



October 10, 2021

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

Re Council Meeting October 12th, Agenda Item - 4.3 – 1100 La Avenida – Affordable Housing Development
Appropriation of Funding

Dear Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council:

The LWV has consistently supported Mountain View's all-affordable housing developments, based upon our State League's position of support for provision of affordable housing for all Californians. We have been pleased to see that Eden's 100-unit housing development at 1100 La Avenida has been consistently well-received by the Council and the neighborhood. We urge the Council to appropriate \$13,700,000 in below-market-rate funds to allow this project to proceed.

We also encourage the Council to follow the precedent of the Charities Housing 1265 Montecito project when the Council decided that the County's commitment to affordable housing is aligned with that of the City and that therefore it wasn't necessary for the City to increase its funding in order to be the owner of the property. We urge the Council once again not to increase its funding so as to become the owner of the site. Staff is optimistic that the MOU they are proposing with the County will provide additional protection, but should the MOU not be agreed upon, we are confident that the County will continue support of this use of the site.

The good news for Mountain View is that there are many affordable housing developments in the pipeline. Should Council increase its funding for 1100 La Avenida, the City might not have sufficient funds for all these worthwhile projects. Therefore, we support the appropriation of \$13,700,000 for the Eden development.

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

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