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From: Salim Damerджи [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 2:00 PM
To: City Council; MV YIMBY; Anderson, Eric B.; Shrivastava, Aarti
Subject: Item 3.1 - Moffett Boulevard Precise Plan or Rezoning Scope of Work

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Dear City Council,

Mountain View YIMBY urges you to adopt a bold vision for the Moffett rezoning project. That vision for this project is to establish a new urban core for the city, a vision that includes **extending the boundary to encompass Santa Rosa Ave and reaching up to CA-85**. This area's unique position, with its proximity to vital amenities and transit options, makes it an ideal candidate for such transformative development. In parallel, we **strongly advocate for a rezoning approach over a precise plan**. Rezoning aligns more closely with our objectives of timely implementation and facilitating a diverse housing mix near the transit hub, crucial for sustainable urban growth

As someone who has rented on Central Avenue, there is so much to say in favor of making this neighborhood a new urban core for the city. This area features a major transit hub, multiple nearby grocery stores, trails, and plentiful jobs in biking distance - all cases for bold upzoning. If not here, then where?

Indeed, taxpayers should wonder why they are paying millions for a major transit hub and grade separation while the city bans high-density housing nearby. We simply cannot achieve our climate goals of reducing VMTs while strictly capping how many people can live in transit-oriented, amenity-rich neighborhoods like Moffett. For this reason, the boundary should be extended to CA-85, including Shenandoah Square, and Santa Rosa Avenue. As staff notes, there are many recently redeveloped lots in the boundary as drawn; it would be a mistake to omit low-density lots with older structures (such as Santa Rosa Avenue) or lots with actual developer interest (such as Shenandoah Square).

To move expeditiously in light of a legally binding housing element deadline and to avoid the long-term staff burden of administering a more complex planning code, we recommend pursuing a rezoning instead of a precise plan. If the city pursues a precise plan, it is likely that other council priorities would take a backseat at least until after the housing element deadline for rezoning Moffett.

The current plan to zone for a unit count in the "low- to mid-hundreds" is a failure to take the climate crisis seriously. Restricting high-density housing near transit centers contradicts our environmental commitments, and neglects the urgency of reducing pollution from vehicle miles traveled. Therefore, we implore the council to consider extending the boundary up to CA-85 and westward to Santa Rosa. We also submit that this area, in proximity to our major transit hub and so many great amenities, should feature some of the highest density zoning in the city. Planning for units in the "low- to mid-hundreds" is woefully insufficient in face of our dual crises, the housing crisis and the climate crisis.

We believe in Mountain View's capacity to lead by example in environmental urbanism. This project is more than just rezoning; it's about shaping a future that aligns with our values on the climate. Let's seize this opportunity to make a meaningful difference.



Sincerely,
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Hi Ellen,

I am writing because I understand that you are the project manager for the proposed 500 and 550 Ellis Street Hotel and Office Project.

As a member of a Mountain View-loving group known as Green Spaces Mountain View [REDACTED] I am writing to respectfully request that you not allow the destruction of those 15 beautiful redwood trees that are slated to be killed for this project. We believe that we can help find a way to integrate those 15 ancient redwoods into the project, rather than annihilate them.

Thanks so much for caring!

Best regards,
Laura Robichek