



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

May 3, 2015

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

Re: Council Meeting, May 5th Item 6.1: NBS Precise Plan bonus FAR applications

Dear Mayor McAlister and Members of the City Council:

The Los Altos-Mountain View League of Women Voters would like to comment on item 6.1: North Bayshore Precise Plan Bonus Floor Area Ratio Applications. The League strongly recommends that Council defer action on this item, at least until the community visioning sessions for the Precise Plan update have been completed.

By proceeding with these projects without first having a more cohesive plan in place, the City risks losing a valuable opportunity to fully integrate a neighborhood into North Bayshore. If all of the available office development capacity is allotted according to the staff recommendation, that would preclude the possibility of live/work mixed-used development on the sites currently slated for residential study.

We hope that the delay would allow staff to further study the proposals and evaluate the degree to which they could be integrated into a neighborhood, as well as consider the feasibility and desirability of mixed-use (office and residential) development on the sites slated for residential study. We also believe this would be fair to the applicants, who may decide to revise their proposals (as some already have) to better meet the eligibility criteria established by Council.

Thank you for considering our input.

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