



November 19, 2024

Re: November 21, 2024, Meeting, Agenda Item #3 (4896 El Camino Real)

Dear Chair Beninato and Members of the Planning Commission:

The League of Women Voters (LWV) supports policies that encourage the development of housing, particularly affordable housing.

The League commends the project proposed for 4896 El Camino Real, which includes office space and 33 multi-family residences, including below-market rate (BMR) units. We ask that the square footage of the below-market-rate units (BMRs) be revised given that the BMR units are dramatically smaller than the market-rate units.

More specifically, the square footage of the three bedroom BMR unit is 1,656 square feet but the three bedroom market rate units are planned to be 2,020 to 2,582 square feet. The range of the square footage of the two bedroom BMR units is 1,062 to 1,163 square feet while the two bedroom market rate units are planned to have 1,839 square feet. These discrepancies are inconsistent with section 14.28.030(C) of the Municipal Code and the League asks the Planning Commission to refrain from making an exception here.

Please send any questions about this email to Sue Russell, Co-Chair of the Housing Committee, at [housing@lwvlamv.org](mailto:housing@lwvlamv.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Zoglin".

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