



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

January 12, 2020

Mayor Abe-Koga and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Council Meeting Jan. 14th – Agenda Item #7.2 – Accept Certification of Referendum Petition,
Take Action to Repeal Ordinance or Submit to Voters

The LWV has written Council earlier that the LWV from the national organization to the local level strongly supports providing a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family. The LWV also supports programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and homelessness and to provide essential support services.

Based upon these principles, and the Referendum Petition signed by a sufficient number of Mountain View voters, we urge the Council to repeal the ban on oversized vehicles parking on narrow streets. We understand that the Council will not be able to enact a similar ordinance for a year. **We hope the Council will use that time to find more solutions to this problem, especially finding places for safe parking** for these vehicles at all hours of the day. Obviously, the proposed safe parking lots which only provide nighttime parking are not a solution at all. In addition, we encourage the City to work with the County and nonprofits to provide more emergency shelters/housing or even to establish an RV park.

The Staff Report alternative of holding a special election in April at a cost of \$1,815,000 to the taxpayers seems unconscionable; this money could be better spent on housing solutions.

Thank you for considering our input.

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