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Dear Mayor Meadows, Councilmembers, and HCD Reviewers:

While the Housing Element Update process has taken longer than expected for the City of Los Altos, we are excited to support this next iteration of Los Altos' goals to plan for additional housing, to encourage development, and to streamline housing development processes. It is clear that our City Staff has worked very hard to amend the Housing Element and confirm approval from HCD. Upon reviewing the most recent set of revisions, it is incredible to see that Staff has evaluated every non-vacant site at the various income levels for redevelopment potential. We hope for speedy HCD approval so that we can begin implementing the many programs and features that will allow us to welcome new neighbors.

Once the document is approved, LAAHA looks forward to supporting programs that lay the groundwork for a city with its most inclusive housing policies to date, which expand opportunities for all who choose to live, work, retire and go to school here.

A few programs that we're excited to support include -

- Streamlining of the ADU process, allowing multiple jADUs per property, and availability of ADU plans and resources for homeowners
- The development of an affordable project on a city-owned lot
- The rezoning process for various districts
- Downtown parking analysis

We appreciate HCD's work to hold all cities accountable to our State's housing goals. We believe that everyone has a right to housing and that each city has a part to play in creating places to live.

Respectfully,

Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance Steering Committee

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Committed to educating and inspiring the Los Altos community to build housing that is affordable for those who live and work in Los Altos

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