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Subject: 4/12/22 meeting agenda item 6: Alta Housing 1020 Terra Bella
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 9:57:58 PM

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To: Mountain View City Council
From: Joel Dean, [REDACTED] MV
Re: Alta Housing -- Terra Bella

Figures 3 and 4 in the Study Session Memo show the sidewalk in front of the subject project will be set back from the street, which it is not now. That is a welcome change which should be mandatory for all new high-density projects. It is particularly important in this case, where some of the residents will be carless, there aren't as many parking spaces as housing units, public transit and CSA are a block away, and most other amenities are farther than that. As a result, the Alta housing project could generate a significant amount of pedestrian traffic.

The setback between sidewalk and curb should be at least 6 feet wide to accommodate signs, utility poles, hydrants and whatever detritus RV dwellers deposit outside their homes. Also, the setback would absorb most of the dips associated with driveways -- those things are real ankle-turners. Trees should NOT, repeat NOT, be planted in the setback, especially anywhere near driveways and crosswalks where they would obstruct drivers' view of pedestrians. I like trees (especially The Three Sisters presiding over the median at Shoreline and Middlefield) as much as anyone else, except where they compromise public safety. The sidewalks should be three slabs wide to expedite two-way pedestrian traffic with social distancing, for stroller-pushers and dog-walkers as well as lone individuals.

The sidewalks outside the new office building at 1075 Terra Bella are exemplary and Alta Housing would do well to copy them. So would many another developer.

Thank you for your attention.

From: [Doug DeLong](#)
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Cc: [McCarthy, Kimbra](#); [Shrivastava, Aarti](#); [Williams, Stephanie](#); [Maravilla, Edgar](#); [Glaser, Heather](#)
Subject: Council Meeting 4/12, Item 6.1 - Terra Bella Developments Study Session
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 1:13:13 AM
Attachments: [AAH ltr MV CC re 1020-1040 Terra Bella 20220412.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Ramirez and Councilmembers,

Advocates for Affordable Housing (AAH), a volunteer group of Mountain View residents who support affordable housing for all socioeconomic levels, would like to offer our support for the proposed developments. Please see either the attached PDF or the plain text pasted below. This e-mail is being sent on behalf of Joan MacDonald for AAH.

Regards,
Doug DeLong

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April 12, 2022

Mayor Ramirez and Members of the City Council
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500 Castro Street
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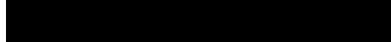
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Sincerely,

Joan MacDonald for AAH



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