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January 17, 2023

Dear Mayor Meadows, Vice Mayor Weinberg and Members of the Los Altos City Council,

On behalf of Los Altos Community Voices (LACV), the Steering Committee wishes to express our support of the revisions to the draft Housing Element and encourages you to approve its submission to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

We very much appreciate the hard work of Nick Zornes and his team, representatives of Lisa Wise Consulting, the Planning Commission, and each of you for the many hours of hard work you've contributed to creating a plan that not only addresses our critical need for housing, especially affordable housing, but also is sensitive to the concerns of current residents of Los Altos, and is likely to be found substantially compliant with state law by HCD.

Thank you for all you've done and will continue to do to ensure that our community does its fair share to address the housing crisis by implementing various aspects of the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element in the coming years.

With gratitude and best wishes for a happy New Year,

Robin Abrams, Kim Cranston, Cathy Lazarus, Bill Sheppard, Marie Young LACV Steering Committee



## PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM #3 – JANUARY 24, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2023

Nick Zornes
Development Services Director
City of Los Altos
1 North San Antonio Road,
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Draft Housing Element

**Dear Director Zornes:** 

We would like to thank you and the City Manager, Gabe Engeland, for meeting with members of Los Altos Residents (LAR) in person on December 16, 2022 to discuss the Housing Element and the HCD Review Letter comments.

The LAR team has been participated in many of the community outreach opportunities since the initiation of work on the Los Altos Housing Element. We have kept abreast of all the discussions by our City Council. We had several questions about the location of affordable housing units in the inventory site map, actual availability of some sites for residential development in the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle, the parking plazas downtown and the plan for replacement parking, the city's ability to comply with certain aspects of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Act (AFFH) and other matters. We forwarded our questions to you a week in advance to allow for a thorough discussion at our meeting.

We came away from our meeting with you and City Manager Engeland confident that the city has fulfilled its obligation to find suitable sites that could be developed to meet our RHNA requirements. We are also confident that the city will fulfill its obligations pursuant to AFFH in part by hiring a Housing Manager and by way of the Programs included in the Revised Housing Element which we understand will be evolving as the city collects data.

Members of the LAR team were also able to attend the Los Altos Community Coalition Zoom meeting that you conducted Director Zornes. This meeting was also informative and gave all the attendees an opportunity to ask questions.

As a member of the League of Women Voters' Housing Committee of the Los Altos/Mountain View Area chapter, I was able to meet with you together with other LWV members who are residents of Los Altos. We provided you with questions in advance for this meeting and, like the meeting with LAR members, you answered our questions and provided a good deal of additional information which we found very useful.

We are very pleased with the number of community outreach meetings you have attended to educate the community and, most importantly, receive our input regarding the Housing Element. Thank you for all your hard work for the City of Los Altos.

Best regards,

Freddie Wheeler

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