



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

March 17, 2015

Chairperson Cox and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: Agenda Item #6.2 Annual Housing Element Progress Report

Dear Chairperson Cox and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area would like to comment on the Housing Element Progress Report.

We are pleased to see improvements in some of the housing strategies: use of city property sites, NOFA process, tenant relocation assistance, and rehab targeting. Yet, we continue to be distressed about the imbalance in production of housing for those with above-moderate incomes in comparison to those with lower incomes. This final report on the Housing Element for the period 2007-2014 demonstrates the inadequacy of the measures in place to encourage development of housing for those with lower incomes. The housing built during this period was almost exclusively for those with above moderate incomes.

Clearly, broader types of strategies need to be implemented in order to solve the affordable housing crisis we now have, as the solutions of the past seven years are obviously insufficient.

Sincerely yours,

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