



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

February 24, 2019

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

Re: City Council Meeting, February 26, Agenda Item 7.1 – North Bayshore Precise Plan Bonus Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Requalification

Dear Mayor Matichak and Members of the City Council:

The LWV has consistently supported the North Bayshore Precise Plan (NBSPP) and its goal of 9,850 housing units, including 20% affordable units. The NBSPP has focused on building complete sustainable neighborhoods, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing the jobs/housing imbalance. This newly adopted plan is a vast improvement over the earlier 2014 plan, which didn't provide for any additional housing in NBS.

The staff report stresses the complexity of requalifying either Google or SyWest for bonus FAR in the Gateway area. Although we are disappointed this conflict hasn't been resolved, we support the staff recommendation of mediation and believe that this issue should not undermine the NBSPP itself. Whatever process is necessary to solve the bonus FAR for the Gateway site, we hope the goal of linking office development to a commitment to build an appropriate number of housing units, especially affordable housing, will not be lost in this requalification of bonus FAR.

Meanwhile, we hope the Council will proceed expeditiously with Google's Shorebird plans as these plans envision a complete neighborhood with lots of community benefits. The Shorebird plan will help mitigate traffic by building a large number of residential units. This is an important first step in the exciting NBSPP and should not be delayed by the Gateway dispute. The LWV has supported Google's overall NBS Master Plan, which initially proposed 6,000 – 6,600 new homes. We understand that with the possible new MVWSD school site, the number of housing units might be reduced, but we applaud Google for working with MVWSD to find an appropriate school site.

Mountain View has set a great example for the Bay Area, and even the entire country, with its forward-looking NBSPP with its quality neighborhoods. We urge the Council to focus on implementation of the NBSPP as proposals are submitted which are consistent with this Precise Plan. Thank you for considering our input.

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