



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

October 17, 2015

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

Re: Council Meeting, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Agenda Item #7.2 - Palo Alto Housing NOFA Proposal – 1701 West El Camino Real

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 support the development proposed by Palo Alto Housing. The development offers housing to two groups who are in dire need of affordable housing. Half of the 60 units are reserved for low-income veterans. Twenty-six of the units will target those with extremely low incomes (less than 30% area median income.)

The project is clearly well-located in terms of transit and access to services, jobs, amenities. Although the cost per unit of the project is higher than that of other recent projects, this is reasonable because land costs in Mountain View, especially on El Camino Real, and construction costs are escalating dramatically. We think it is important to note that the cost per unit to the City is lower than that of any of the other recent projects; the fact that Palo Alto Housing is leveraging the City's funds is a real plus.

Several of our members attended the neighborhood meeting; there was no real opposition to the development, but instead, a number of supporters.

We hope the Council will support this project as the need for affordable housing is so critical in Mountain View and the City has sufficient funds to make this development a reality.

Thank you for considering our input.

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