



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

May 5, 2019

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

Re: Council Meeting, May 7, Agenda Item 7.1 – Gateway Master Plan Scope of Work

Dear Mayor Matichak and Members of the Council:

We urge the Council to approve the Scope of Work of the Gateway Master Plan. Most important, we want to ensure that the Gateway Master Plan supports the North Bayshore Precise Plan's (NBSPP) housing and affordable housing goals. Key to this goal is keeping the balance of residential to office that is part of the NBSPP. A fair resolution of community benefits, especially affordable housing, is also important.

We urge the Council to ensure that enough housing is created in the Gateway so that the 4:1 housing/jobs ratio can be maintained. Incentives/policies that encourage future Gateway residents to work in NBS are also critical to support the high density housing and office in the NBSPP. The Staff Report's concept of allocating some or all of the remaining Bonus FAR not allocated in the Gateway to Google for inclusion into their Master Framework Plan is appropriate. Google will dominate the NBS and we support Google's vision of complete neighborhoods.

It is also critical that the Gateway Master Plan facilitates the implementation of the overall NBSPP. In order to accomplish this, we urge that preparation of the Gateway Master Plan not delay proposed development, such as the Shorebird Master Plan, that is consistent with the PP. It is important that the overall plan for 9,850 residential units and complete neighborhoods proceed as soon as possible to alleviate the jobs/housing imbalance in Mountain View.

Thank you for considering our input.

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