



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

February 25, 2017

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

Re: Council Study Session - February 27th, Agenda Item 4.1. Goal-Setting for 2017-2019

Dear Mayor Rosenberg and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports affordable housing for all Californians. We also support actions that cope with the jobs/housing imbalance, as well as actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For these reasons, we recommend the following goals for 2017.

We support continuing the focus on transportation/mobility and affordable housing, as these two issues are critical in Mountain View at this time. If these priorities are adopted by Council, we would like to see sustainability and social justice considered as part of each specific goal selected.

We think it is critical that as part of adopting priorities, the Council select specific ways to accomplish the priorities selected. Some specifics, for example, might include regional planning/cooperation, specific policies regarding unbundling parking, reassessing Gatekeeper requirements--perhaps requiring a minimum number of below-market-rate units (BMRs) for a residential development to proceed and/or giving priority to those developments with more BMRs. Displacement/relocation issues should also be a key consideration.

It is crucial that performance goals be included in order to assess progress. And, although not a separate goal in and of itself, we believe there should be incentives offered to new staff, perhaps including housing incentives, as it is clear that more staff is necessary if the Council wants to achieve the goals of improved mobility and affordable housing.

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