



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

June 1, 2015

Chairperson Kamei and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View 94041

Re: Agenda Item 4.1 General Plan Map and Text Amendment to Allow Residential Uses in the North Bayshore Change Area

Dear Chairperson Kamei and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission:

The League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area has consistently supported allowing residential uses in the North Bayshore Change Area. Our LWV supports ways to cope with the jobs/housing imbalance and related transportation problems, including rezoning commercial to residential or mixed use.

The Public Draft 2030 General Plan, which allowed 1,100 new residential units in this area, was considered the environmentally superior alternative because it could help alleviate traffic issues. Providing some housing near jobs would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For that reason, we supported this alternative earlier and we continue to support this housing in North Bayshore. We look at the 1,100 housing units as a first step, while the present Council considers allowing significantly more housing, making North Bayshore into a true neighborhood, and thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions even more.

Sincerely yours,

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