



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

March 20, 2016

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

Re: Agenda Item #6, City Council Meeting March 22nd

Dear Mayor Bruins and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area supports action at all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing for all Californians. The LWV also supports regional housing solutions. Therefore we support the staff's recommendation to adopt the Resolution of the Santa Clara County Housing Task Force pertaining to homelessness.

As staff has pointed out, Los Altos has had an inclusionary zoning ordinance for twenty years and has recently provided funds for a nexus study, which is required in order to consider residential and commercial linkage fees. Los Altos also has condo conversion and second-unit ordinances; in the most recent Housing Element, the City committed to review the second-unit ordinance to see if could be amended to encourage more second units.

Endorsing this Resolution shows support of a regional solution to the homelessness crisis. We note that Mountain View very recently also adopted this Resolution.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,
Susan Russell
Co-Chair, Housing Committee

Cc: David Kornfield
Marcia Somers
Steve Piasecki