



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

March 20, 2016

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

Re: City Council Meeting, March 22, 2016 Agenda Item 7.2- East Whisman Precise Plan Scope of Work

Dear Mayor Showalter and Members of the City Council:

The LWV would like to comment on the East Whisman Precise Plan scope of work. The LWV supports various ways for improving the jobs/housing imbalance, including rezoning commercial to residential or mixed use. The LWV also supports measures which help to provide affordable housing.

We are concerned about including the Pioneer Way/Ferry Morse area in the East Whisman Precise Plan based on the desire of the current property owners to build offices. We believe this area is appropriate to consider for residential uses, as Evelyn is gradually transitioning to residential uses (i.e. Minton's Lumber site and the new 779 E. Evelyn ROEM development.)

In addition, we are concerned that the VTA site might be considered Surplus Land pursuant to AB 2135, and therefore should first be considered for affordable housing. VTA will be adopting policies related to AB 2135 on April 7th; it would be better to consider appropriate uses for this site after April 7th.

Thank you for considering our input.

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