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From: <u>Carol Redfield</u>

To: Public Comment; Radha Hayagreev

Subject: Development of 4350 El Camino Real

Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 7:33:46 AM

Dear Sir/Mam -

We are at a loss to understand how you can justify your approval of the design for the new construction at 4350 El Camino. This is grossly unfair to the Los Altos residents near the development. These residents bought their property with the understanding that Los Altos has strict building restrictions that would protect their neighborhood were the corner property ever to be developed. The Planning Commission has ignored many of the local building codes in approving the current design and thereby betrayed the trust of the local community. The justification that the committee gives is that the developer is building higher density housing with low income units. We fully support the inclusion of these higher density and low income units, but not at the expense of exceeding many of the building restrictions for the local neighborhood.

We expect you to do your job and enforce the local height restrictions, density restrictions, parking requirements, and setback requirements. The condominiums adjacent to the property have the most to lose, but those of us in single family homes nearby will also have a dramatic change to our skyline and community. You can't arbitrarily enforce the restrictions for some developers and not others. Your job is to protect the community by enforcing the current building codes. We respectfully suggest that you do so.

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September 3,2022

Mayor Enander and Members of the City Council City of Los Altos 1 N. San Antonio Road Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Agenda Item #3 – 4350 El Camino Real Development, Council Meeting September 6

Dear Mayor Enander and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports inclusionary zoning as a method to increase the supply of safe, decent, adequate housing for all Californians. We have consistently commended Los Altos for its below-market-rate (BMR) program as it has been the key way that Los Altos has been providing affordable housing.

One of the main tenets of BMR programs is that the affordable units are dispersed throughout the housing developments, are reflective of the overall mix of bedroom types, and are not able to be distinguished from the market-rate units. Therefore, we are pleased to see that the developers of 4350 El Camino Real have once again improved the proposed mix of BMR units since their earlier proposals and are now including more two-bedroom units, as recommended by the Planning Commission and by the LWV in our letter to the Planning Commission. We appreciate Staff and the Planning Commission paying close attention to implementation of the BMR ordinance and commend the Council for doing the same with past developments.

(Please send any questions about this email to Sue Russell at housing@lwvlamv.org)

Karin Bricker, President LWV of Los Altos/Mountain View Area

Cc: Gabe Engeland. Nick Zornes Steve Golden Radha Hayagreev Angel Rodriguez

From: Radha Hayagreev
To: Public Comment

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Subject: Fwd: Development of 4350 El Camino Real Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 8:49:29 AM

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