

Netto, Margaret

From: Linda Jacobsa [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 10:54 AM
To: jhickey@shhomes.com; Netto, Margaret
Subject: Removal of Heritage Trees

Hello,

I am writing to file my objection to the removal of 54 trees at the address of 1555 West Middlefield Rd. These trees are a part of the community and are essential for the health and happiness for all that live and work in the area; including the wildlife. I am in strong opposition of the removal and would like to be added to the notification list for meetings and hearings; my details are below.

Linda Jacobs
[REDACTED]

Please let me know if I need to call the number given on the sign or if this email will suffice.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Linda

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Netto, Margaret

From: Enxun Wei [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:31 AM
To: Netto, Margaret
Cc: Luyuan Lin
Subject: 1555 W Middlefield Road Comment

Hi Margaret,

We're the residents in San Marcos Cir near the proposed project. Thanks for making the development planning process open and transparent. We appreciate the work the city has been doing to [mitigate negative impact](#) of this project!

Per [this posting](#), we're sending over our comments after reviewing the [current project plan](#). In general we're happy to see the city and developers are working together to solve housing issues in the area. We see many good designs and positive considerations from the plan. To ensure a better residential neighborhood community, here are our concerns that we'd like to flag out, for your consideration.

1. Insufficient Guest / Overflow Parking

The project proposes 115 units. All of the units are 3 - 4 bedroom units where it is a very common practice that the future owner rent 1 to 3 bedrooms out (especially given the short distance from major employers such as Google). 43 units have tandem 2-car garages that are inconvenient to use.

However with those parking challenges, only 40 (35 + 5) guest / overflow parking spots are provided. I think the parking spaces are insufficient and it is very likely the residents' vehicles will overflow onto nearby single family streets such as San Marcos Cir and San Ramon Ct. Neighborhood outlook, traffic and safety are negatively impacted. Here are examples of some other communities as comparison.

- Arques Place By Summerhill Homes (617 E Arques Ave, Sunnyvale) provides 48 guest parking spots for 85 units.
- Found8tion by Taylor Morrison (301 Charles Morris Terrace, Sunnyvale) provides 36 for 66 units. I personally have lived there and parking overflow was still a big problem even with this ratio.

2. Insufficient Open Space & Park Area

From the current proposed site map, the community park looks small with respect to the size of the community and the land. It has smaller park area than the existing apartment community and the other Summerhill Homes project in the neighborhood (See the pictures in the bottom).

115 units on 5.44 acres is also a higher density than 2054 Montecito + 333 Rengstorff project (83 units on 1.72 + 2.78 = 4.5 acres land). A small park is much less useful than an appropriately sized one for the future resident in that community. The higher density also leads to a crowded feeling to the neighborhood.

Differently from a lot of other townhome development projects, this project is directly adjacent to a single family neighborhood and thus the density is more a problem if not planned properly.

Proposed plan:



Existing apartment at 1555 W Middlefield:



2054 Montecito + 333 Rengstorff: 83 units only with more park area



NORTH RENGSTORFF AVENUE



* = ADA UNIT



Regards,
Enxun & Luyuan

Some Thoughts on the 1555 W. Middlefield Road Redevelopment Plan

Dear Mountain View City Council and Staff:

-Good day! I have been a resident at the Meadowood Apartments at 1555 W. Middlefield Road for over 33 years and am urgently writing to request your help. -Particularly in light of the ongoing disruptions and uncertainties that the Coronavirus pandemic has presented to the most basic principles of everyday living here in Mountain View and elsewhere.

We have been advised that the tenancy for all current residents is scheduled to end no later than October 22, 2020 so that the developer, Summerhill Homes, may proceed with plans to clear and redevelop the entire property with 115 new "rowhomes" sometime thereafter. -Thus as of the date of this letter, Tuesday May 12, 2020, we have barely five-months remaining for everyone to have secured new housing and vacated the premises entirely.

While some of the current 116 apartments have become "vacant" within the past several months, the vast majority of the units are still "occupied".....many of them by families with one or more children, elderly residents or individuals with health and/or mobility issues. -Of equal concern is the fact that we have been "sheltering-in-place" due to Coronavirus restrictions imposed by governmental agencies since March 16, 2020 when, effectively, our ability to secure other rental properties that we might wish to relocate to has been largely "put on hold". -This potentially creates a large and serious "tenant dislocation" problem for current residents in-that, while the remaining five-months of time are slowly "ticking away" toward the October 22nd move-out "deadline", we are virtually unable to acquire new rental housing and to make arrangements to actually relocate. This is not surprising as landlords and property managers of other rental sites will be understandably reluctant to lease to anyone as a result of the virus, and the creation of new potential "vacancies" within their own complexes will thus be severely curtailed as their own residents decide to avoid any unnecessary moving on their part.

What I am therefore respectfully asking for of the Mountain View City Council to do as part of their review of this project is to mandate that the developer, SummerHill Homes, extend the move-out deadline from October 22, 2020 and to grant those of us still in residence at the Meadowood Apartments at least one additional year to move from this location AFTER Covid-19 restrictions are finally lifted and we may again actively search for new rental housing. This action on your part will give all of us a much better chance to find new housing and thus avoid a tremendous "tenant dislocation" dilemma for the City.

Now I know that SummerHill Homes will probably state that they have already provided us with a year's "notice" to move-out under their original plan. -This is certainly "true" and was very thoughtful of John Hickey and his staff to provide this accommodation. -However, that was before the world had even heard of "Covid-19".....and certainly before we knew anyone would be needing to "shelter-in-place" with the local rental markets virtually shut-down for an indefinite period of time. -Thus, those of us who are residents did not create this unforeseen health crisis.....but sadly now stand to become "dislocated" as a result of it....if we cannot make other living arrangements by October 22nd of this year. In addition, if the "shelter-in-place"

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Coronavirus restrictions are re-imposed by government health order in the late-Summer or early-Fall of 2020, then this would be an utter disaster for all those desperately seeking a new rental unit at the very moment that the original October 22nd deadline is looming.

As I have stated before, I do not begrudge the decision by Calson/Lindsay Properties to sell the Meadowood Apartments....nor of SummerHill Homes to purchase the property from them at 1555 W. Middlefield Road and redevelop it. I am simply requesting is that the City Council help all current residents be provided with at least one more year starting from the time the County "shelter-in-place" restrictions are lifted so that all of us may have the best-chance of securing new housing prior to any closure date.

Thank you so much for your time and generous consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Ken Nelson, Meadowood Apartments Resident

Return email: [REDACTED]

Dated: May 12, 2020

Netto, Margaret

From: Sharon Gloster [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 11:39 PM
To: City.Council
Cc: Netto, Margaret
Subject: 1555 West Middlefield Road

Hello City Council Members,

As a 21 year resident of Mtn. View and home owner near this apartment complex, I have been biking around the neighborhood over the years and seeing one apartment complex after the other torn down. Most of them have been small and probably not that well-maintained. Even so, it's heart-breaking to think of all of the families being kicked out of Mtn. View, and building at a time, to make room for people who can afford the more expensive homes replacing these apartments.

My daughter has known a few of these families whose kids have had to transfer schools as they have been forced to move to more affordable communities.

Isn't there any way to stop this on such a grand scale? Will Mtn. View just be home to tech workers? Where will happen to our diverse community? Who will work in the lower paying service jobs or teach in our schools or work for the city? People who have to commute from faraway?

And, this property, especially. It looks well-maintained. And, on top of the fact that so many residents are being pushed out, so many mature trees are being cut down—several fruit trees as well.

It really, really breaks my heart and makes me very angry. What can be done about this? I am a supporter of free markets with regulation. Free markets by themselves without the intelligence, ethics, and common sense of a city government that looks beyond profit and business is cruel. Cruel to people and cruel to the environment.

I would like to know why this is continuing to happen and how we can stop it. We need to provide for affordable housing to keep our community diverse and interesting.

Thanks for your consideration and thoughts.

Sharon Gloster

Netto, Margaret

From: , City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Councilmembers
Cc: McCarthy, Kimbra; Chopra, Krishan; Ramberg, Audrey Seymour; Shrivastava, Aarti; van Deursen, Anky; Wong, Tim; Chen, Wayne; Netto, Margaret
Subject: POLICY-FW: Tenancy termination

Forwarding Council Correspondence.

From: vivek nambiar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:47 AM
To: CSFRA@housing.org; City.Council <City.Council@mountainview.gov>
Subject: Tenancy termination

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm a tenant at Meadowood Apartments (1555 W Middlefield Road Mountain View).
I had received a notice of termination of tenancy in October 2019 stating that my tenancy would be terminated in October 2020 due to SummerHill Homes' project to tear down the existing rental apartments and build new homes.

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic I'm unable to find and move to a new place.

Bearing the above in mind, I have 2 questions:

1. If the pandemic lasts till October, would I still be asked to move out during the pandemic ?
2. In case the pandemic ends before October, would the tenancy termination date be pushed further to account for the lost months due to the pandemic?

Regards,
Vivek Nambiar

P.S: Kindly help redirect this email to the appropriate person/department

Netto, Margaret

From: Kimberley Richardson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Netto, Margaret
Subject: Development at 1555 West Middlefield

Mountain View residents are sick of seeing perfectly good affordable homes being torn down to provide luxury units for rich people. Not only that, but these developments inevitably continue to destroy our environment and wildlife habitat. For example you propose to remove 54 heritage trees at 1555 West Middlefield.

We have to wonder what is in it for the Mountain View council to approve such developments? Maybe the question should be what is in it for the individual councilors who approve such destruction of our affordable housing stock, flora and fauna?

Do you have a list of how many apartments have been removed from the stock by your approval of these developments? A list of how many heritage trees you have destroyed? How many fewer birds are in the area? I think there needs to be a high level investigation of Mountain View's housing policy and the city's links to developers.

Please let me know the appropriate state commissioner to whom I should address our concerns.

Netto, Margaret

From: Donna Davies [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Abe-Koga, Margaret; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas; Kamei, Ellen; Matichak, Lisa; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Attorney; Netto, Margaret
Subject: Postpone 1555 W. Middlefield decision

Dear Mountain View City Council,

I am writing to strongly suggest you *postpone the vote* on the redevelopment project at 1555 W. Middlefield Avenue during this health crisis as members of the community will not be heard.

When the vote is ultimately taken, I urge you to vote against the proposal as it is a low density housing replacement on a large, five acres plus, instead of the high density housing we need throughout the city. In addition, there are no affordable homes included in the plan and the city will lose all those affordable units currently at 1555 W. Middlefield. Finally, there may not be sufficient action in the proposal to help displaced tenants.

Respectfully,
Donna Davies
resident of Mountain View

Netto, Margaret

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Netto, Margaret
Subject: Postpone 1555 Middlefield Road

To Ms. Netto,

As homeowners in Mountain View for 27 years, we urge you to postpone the final decision regarding the Meadowood apartments that is currently scheduled to be voted on this Tuesday. With so many Mountain View residents concerned not able to attend the meeting because of COVID-19, it is imperative that you postpone the vote until they can safely attend the meeting and have their voices heard. Thank you for your consideration of our request.
Jim and Arpenny Hart

Netto, Margaret

From: Susan Van Riesen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Abe-Koga, Margaret; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas; Kamei, Ellen; Matichak, Lisa; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Attorney; Netto, Margaret
Subject: postpone 1555 W. Middlefield, COVID-19

Dear City Council members,

It has come to my attention that due to Covid-19, the city is actively encouraging residents not to attend the meeting having to do with 1555 W. Middlefield Road and instead send their input via email. A matter affecting this many Mountain View families and residents deserves robust and personal discussion.

I urge you to postpone making a final choice until those affected can fully attend.

Susan Van Riesen
Lead Pastor
Palo Alto Vineyard Church

Netto, Margaret

From: Sharon Tseng [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 8:58 PM
To: Abe-Koga, Margaret; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas; Kamei, Ellen; Matichak, Lisa; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris
Cc: McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Attorney; Netto, Margaret
Subject: Postpone 1555 W. Middlefield, COVID-19

Dear Mountain View City Council,

My name is Sharon Tseng and I am a Mountain View renter.

I understand that the city council meeting to potentially approve or deny this project is scheduled to happen this Tuesday. I am concerned that the current state of emergency caused by the coronavirus will make it difficult for me to attend this meeting without the risk of becoming sick myself or possibly spreading this virus.

I would like to be able to participate in this meeting, however, given the advice from our state, county, and the city government to avoid public gatherings, I believe the best course of action would to postpone any approval or denial of this project until it is safe for everyone to be able to fully participate.

I also understand that the city is making available recommendations to send emails and other electronic communication for the meeting on Tuesday. However, I believe these options for participating have not been communicated in proper time and are confusing enough that moving forward with such an important decision through impersonal means is not appropriate.

Thank you for reading my email, and please postpone making a final choice until this state of emergency is over so that my neighbors in Meadowood Apartments, community members, and others can safely participate in a decision that will have major impact on our lives.

Thank you,
Sharon Tseng

Netto, Margaret

From: Marilyn A Winkleby [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:26 PM
To: Netto, Margaret
Subject: Postpone discussion of the Meadowview Apartments

Good evening,

I am writing to ask that you postpone Tuesday's final decision of the redevelopment of the Meadowood Apartments at 1555 West Middlefield Road. Because of the Covid-19 emergency, the final choice should be delayed until those affected can attend a council meeting and have their voices heard. This is especially important given that the developer is not including any affordable housing that is typically required for this type of redevelopment.

Since this is yet another major displacement issue for low income people in Mountain View, I feel that we must not layer one emergency on top of another. Please postpone the discussion of the Meadowview Apartments.

Regards,
Marilyn Winkleby
Homeowner, 520 View Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

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Netto, Margaret

From: donna yobs [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:53 PM
To: McAlister, John; Clark, Chris; Hicks, Alison; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas
Cc: City.Council; McCarthy, Kimbra; Netto, Margaret; Shrivastava, Aarti; Williams, Stephanie; Chen, Wayne
Subject: : Council Meeting March 17 – Agenda # 6.1 Rowhouse Development at 1555 W. Middlefield
Attachments: lww letter MVCC re item 6.1 1555 W Middlefield.pdf

Mayor Abe-Koga and Members of the City Council,

The LWW would like to comment on item 6.1, please see attached PDF or plain text below.

Sincerely,

Donna Yobs

----- Included Text -----

Regarding the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, the LWW is concerned the COVID-19 crisis will prevent many stakeholders, including current tenants and the LWW as a community member, from coming to testify. **So, we urge you to reschedule the hearing to a time when the local emergency situation is no longer in effect.**

The LWW supports affordable housing and improving the jobs/housing imbalance so we see this proposal as an enormous loss of opportunity. This site of over 5 acres would more appropriately be developed at significantly higher densities, similar to 777 W. Middlefield. The current plan seems to be an outdated approach that is in opposition to the **Council's preference to provide more units when feasible.**

One small, but significant improvement would be to require Summerhill to provide 12 BMR units on site. As the Staff Report points out, "the project is subject to the City's Below-Market-Rate (BMR) Ordinance, Phase I. The City last May required the Lux-Largo development at 1411-1495 W. El Camino Real to provide BMRs. Clearly, Summerhill should provide the units; these moderate-income BMRs would serve the "missing middle" that Council has expressed interest in helping.

Another improvement would be to condition the tenant relocation benefits according to the revised TRAO, expected to be enacted by Council by the end of April. These benefits may be what Summerhill is currently offering, or they may be greater. But with the COVID-19 crisis, this displacement is coming at a particularly difficult time. And because the project is not subject to SB 330, there is no requirement of replacement units for these tenants.

Finally, we are concerned about the “superblock” effect, the current design without more than a pedestrian/bike path to break up a frontage of over 900 feet along Middlefield Road.

Donna Yobs
Co-Chair, Housing Committee,
LWV of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area

Netto, Margaret

From: Niruthya Mathangi [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Abe-Koga, Margaret; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas; Kamei, Ellen; Matichak, Lisa; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris
Cc: McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Attorney; Netto, Margaret
Subject: Postpone 1555 W. Middlefield, COVID-19-Reg

Dear Mountain View City Council,

My name is Niruthya Mathangi Dhakshinamoorthy and I am a resident of Meadowood Apartments at 1555 W. Middlefield.

I understand that the city council meeting to potentially approve or deny this project is scheduled to happen this Tuesday. I am concerned that the current state of emergency caused by the coronavirus will make it difficult for me to attend this meeting without the risk of becoming sick myself or possibly spreading this virus.

I would like to be able to participate in this meeting, however, given the advice from our state, county, and the city government to avoid public gatherings, I believe the best course of action would to postpone any approval or denial of this project until it is safe for everyone to be able to fully participate.

I also understand that the city is making available recommendations to send emails and other electronic communication for the meeting on Tuesday. However, I believe these options for participating have not been communicated in proper time and are confusing enough that moving forward with such an important decision through impersonal means is inappropriate.

Thank you for reading my email, and please postpone making a final choice until this state of emergency is over so that my neighbors in Meadowood Apartments, community members, and others can safely participate in a decision that will have major impact on our lives.

Thank you,
Niruthya Mathangi Dhakshinamoorthy

Netto, Margaret

From: PRANESH KRISHNAMURTHY [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 11:11 PM
To: Abe-Koga, Margaret; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas; Kamei, Ellen; Matichak, Lisa; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris
Cc: McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Attorney; Netto, Margaret
Subject: Postpone 1555 W. Middlefield, COVID-19-Reg

Dear Mountain View City Council,

My name is Pranesh Krishnamurthy and I am a resident of Meadowood Apartments at 1555 W. Middlefield.

I understand that the city council meeting to potentially approve or deny this project is scheduled to happen this Tuesday. I am concerned that the current state of emergency caused by the coronavirus will make it difficult for me to attend this meeting without the risk of becoming sick myself or possibly spreading this virus.

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Thank you,
Pranesh Krishnamurthy

Netto, Margaret

From: Mary Arnone [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Mary Arnone
Subject: Postphone 1555 W. Middlefield Discussion, Please

Dear Mountain View City Council and City Staff,

It has come to my attention that at your closed meeting tomorrow, March 17, you are to be discussing the details around the the approval or denial of the above project.

Since most people will not be able to participate in live-real time, I urge you to postpone the discussion. The residents need the chance to be heard as much as any other project that has come before you with robust, energetic appeal and review. To deny or approve such a project without this, under these COVID19 conditions, hardly seems fair.

Please postpone making the final choice until this containment period is over, which understandably may be weeks away. But it's only fair. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Arnone
[REDACTED]

Netto, Margaret

From: Filipe Ferreira [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 12:08 PM
Subject: Postpone 1555 W. Middlefield, COVID-19

Dear Mountain View City Council Member,

This email is to request tomorrow's final decision of the redevelopment of the Meadowood Apartments at 1555 W Middlefield Rd. to be **POSTPONED**. Since this affects many families and due to Covid-19 many will not be able to attend it would be unfair to make a decision when not all those involved and representation could voice their concerns.

I'm also including Mrs. McCarty (City Manager), Mr. Chopra (City Attorney), and Mrs. Netto (City Planner) on this request.

Thank you for your time and look forward to continuing making Mountain View a better place for ALL.

Blessings,

Filipe Ferreira

Senior Pastor

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