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September 18, 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 #2, City Council Meeting Sept. 20th – 330 Distel Circle

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

As we have written earlier to both the Planning Commission and the Council, the LWV enthusiastically supports the EAH development at 330 Distel Circle, the first all-affordable housing to be built in Los Altos. The LWV supports action at all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing for all Californians. We compliment the Staff on its comprehensive report explaining the concessions and waivers allowed by State law including State Density Bonus Law.

We also compliment EAH for working with the community, as well as with the City and County, to design a project that meets neighborhood concerns but still provides the 90 units of affordable housing originally projected for this site. The location is ideal for lower-income households, near transit and services. We are also pleased to see that the percentage of very low-income units (including extremely low income) has increased from the 55% anticipated in the original MOU with the County to over 63%, as these households are the most in need of affordable housing. We urge the Council to approve this project on September 20th.

Thank you for considering our input,

(Please send any questions about this email to Sue Russell at [REDACTED])

Karin Bricker, President LWV of Los Altos/Mountain View

Cc: Gabe Engeland Nick Zornes Radha Hayagreev Steve Golden Jolie Houston
Erik Ramakrishnan. Angel Rodriguez

September 17, 2022

Dear Councilmembers,

For over half a century in California, we have had the legal right to make decisions about our reproductive health care, including whether to continue a pregnancy or have an abortion, and whether to choose or refuse contraceptives, based on our personal life circumstances, beliefs, and health concerns. These are among the most private, consequential, and complex decisions we make in our lives.

Physicians and other health care providers have also had legal protection to serve our reproductive health needs without being prosecuted or second-guessed by unqualified, unaffected, and often politically motivated forces.

This year, the Supreme Court of the United States, in “Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization”, removed the federal protection of Roe v. Wade and left it to each state to determine whether we will retain, or lose, these fundamental reproductive rights.

As a result, individuals, organizations, and government entities all over California are joining together to support **Proposition 1, “Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2022)”**, which would protect these rights in our state. Prop 1 is just three sentences:

SEC. 1.1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.^[4]

Since 1879, California’s constitution has been amended over 500 times. There have been few cases where the need for a state constitutional amendment has been so clear, so urgent, and so widely supported as with Proposition 1. The bill to put Proposition 1 on our November ballot passed with overwhelming majorities in our state legislature, and is supported by the California Medical Association, the League of Women Voters, and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, among many others.

As the tragic real-life consequences of the Supreme Court decision become clear in headlines across our country, it is up to us to protect the right of all Californians to make decisions about their reproductive lives, in private, based on their own beliefs and circumstances, and with the guidance of health care professionals who are able to practice to the highest ethical standards of care.

We urge the City of Los Altos to join us in supporting Proposition 1 “Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2022)”.

Sincerely,

Los Altos Women’s Caucus

Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation

Los Altos/Mountain View Chapter,
American Association of University Women

Los Altos Community Voices

From: [Peter Robertson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Radha Hayagreev](#)
Subject: EAH Housing
Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 7:36:12 AM

Dear Members of the Los Altos City Council,

I understand that EAH Housing has requested approval of the proposed development at 330 Distel Circle. This approval should not be granted. EAH Housing has not been honest in their statements concerning this development and EAH Housing is not an organization with which the city and county should do business.

For example, EAH Housing has stated that any person can walk a distance of one half mile radius (that is, 0.7 miles) in 8 minutes. This is laughable false any they are using this and similar false claims to promote the proposed development site. EAH Housing has stated that 45 parking spaces is perfectly adequate for a development of 90 units, which is again false. The 90 families in this unit would have at least 150 vehicles, and most of these would be parked on the street, or nearby streets, considering that an additional 200 families (with 400 vehicles) would live at the (mostly non-subsidized, with inadequate parking) housing a block away, at 5150 El Camino Real.

EAH Housing has not bothered to assess the impact of this development on the neighboring residents. I know this for a fact, because I am a neighboring resident. They have evidently tricked some city officials into thinking that this development is some kind of “asset” to the community. If this is true, why not move the development to a better location, such as University Avenue? But one answer is, that EAH Housing is not proposing any public space, such as a children’s playground, to go with this development.

EAH housing has also flooded my inbox with spam. This is another sign of an organization that exists only for marketing (that is, profit) rather than public service. Their proposed construction methodology is to use low cost, pre-fabricated modules, such as can be seen in similar aesthetically undesirable developments in Mountain View. It is simply not right for Los Altos.

Sincere regards,
Peter Robertson