



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area**

October 11, 2016

Chair Moison and Members of the Planning and Transportation Commission
City of Los Altos
City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Agenda Item #2 – Downtown Los Altos Height Limits

Dear Chair Moison and Members of the Commission:

The LWV of the Los Altos/Mtn.View Area supports rezoning commercial to residential or mixed use as a way to cope with the jobs/housing imbalance and related transportation problems. The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area supports local policies that promote higher density housing. The 2010 downtown zoning changes were adopted to provide incentives to encourage mixed use as well as development of housing generally in order to help with the jobs/housing imbalance. Based on the LWV positions, we supported the downtown zoning changes in 2010.

We encouraged the Council to allow higher buildings, as well as a wider variety of uses, in the downtown in 2010, and continue to support the changes that were adopted at that time. We believe that in order to have a truly vibrant downtown, Los Altos needs to provide incentives for redevelopment. We think that lowering the heights allowed downtown would discourage housing development, and, also, mean fewer affordable units.

Susan Russell
Co-Chair, Housing Committee
League of Women Voters of Los Altos/Mountain View Area

Cc: Jon Biggs, Community Development Director
Chris Jordan, City Manager