



December 6, 2020

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

Re: Council Meeting December 8, Agenda Item #7.1 Eden Housing NOFA Proposal for 1100 La Avenida

As we have written earlier, 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 low-income households. We hope the Council will follow the recommendation of the NOFA Review Committee and approve reservation of \$15,000,000 in affordable housing funds, including appropriation of the predevelopment funds requested for this project. As the analysis provided by Staff demonstrates, this proposal satisfies all the goals and priorities set out in the NOFA.

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 third 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. Should Eden request SB 35 streamlining, we urge the Council and Staff to approve this 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 appears to 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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