



June 20, 2021

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

Re: Council Meeting June 22nd, Agenda Item - 6.1 – Charities Housing NOFA Proposal – 1265 Montecito Avenue

Dear Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports housing that is affordable to all Californians. We are always pleased to see new all-affordable housing developments proposed by nonprofit developers like Charities Housing with a good track record, especially development and management experience in Mountain View. We also commend Charities Housing for targeting one-third of these 84 affordable housing units to those who are extremely low-income, as these households are the most in need of housing.

The location at 1265 Montecito Avenue is excellent, next to Shorebreeze, another all-affordable development, and near downtown, the CalTrain Station, and Bailey Park shopping. It is also close to CSA, whose services might be helpful to the new residents, along with those services planned on-site by Charities Housing.

We are also pleased to see that the development will be at maximum density since more housing is so needed. We note that some cities are now asking that rental housing be affordable in perpetuity rather than 55 years and wonder if this is possible for this project.

Thank you for considering our input. (Please submit any questions about this letter to Donna Yobs at [dmyobs@yahoo.com](mailto:dmyobs@yahoo.com))

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