



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

May 21, 2016

Mayor Bruins and Members of the City Council  
City of Los Altos  
1 N. San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Council Meeting May 24th, Agenda Item 6a - AB 2502

Dear Mayor Bruins and Members of the City Council:

The LWV would like to request that the Council join the list of supporters of AB 2502, which clarifies that local jurisdictions have control regarding inclusionary zoning. As you are all aware, inclusionary (below-market-rate or BMR units) zoning has been the most important tool for Los Altos in producing affordable housing. Since the Palmer decision in 2009, cities have no longer been able to require BMRs in rental housing developments, unless the developer was using the State Density Bonus Law.

The staff report and attached AB 2502 Fact Sheet explain the importance of AB 2502 very well. We hope you will show your support of AB 2502, which simply reinstates the authority to local jurisdictions to require inclusionary zoning if they want to.

Thank you for considering our input.

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