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Los Altos City Council
City of Los Altos
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Subject: Budgeting for a Downtown Plan in Fiscal Year 2015/16

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing to you on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Los Altos-Mountain View Board of Directors.

As you prepare for Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget deliberations the League urges you to allocate funds to develop a plan for downtown Los Altos, an identified city priority. The League also recommends including the Civic Center in the plan to achieve a unified vision for the civic heart and commercial heart of Los Altos.

An integrated Downtown/Civic Center plan will be a blueprint for the future by providing clear vision, policy, infrastructure and funding strategy to residents, merchants and downtown land owners. It will set the stage for efficient land-uses, potential public-private partnerships and urban design principles that reflect the values of our community.

The League commends the City Council for making a downtown plan a city priority and supports the development of a comprehensive planning strategy that will define Los Altos' unique position in Silicon Valley.

Sincerely,

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cc: City Manager, City Clerk