



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

September 22, 2018

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

Re: Agenda Item #8, Council Meeting September 25th – General Plan and Zoning Code Amendment Prohibiting Sale of City-Owned land with a “Parks” or “Other Open Space” designation without Voter Approval

Dear Mayor Mordo and Members of the City Council:

The Board of the Los Altos/Mountain View Area League of Women Voters voted to oppose Measure C, which would require voter approval of a vast number of City decisions. It could also lead to costly elections, relating to renegotiation of leases with the library, fire stations, LASD and other essential services. Thus, Measure C would undermine the principle of representative democracy, a basic principle of the LWV.

As a result, we believe that the proposed General Plan and Zoning Code Amendment unanimously passed by the Planning Commission is a reasonable answer to expressed citizen concerns about the sale of parkland. The City has never sold land designated as “Parks” or “Open Space” and we do not expect that it will ever want to do so. Therefore, we believe that this General Plan and Zoning Code Amendment is an appropriate response to Measure C which will be on the November 6th ballot.

Sue Graham, President
LWV of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area

Cc: Chris Jordan Jon Biggs