



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

October 4, 2015

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

Re: Study Session October 6th – 400 San Antonio Road

Dear Mayor McAlister and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports actions that provide affordable housing for all Californians. Based on this position, we are delighted to see that Prometheus is choosing to build very low-income rental units as part of its 400 San Antonio Road development. We think this is an ideal location for housing, and, in particular, for affordable housing, with so many low-wage earners working in the immediate area.

It appears that Prometheus is receiving significant incentives/concessions in exchange for providing these units. We are pleased to see that staff will carefully analyze what the exact number of affordable units should be in order to receive the State Density Bonus law benefits.

We also urge the Council to request that Prometheus provide more affordable units as the public/community benefit required in order to meet the Tier 1 1.85 FAR level. Since it is so difficult to find available land for building affordable units, and the affordable housing crisis has reached epic proportions in Mountain View, we think the most important public benefit would be to require Prometheus to provide these additional units rather than paying approximately \$2.5 million in fees.

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