



June 14, 2022

Chair Doran and Members of the Planning Commission
City of Los Altos
1 N. San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Agenda Item #2 – 4350 El Camino Real Development, Planning Commission meeting June 16th

Dear Chair Doran and Members of the Planning Commission:

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 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 improved the proposed mix of BMR units since the earlier proposal discussed by the Planning Commission on April 7th. However, we agree with Staff that two of the one-bedroom BMR units should be converted to two-bedroom units to better reflect the mix of the project, as well as including one BMR on the fifth floor. We appreciate Staff and the Planning Commission paying close attention to implementation of the BMR ordinance.

(Please send any questions about this email to Sue Russell at susan.russell75@gmail.com.)

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