



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

July 8, 2012

Mayor Mike Kasperzak and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: July 10, 2012 Council Meeting: Agenda Item 5.01 – 2030 General Plan

Dear Mayor Kasperzak and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area would like to comment one last time on the General Plan, after noting comments made by Councilmembers at the Study Session July 3rd.

First, we encourage you to find a way to do an integrated Precise Plan for the San Antonio area as soon as possible. We understand the budget considerations, but the start of redevelopment, without such a plan, has exacerbated the fragmentation. The Phase II plan for San Antonio Center that you have wisely rejected would have made it much worse. Any future versions of a Phase II, as well as development across San Antonio Road and across California Street, should be looked at in the light of a new Precise Plan. Piecemeal development should be avoided throughout the City as much as possible; this is the goal of the Precise Plans already begun.

The original community visioning process for the General Plan emphasized the tradition of diversity, and need for affordability, in our City. We don't know if this is related to Councilmember Siegel's request to review the initial visioning priorities, as these were certainly included then. These concepts need to permeate the General Plan just as much as does sustainability: they are critical to sustainability.

Finally, we are very disappointed that a majority of the Council has opted not to allow the potential for some mixed use, including housing, in North Bayshore. Once the transportation study results are known, the pluses and minuses of mixed use in this area can be looked at in full detail during a Precise Plan process.

Sincerely yours,

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