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May 15, 2016

Chairperson Capriles and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: Environmental Planning Commission Meeting, May 18th, Agenda Item 5.1 – 1701-1707 West El Camino Real

Dear Chairperson Capriles and Members of the EPC:

The LWV supports affordable housing for all Californians. Therefore, we heartily recommend approval of this all-affordable development, which will add to the diversity of affordable housing in Mountain View.

We are particularly pleased to see that 30 units will be available for veterans who earn 30% or less of the area median income. Extremely low-income households (those with 30% or less AMI) have the hardest time finding housing in the marketplace. This is a good location for veterans as they will have easy access to services at the Palo Alto VA and also the Veterans Resource Center at Foothill College.

The site is well-located for all the lower-income tenants who will live here, as the development is within walking distance to many key services and amenities and also on a frequent-service VTA bus line and close to the Mountain View Transit Center.

Due to the population being served as well as the site's excellent location near transit, we support the staff and the parking study's recommendations of requiring only .45 spaces per unit. We are pleased to see that reducing the parking allowed for 2 more affordable units to be included.

We also support staff's position that requiring public benefits would be unnecessary and redundant because the development is all-affordable; affordable housing is one of the key public benefits intended by this requirement.

Thank you for considering our input.

Donna Yobs
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Subject: Comments on agenda Item 5.1, 1701 West El Camino Real, May 18, 2016

Chair Capriles and Members of the EPC:

This is an outstanding example of the sort of housing project we should be building in Mountain View.

At the meetings on the project that I have attended, many people have been overjoyed at this opportunity to house underserved segments of our community. But that's just the start.

The architecture is not only thoughtful but stunning. It starts with a very odd-shaped piece of land that for-profit developers wouldn't dream of building on, and turns it into something wonderful that fits neatly into its surroundings.

I hope you are as proud of this opportunity to welcome this new building and its residents to Mountain View as I am.

Sincerely,

Julie Lovins