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Subject: Comments on 6.1 (555 W Middlefield)
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:59:17 AM

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Dear City Council,

I ask for your support of the project presented tonight.

- This project has had a long history, starting back in 2015 with Gatekeeper authorization and going through many meetings since.
- The applicant is willing to allow a rezoning that limits future sizes of the property to what you see.
- There will be a new public park and funding for trail and sidewalk improvements.
- There have been adjustments to reduce tree removals.
- There are 300 net new car parking spots and 522 bicycle parking spots, with provided transit passes and close access to downtown.
- This project will support 324 new families with no displacement of existing ones, as well as providing a population that could support future (retail) developments on Moffett.
- There are 48 new BMR units (15% of total), and mitigations for existing residents such as phased construction and rental reductions from adverse effects.

It is very rare to see an infill project that doesn't displace people, creates a new park, and creates homes for 324 families by a developer willing to spend 7 years. And I worry about the message sent to the development community if you were to stop this project despite all of the adjustments made through the process, as well as additional work for staff to find replacement sites for the Housing Element.

If there are any changes made, perhaps limit to ensuring parking is unbundled so that those who take advantage of its proximity to downtown don't have to pay for a spot they don't use.

Meanwhile, I have also heard of the concerns of the labor community about the developer. And I say that council should ensure that staff is working diligently on the Wage Theft and Responsible Construction Ordinances from back in October to ensure that workers are protected in all projects, rather than having to pitch battles during large project approvals. We all want a fair, predictable process.

Sincerely,
Kevin Ma

From: [Liz Reid](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: 555 West Middlefield Road
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:41:44 AM

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Dear Council Members,

As a long time resident of Mountain View, I've always been concerned about my ability to live on my own as office developments continue to be built in Mountain View and nearby areas. I've watched incredibly dense housing projects take over my beloved hometown for the last two decades, and like many others, I feel I am going to eventually be priced out of the area. Due to COVID, I needed to move out from my parents' house and was lucky enough to find a reasonably priced studio. This studio is still half of my income.

I love my current apartment, and it has beautiful views of the tree line. I chose this apartment complex because of the beautiful redwoods, and I chose this unit because of the view of them. Please see attached for pictures that I have taken from my patio. I know that I cannot likely stop the development from proceeding, but I know that these trees will help counter the effects of all the construction dust and noise from the freeway. I am concerned that once they are cut down, the air quality will be much worse where I live, forcing me to move. (I have allergies, am asthmatic, and have had COVID twice now.) If I need to move, it is unlikely that I will find another apartment for this price in the area, and will need to relocate out of Mountain View.

I know that they do not plan to displace anyone, but I am concerned about the length of the project, which would be 5 years of construction dust, noise, and trucks in and out of the area. Due to this, I think that residents will be forced to either endure it or find a new place to live. I urge you to please vote to leave the trees as they are, or at least ask Avalon to minimize the amount of trees that they take down in the process. Thank you.

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