



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

May 24, 2015

Mayor Jan Pepper and Members of the City Council
City of Los Altos
One North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Housing Element – Agenda Item #11, Council Meeting May, 26, 2015

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area commends the Council for adopting a more progressive Housing Element than in prior years. We are, of course, pleased to see that the Council adopted many of the LWV recommendations in finalizing this Housing Element.

The Housing Element includes consideration of commercial development linkage housing impact fees, but does not mention residential housing impact fees. As next steps, the LWV strongly urges the Council to consider **both** types of housing impact fees by joining the Santa Clara County Affordable Housing Nexus Study, favored at an earlier Council meeting

The Housing Element is important as part of the regional plan to provide for balanced and equitable housing throughout the region. The LWV supports such regional planning and we look forward to the implementation of the new policies and programs included in this Housing Element.

Sincerely,
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