



April 11, 2021

Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: Council Meeting, April 13, Agenda Item 6.3 – 1255 Pear Avenue

Dear Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council:

The LWV enthusiastically supports measures to increase the supply of safe, decent and adequate housing for all Californians. Therefore, we urge the Council to approve the modification requested by Sobrato which would allow its Phase 1 development to proceed.

Several elements of the 1255 Pear Avenue proposal are deserving. First, the 220 new residential units which Sobrato plans to build will be the first new housing in North Bayshore. Second, the early dedication of the 1.4-acre site located in the north area (Phase 2) will allow the City to proceed with a Request for Proposals for a much-needed all-affordable housing project.

Sobrato is also completing the extension of Inigo Way along the frontage of Phase 2 and agreeing to deed restrictions on its property in the north area (Phase 2) so that only residential uses will be allowed when it is developed.

Finally, the City will receive significant additional property taxes, housing impact fees and park land dedication fees from this development. All will be welcome, but we are especially pleased to see more money available for affordable housing, as there are a number of all-affordable housing developments in the pipeline which can utilize these funds.

(Please send any comments about this letter to Donna Yobs at dmyobs@yahoo.com).

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