposed affordable housing development, but these developments typically proceed slowly. We urge the Council and Staff to streamline review of this project, following the SB 35 process. The development is code-compliant, conforms to the North Bayshore Precise Plan, does not need a general plan amendment or other variances, as most affordable housing projects have required, and should be well-accepted in North Bayshore. Therefore, we believe there is no reason that approvals should not be expedited due to the extreme need for this housing.

Thank you for considering our input.

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