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OF LOS ALTOS-MOUNTAIN VIEW AREA

September 20, 2021

Mayor Fligor and Members of the City Council
City of Los Altos
1 N. San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Agenda Item #3, Council Meeting September 21st – Public Land Preservation Overlay District Ordinance

Dear Mayor Fligor and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters urges you to vote against the proposed ordinance which would require a vote of the public before certain city-owned land could be sold or title transferred.

Voters elect Councilmembers to demonstrate leadership and make decisions about the fundamental functions of local government. A basic principle of the LWV is representative democracy. Bogging down City decisions with costly elections uses scarce financial resources that are better used to expand services to senior and youth or better maintain city streets and buildings.

The ordinance also seems to be an effort to invalidate the voters' 2018 rejection of Measure C, which the LWV opposed. Finally, the ordinance seems meaningless because any future Council can vote to repeal it rather than hold an election. For all these reasons, the Planning Commission voted overwhelmingly against this type of ordinance. We hope the Council will follow their lead.

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cc: Gabriel Engeland Jon Biggs