



August 10, 2021

Stephanie Williams
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: Administrative Zoning Hearing Aug. 11th – 570 S. Rengstorff

Dear Ms Williams:

The League of Women Voters believes in government that is transparent and accountable to the voters. As a result, we are concerned with the Findings of Approval regarding the proposed new development at 570 S. Rengstorff. Nowhere in this document, nor on the City’s website, can we find information demonstrating that this project was “deemed complete” in terms of qualifying for the provisions of SB 330, which otherwise require replacement units/right of first refusal in new units for those lower-income tenants being displaced. It is critical that residents be provided with this information. We believe that the original applicant for this project has been replaced by DeNardi and question whether this change would prevent the project from being “deemed complete”. There is mention of an offer to tenants to relocate to a nearby Spieker property, but the details of this offer are not included; it would not appear to comply with the requirements of SB 330 for displaced tenants.

In addition, with regard to the below-market-rate (BMR) ordinance, the document should provide clarity on the issue of allowing BMR in-lieu fees rather than provision of BMR units. The conditions of approval #64 and #65 seem to be in conflict with #66 on this subject as #64 and #65 require the payment of fees, but #66 refers to providing the units on site. Again, we urge transparency on this subject. Our local League has advocated consistently for provision of the units rather than the low in-lieu fees that the earlier BMR ordinance allowed. We hope you can provide clarification and additional information regarding these issues.

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

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Donna Yobs, Co-Chair, Housing Committee

cc: Kimbra McCarthy Aarti Shrivastava Carolyn Fahey Nicole Wright
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