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Mountain View Environmental Planning Commission City Hall, 500 Castro Street PO Box 7540 Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Re: 555 East Evelyn Avenue project (Item 6.1)

Greetings Environmental Planning Commission members:

Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP) would like to provide some brief comments about the 555 East Evelyn Avenue project you will be reviewing tonight (Item 6.1). Normally we would comment with more advance notice to you, so we apologize for this late submission.

Primarily, we support any additional housing that helps to make housing in general more affordable in for all income levels Mountain View, particularly if it encourages a 20% or greater affordable housing target, and we believe this project will help to do that.

Additionally, we see other benefits if this project is approved:

- The project, as defined, includes subsidizing 15% of the units as affordable, thus enhancing its advantage for addressing housing affordability for Mountain View residents. We understand alternatives might be considered, and we trust the EPC and Council will ensure these are reasonable and do not reduce the intent of providing additional affordable housing in our city.
- A great opportunity to address groundwater contamination at the site.
- The scale of the project is reasonable for the location.

Finally, we encourage you to consider any features in the area that could result in part from project approval such as enabling and improving shuttle service options, creating a two-way bicycle track on Evelyn, and completing the Evelyn/Bernardo bicycle/pedestrian underpass. These will help provide opportunities for convenient and eco-friendly non-car transportation in the area.

Thank for your consideration,

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cc:

Sierra Davis, Associate Planner Stephanie Williams, Acting Zoning Administrator Randy Tsuda, Community Development Director Wanda Wong, City Clerk

About Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning is a group of local volunteers dedicated to making Mountain View as beautiful, economically healthy, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian accessible, and affordable as possible. MVCSP member interest and expertise covers areas such as housing, transportation, the environment, the economy, and beyond!

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