



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area  
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022**

November 30, 2014

Mayor Clark and Members of the City Council  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View 94041

Re: Dec. 2nd Meeting – Agenda Item 6.1 – San Antonio Precise Plan

Dear Mayor Clark and Members of the City Council:

The LWV would like to comment once again on the San Antonio Precise Plan (SAPP). We are very disappointed to see that the plan no longer includes phased office development in order to ensure that housing is built in the area. We support the EPC's repeated recommendation that the total square footage allowed for office be reduced from 600,000 to 400,000 square feet. In light of the recent attention on the jobs/housing imbalance we are concerned that this opportunity to ensure significant housing growth in an area particularly well-suited to it will be lost.

In addition, affordable housing was once made a priority in the SAPP as a community benefit. The importance of affordable housing in the SAPP area, which is also ideally suited for affordable housing, and where so many low-wage jobs will be created, is left out of the current version of the plan. We would like to see affordable housing as the highest priority in the SAPP as a community/public benefit and an explicit statement that any public benefits fee will be waived in exchange for building below-market rate units onsite in the case of housing developers and off-site in the case of office developers.

We would like to see robust mechanisms in place to ensure that affordable housing is actually built and we would like to see at least 15% or 20% as the **goal** for affordable housing units, since the City is falling so far below its RHNA allocation in the current Housing Element period. We feel that this is a realistic as well as a necessary goal.

Nonetheless, recognizing that it is already City policy that 10% of all housing units built should be affordable, we would hope that this policy at least will be restated as a **minimum** goal in the SAPP.

The LWV has consistently supported mechanisms to cope with the jobs/housing imbalance. If the Council does not favor phasing of office and housing development, we suggest that the Council and staff offer alternative methods for ensuring that significant housing units are built in the SAPP area.

Thank you for considering our input.

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