



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
**of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area**  
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Chair Cox and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View 94041

Re: Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Agenda Item 5.1 – San Antonio Precise Plan

Dear Chair Cox and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission:

The LWV would like to comment once again on the San Antonio Precise Plan (SAPP). We are very disappointed to see that the plan no longer includes phased office development in order to ensure that housing is built in the area. We are also disappointed to see that the square footage allowed for office development has been increased. In light of the recent attention on the jobs/housing imbalance we are concerned that this opportunity to ensure significant housing growth in an area particularly well-suited to it will be lost.

In addition, affordable housing was once made a priority in the SAPP as a community benefit. The importance of affordable housing in the SAPP area, which is so ideally suited for affordable housing, and where so many low-wage jobs will be created, is left out of the current version of the plan.

We would like to see robust mechanisms in place to ensure that affordable housing is actually built and we would like to see at least 15% or 20% as the **goal** for affordable housing units, since the City is falling so far below its RHNA allocation in the current Housing Element period. We feel that this is a realistic goal. Nonetheless, recognizing that it is already City policy that 10% of all housing units built should be affordable, we would hope that this policy at least will be restated as a **minimum** goal in the SAPP.

The LWV has consistently supported mechanisms to cope with the jobs/housing imbalance and we feel that the development phasing plan that staff proposed seems to be a reasonable way to help achieve this goal.

Thank you for considering our input.

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