



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022**

March 2, 2015

Mayor John McAlister and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: Council Meeting, March 3, 2015 – Agenda Item 7.1 Federal Legislative Priorities

Dear Mayor McAlister and Members of the City Council:

First, the LWV would like to commend the focus on housing being the number one issue addressed in the Federal Legislative Priorities. This is a critical priority for Mountain View and it is important for the City to discuss the issue at the national level.

The LWV would also like to comment on the issue of use of the 17-acre Shenandoah Housing area, discussed on page 5 of the staff report under NASA Ames, Hangar One, and Moffett Federal Airfield. For a long time we have been advocating that some of this land be used for affordable housing, but because it is controlled by the federal government it has been very hard to accomplish this. With the growing jobs/housing imbalance, but even more important due to the serious lack of affordable housing in Mountain View, it is particularly critical to facilitate the use of the open space portion of this site for badly needed affordable housing. We support the concept of surplusing some of this site so it can be used for affordable housing. It is an excellent location for affordable housing and sites are very difficult to find in Mountain View.

We commend the Council's efforts to highlight these areas in Washington, D.C. when they discuss and lobby for the City's priorities.

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