



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

April 2, 2013

Chair Bressack and Members of the Planning and Transportation Commission  
City of Los Altos  
City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022

Dear Chair Bressack and Members of the Commission:

Re: Agenda Item 2 – 86 Third Street, April 4, 2013

The LWV of the Los Altos/Mtn.View Area would like to comment on the development proposed for 86 Third Street. First, we are always pleased to see mixed use in a location such as this one, as the development will not only provide “feet on the street” downtown, but desirable office space. Together, these help to make the downtown sustainable and lively.

Second, as always, we are pleased to see that the developer is providing two below-market-rate units (“BMR’s”), in conformance with the Multiple-Family Affordable Housing ordinance. We note that staff has assured us that Condition #10 will be amended to require that should the units be rented rather than sold, one BMR unit will be targeted to a very low-income household and the other to a low-income household. We have stated before that we would prefer to see all BMR rentals targeted to those at very-low incomes, as this is where there is the greatest need in rentals, but we understand that with this amendment to the Conditions, the BMR requirements will follow the current Los Altos code.

Slowly and surely, these BMR units are enriching the housing supply of Los Altos and helping it to provide its fair share of affordable housing.

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