



January 28, 2021

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

Re: Public Comment, Agenda Item 2 - Jan. 30, 2021

The League of Women Voters supports an overall state plan for development with integration of housing, land use and transportation with attention to factors such as natural resources and basic human needs. As part of this position, we support the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) system set out by the state of California. We urge the Council to pro-actively begin the work to achieve our new RHNA goals by looking at ways that the City can change its zoning to accommodate more housing units, particularly more units at lower-income levels. We understand that the current RHNA allocations may change during the appeals process, but even if the numbers are somewhat lower, much work must be done to identify a sufficient number of sites to be in compliance.

We expect a community forum sometime in February where representative(s) from California Department of Housing and Community Development will explain the RHNA and Housing Element process to the general public. At your retreat, we urge you to create a committee consisting of members of the Council, the Planning Commission, and members of the general public, which can immediately look at how Los Altos can meet the State requirements, so that we will be ready to work with the Housing Element consultant as soon as that person is retained. (Please submit any questions about this letter to Sue Russell at susan.russell75@gmail.com)

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