



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

September 11, 2015

Mayor McAlister and Members of the City Council  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Council Decision to Hold Special Session re Housing Crisis

Dear Mayor McAlister and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports actions that provide affordable housing for all Californians. Based on this position, we commend the Council for unanimously agreeing to hold a special study session to hear the entire range of options which might help alleviate the current crisis in Mountain View.

We urge the Council to proceed rapidly with scheduling this meeting, rather than waiting until sometime in November. Since only minimal staff preparation is planned for the meeting and most of the critical input could be provided by stakeholders along with experts in the field, it appears the meeting could be scheduled much more quickly. We think it would be especially helpful to hear from some attorneys who specialize in the field of landlord/tenant law.

While we understand that the Council agenda is already quite full, we recommend that the City consider reprioritizing timelines for existing topics to allow flexibility to deal with this immediate crisis. The testimony of so many residents at the last Council meeting made it clear that displacement is happening daily. Therefore, we urge the Council to schedule this meeting as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering our input.

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LWV of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area

Cc: Dan Rich