



August 21, 2023

Re: August 23, 2023, Agenda Item 5.1 – 570 South Rengstorff Avenue

Dear Zoning Administrator Blizinski and Subdivision Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters (LWV) supports policies that encourage the development of housing, particularly affordable housing. We also support local governments enforcing housing codes to protect the health and safety of all citizens.

We oppose the request for an extension because it does not appear that the applicant has shown good cause for the request. The project has already experienced significant delays, which left the property blighted. If an extension is granted, it should be a short one with additional conditions and monitoring to ensure that much-needed housing in our community is provided as soon as practicable.

Unfortunately, the project has not been well-run to date. In September 2021, the property owner evicted residents from rent-controlled units. In May 2022, Taylor Morrison submitted a request for a building permit. The property remained vacant for over one year.

We understand there were numerous break-ins, squatters, and a death on the premises; City staff apparently notified the applicant of these conditions in either December 2022 or January 2023. The Fire Department issued a fire watch on January 12, 2023, to address “the immediate concerns regarding property access” in light of property conditions. The fire watch presumably was disclosed to the applicant then, as part of disclosures related to the sale of the property. It was not until July 2023 that the property was demolished. The property is now entirely barren. Moreover, the applicant’s reference to deteriorated market conditions seems to be without merit given that other projects have managed to proceed, such as at 1555 West Middlefield.

Please send any questions about this letter to Kevin Ma, Co-Chair of the Housing Committee, at [housing@lwvlamv.org](mailto:housing@lwvlamv.org).

Sincerely,  
Katie Zoglin  
President  
Los Altos-Mountain View Area LWV

C: Ellen Yau

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Hi Ellen

Good afternoon. Hope you're doing well!

I am a resident at [REDACTED] directly facing the new construction site at 570 S Rengstorff Avenue.

There is lot of construction noise when the work is going on. This disturbs my health and work.

Is there a way we can work around it?

Could there possibly be a compensation for installing sound protection windows?

Thank you for your time.

Thanks  
Kushal

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Thanks,  
Kushal.

**From:** [lvj](#)  
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- I have lived on S. Rengstorff Ave for 30 years and in the last five years put up with new traffic lights, far more traffic, speeders and noise! What are you thinking? The traffic here is horrible and the property you are so casually describing is going to be an eyesore and problematic from the start. I don't know where you live, however you can't image what you are proposing. It's not going to go well. You cannot, with good conscious, cut down 38 Heritage trees. We need and love what these trees provide. I hope you can take a stand to let the good old city of Mt. View this isn't a solution to housing. We have so many empty buildings that have for rent signs on them. Have a heart and speak up for those of us who have lived, worked and loved living in this area. We don't want to have these buildings built. Enough is enough.

Eileen Mazer

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