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Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance
Public Comment
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LAAHA letter to CC in support of 330 Distel.pdf

Hello Councilmembers and City Staff,

Please see attached a letter in support of 330 Distel Circle.

Thank you, LAAHA Steering Committee

Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance

To educate and inspire the Los Altos community to build housing that is affordable for our workforce.



September 19, 2022

Dear Mayor Enander, Vice Mayor Meadows, and Councilmembers,

The Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance continues to enthusiastically support the project at 330 Distel Circle. Creating more housing at affordable levels is a huge challenge for our city, and 330 Distel Circle is a huge opportunity. Our city will benefit greatly from welcoming new neighbors at this all-affordable project.

It bears repeating that EAH Housing has done an outstandingly thorough job to engage the community and incorporate feedback into its final plan. City staff have clearly worked very hard with the developer and the County throughout the process to keep the project on track and progressing through the necessary steps.

We urge the Council to approve the 330 Distel Circle project.

Respectfully, The Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance

Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance

Committed to educating and inspiring the Los Altos community to build housing that is affordable for those who live and work in Los Altos https://losaltosaffordablehousing.org/

From:	Courtney Welch
То:	Public Comment
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Subject:	[External Sender]PUBLIC COMMENT: AGENDA ITEM 10 - 9/20/2022
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Attachments:	Los Altos - Distel Circle HAA Letter.pdf

Greetings Los Altos City Council,

Attached you will find a letter in regards to the proposed 330 Distel Circle Affordable Housing Development.

Thank you.

--Courtney Welch Planning and Investigations Director California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund



September 19, 2022

City of Los Altos 1 North San Antonio Road Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Proposed 330 Distel Circle Affordable Housing Development.

Dear City Council and City Attorney:

The California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund (CaRLA) submits this letter to inform the Los Altos City Council that they have an obligation to abide by all relevant state housing laws when evaluating the proposed 330 Distel Circle Multiple Family Affordable Housing Development Project. The Housing Accountability Act (GOV 65589.5) requires approval of zoning and general plan compliant projects unless findings can be made regarding specific, objective, written health and safety hazards.

As you are well aware, California remains in the throes of a statewide crisis-level housing shortage. New housing such as this is a public benefit; it will bring increased tax revenue, new customers to local businesses, decarbonization in the face of climate crisis, but most importantly it will reduce displacement of existing residents into homelessness or carbon-heavy car commutes.

CaRLA is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose mission includes advocating for increased access to housing for Californians at all income levels, including low-income households. Consistent with the general plan, the proposed development will provide badly needed housing and contribute to the creation of a harmonious neighborhood through architectural integrity with neighboring structures. In addition, the proposed development will further Los Altos' affordable housing stock, thus enhancing community comfort, prosperity, and welfare.

While no one project will solve the regional housing crisis, the proposed 330 Distel Road development is the kind of housing Los Altos needs to mitigate displacement, provide shelter for its growing population, and arrest unsustainable housing price appreciation. You may learn more about CaRLA at <u>www.carlaef.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Dylan Casey

CaRLA Executive Director

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Courtney Welch CaRLA Director of Planning and Investigation