



June 1, 2020

City Council Members
City of Los Altos
One North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: City Council Meeting June 23, Adoption of the Reach Codes

The League of Women Voters of Los Altos – Mountain View supports actions that mitigate and adapt to climate change. The adoption of the new Reach Codes will move the town closer to an inventory of homes and offices with near-zero emissions.

Natural gas contributes to rising air pollution and harmful emissions indoors. Adopting the new Reach Codes of using all-electric heating and appliances and infrastructure for EV charging in new construction will promote energy conservation and efficiency. California set a goal to be carbon-free by 2045 and about a quarter of emissions come from energy used by buildings. Switching to all-electric buildings is a necessary step. Our electricity from Silicon Valley Clean Energy is 100% carbon-free. If we do not enact the Reach Codes, we run the risk that builders will continue business as usual and install gas lines. Reach Codes have been adopted in 20 cities in our region, including Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, and Santa Clara.

We appreciate your promoting solutions that ease consequences of the climate crisis and preserve public health.

Sincerely,
Lisa McLain, president
League of Women Voters of Los Altos - Mountain View