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**Subject:** LWVLAMV Letter re: 1265 Montecito Avenue  
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**From:** [James Kuszmaul](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Item 7.2 1265 Montecito Avenue Affordable Housing Development and Funding Appropriation  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:57:08 AM

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To Mayor Ramirez and City Council:

Mountain View YIMBY continues to express enthusiastic support for the proposed project at 1265 Montecito Avenue.

This project will provide 85 homes that will be definitionally affordable to households that cannot afford market-rate housing, and will be located across the street from multiple amenities (including a Safeway) and is approximately a half mile from our downtown transit center.

Our only feedback would be to take the existence of this project as reason to adjust some of the city's zoning guidelines going forwards; in particular:

1.

We should allow more housing of this form to be built throughout our residential neighborhoods, so that affordable housing developments are not pushed to be adjacent to busy, noisy, and polluted traffic corridors.

2.

We should reduce our parking mandates to allow greater flexibility for housing developments—this development is building 44 parking spots with a 43 spot requirement; if this development is pushing so close to our mandated parking requirement, that implies that our requirements are unnecessarily high.



Thank you for considering our input.

James Kuszmaul

On behalf of the members of MV YIMBY

**From:** [Zoe Siegel](#)  
**To:** [Ramirez, Lucas](#); [Hicks, Alison](#); [Abe-Koga, Margaret](#); [Showalter, Pat](#); [Kamei, Ellen](#); [Lieber, Sally](#); [Matichak, Lisa](#); [City Council](#); [Jordan Grimes](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Montecito Family Apartments  
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Dear Mayor Ramirez, Vice Mayor Hicks and Mountain View City Council,

In advance of tonights meeting, attached please find our letter in support of the Montecito Family Apartments. With its climate SMART design, we believe that this project will play an integral role in achieving the vibrant community all Mountain View residents deserve. We hope our approval will help expedite the process to turn this vision into reality.

Regards,

Zoe

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**From:** [Isaac Stone](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** public comment on item 7.2: 1265 Montecito.  
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This is a good project. The location is excellent, near to safeway and walking distance to downtown and the transit center.

First: could consider asking for a public access easement along the west driveway? The hope I have is that someday we will be able to have a trail along the hetch hetchy right of way, and connections from all the developments on the block. The parcel is located on a very large block, around 5,000 foot perimeter. More pedestrian through access would increase the walkability of this area.

Second, and less important, is access to the green spaces in the project. It continues to baffle me why developers create gardens and podium decks, but don't provide direct access by the units facing these areas. I was able to find a place where the apartment patios have a door which opens into the courtyard, but strangely most new developments do not have, and people seeking affordable housing have less flexibility in choice. I wonder if there is a way they city could encourage easy access to the shared green spaces?

These are both minor things. Overall it is a good project and I am happy to see more housing in these central locations.

Thanks,  
Isaac Stone