



**Sierra Club Mount Diablo Regional Group**

**Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter**

October 29, 2012

City of Lafayette  
3675 Mt. Diablo Boulevard  
Lafayette, CA 94549

Dear Mayor and Council and Members of the Planning Commission

Subject: The Terraces of Lafayette, Affordable Housing Project

The Executive Committee of the Mt. Diablo Group of the Sierra Club has met and reviewed the pending infill apartment project located near Pleasant Hill Road and Highway 24 at our May meeting. While we are still reviewing the details of the project, the Group has agreed to support project approval as it does meet many of our criteria for infill development:

- The Sierra Club endorses regional efforts to provide appropriate affordable housing.
- The site has been substantially degraded by previous grading and thus development at this location would not have a significant impact on the natural environment including hillsides and ridges.
- The project would provide affordable workforce housing serving many people already working in the area reducing the need for long commutes and reducing Greenhouse Gases emissions.
- This infill site is within Lafayette city limits, relatively close to downtown Lafayette, employment and schools and not far from BART.

The project is consistent with Sierra Club policies to encourage prudent, environmentally superior infill housing projects at locations with the least impact on greenfields, and conducive to reducing VMTs as compared to sprawl development. Therefore we would also oppose any efforts to downzone the property.

Very truly yours,

Jim Blickenstaff  
Chair, Sierra Club Mount Diablo Regional Group