



October 26, 2020

Mayor Pepper and Members of the City Council
City Hall
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Council Meeting Oct.27, Item #9 – MOU with County re 330 Distel Circle

The League of Women Voters urges the Council to work with the County to purchase this site for the purpose of building affordable housing. The LWV supports development of affordable housing for all populations. We recognize that there is the greatest need to provide housing for those with lower incomes.

We have long hoped that Los Altos would find a way to build an all-affordable housing development, but, unlike Mountain View, which has for a long time had affordable housing funds to help provide this housing, the City has not had such resources. We think it is appropriate for the City to waive the traffic impact fees as well as the park in-lieu fees in order to help finance the proposed housing. We also hope the City will adopt commercial impact fees, which have been discussed for several years, in order to provide additional financing for this development.

The site at 330 Distel Circle is appropriate for affordable housing as it is near services and public transit. The construction of at least 90 affordable units will help Los Altos meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation goals, a target that the City never comes close to meeting.

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