



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022

September 7, 2015

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

Re: City Council Meeting, September 8
Agenda Item 7.1 - Park Land Dedication or Fees in Lieu thereof

Dear Mayor McAlister and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports incentives for development of affordable housing. Based on this position, we would like to reiterate our support for waiving park land dedication fees for affordable housing, as is being proposed. In terms of all-affordable housing developments, this will make it more financially feasible for housing developers to fund this drastically-needed housing.

We also support the proposal to waive fees for units provided as below-market-rate units (BMRs) by developers who agree to provide these BMRs on site rather than pay the in-lieu fees required by Mountain View's ordinance. We agree with staff that waiver of these fees should be an incentive that will encourage market-rate developers to build these BMRs as part of their developments.

We also agree with staff that developers using the State Density Bonus Law are receiving incentives already in exchange for building BMRs onsite and that, therefore, it shouldn't be necessary to provide an additional incentive in the form of waiving park land dedication fees.

Thank you for considering our (late) input.

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