



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

February 24, 2013

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

Re: Feb. 26, 2013 Council Meeting – Agenda Item 6.1 – Consideration of Affordable Housing Mixed-Use Project at 819 N. Rengstorff Avenue

Dear Mayor Inks and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area supports the rezoning and funding appropriation for this affordable housing mixed-use project. We believe that the redesigned project is very attractive and are pleased that it incorporates changes proposed by staff to improve parking and vehicular access. The 48 studios proposed will fill a real need for housing for low-income workers in Mountain View. The rents targeted are all below 50% area median income, where there is the greatest need. We can see from the overwhelming number of applications for the Franklin Street Family Project that there is an enormous need for housing for those at these income levels who live or work in Mountain View.

In addition, the attractive design will be a significant improvement to this neighborhood. The parking proposed exceeds the parking study requirements for residential parking. We also recommend perpetual Eco-Passes. And because many of the customers of the taqueria purchase take-out food rather than coming in and sitting down, the parking proposed for the commercial side should be sufficient should one of the restaurants return to the site.

Although it is always difficult for people to relocate, the conditions for those residing at the site currently are overcrowded and below reasonable standards in every way. The tenants will be provided with adequate relocation benefits, such that their future housing accommodations should be better than what they are now.

Eden Housing has long experience and an excellent track record in managing affordable housing. Therefore, we would expect that the neighborhood will be revitalized in the near future and will be well-maintained and managed into the long-term future. We hope the Council will approve this development. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely yours,
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