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**Subject:** LWVLAMV Letter to City Council re: 87 E. Evelyn  
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May 8, 2022

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

Re: Council Meeting, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Study Session 3.1– Affordable Housing at 87 E. Evelyn

Dear Mayor Ramirez and Members of the City Council:

The LWV continues to support the City's efforts to provide affordable housing. We commend the Staff for negotiating such a reasonable sales price for this large, well-located site. We agree with the Staff recommendations regarding providing larger units with deeper affordability targets along with some permanent supportive housing, since these recommendations are based upon data the City has compiled regarding the need for housing for various households.

We appreciate the Staff analysis which allows a taller building and therefore, at-grade or above ground parking, which is less expensive than underground parking. We would support a higher density than 110 units/per acre, with the larger bedroom sizes, if this is financially feasible from the developer's perspective. Staff has pointed out that affordable developments in Mountain View have been as high as 120/acre. Since City affordable housing funds are being used as fast as they accumulate, we think these cost considerations are important. We also urge Council to accept the Staff recommendations regarding a maximum requirement of .75 parking spaces per unit— and lower if TDM allows (as these ratios appear to be based upon well-founded data).

We are also interested in seeing the transition plan for those households currently utilizing this site for safe parking, as this is a key safe parking site for many people.

Finally, we are excited that Charities Housing has bought a large site next door to 87 E. Evelyn and that master planning of the two sites may bring some additional cost savings— along with more amenities for each development.

Thank you for considering our input. (Please send any comments about this letter to Donna Davies at [dnndavies@gmail.com](mailto:dnndavies@gmail.com)).

Karin Bricker, President LWV of Los Altos-Mountain View  
Donna Davies Co-Chair, Housing Committee

cc: Wayne Chen    Kimbra McCarthy    Micaela Hellman-Tincher    Aarti Shrivastava



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