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Environmental Planning Commission
City of Mountain View
500 Castro St, Mountain View, CA 94041

Dear Chair Cranston and Commissioners Capriles, Dempsey, Gutierrez, Hehmeyer, Nunez, and Yin,

Re: Item 5.2 - 555 W. Middlefield Road Residential Project

SV@Home writes today in support of staff's recommendation to advance AvalonBay Communities' proposed residential development at 555 W Middlefield Road.

The development's planned mix of on-site affordable units located throughout the project will help many families at a wide range of income levels, **from \$55,300 annually up to \$100,950**, continue to make Mountain View their home. In fact, the proposed 323-unit project, with 48 new deed-restricted affordable homes, would provide desperately needed housing options for Mountain View residents looking for housing solutions.

The development, which currently houses 402 families, would not displace residents but rather expand Mountain View's housing inventory for very low, low, and moderate-income residents in perpetuity, making it a community asset for years to come.

AvalonBay has actively engaged the community and demonstrated its commitment to working with residents by incorporating feedback into the project plan including parking, height, and design considerations. Recent collaborative efforts resulted in a new 1.34-acre public park as well as updates to the landscaping plan to better integrate existing habitat and heritage trees, which will preserve 228 trees and transplant 40 trees, increasing canopy coverage by a 3rd of an acre across the site.

Mountain View is a housing leader whose housing-centered land use plans and inclusionary zoning requirements incentivize affordable housing. **This project is an example of those initiatives at work.**

We thank you for your leadership and urge the Commission to support staff's recommendation to move this project forward without delay.

Sincerely,



Regina Celestin Williams
Executive Director