



October 17, 2023

Re: October 19, 2023, Meeting, Agenda Item # 3 (Zone Text Amendments)

Dear Chair Mensinger and Members of the Planning Commission:

The League of Women Voters (LWV) supports policies that encourage the development of housing, particularly affordable housing.

The LWV supports the staff recommendations to the Planning Commission, as set forth in the staff report.

These amendments should encourage housing development that will allow Los Altos to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) goals. Additional height limits in the Commercial Thoroughfare zone, allowing residential uses in the Office Administration zone, changing the zoning for Village Court, and repealing the Loyola Corners Specific Plan were all included in the Housing Element Update (HEU) approved by the State of California. It is critical that Los Altos pass ordinances implementing the commitments it made in its HEU and we anticipate that these changes will incentivize housing production.

Given the extensive proposed changes, we are pleased that the City is planning a public informational meeting on November 1st with an opportunity for questions and answers so that the public can become better informed before these zoning changes are reviewed by the City Council.

(Please send any questions about this email to Sue Russell, Co-Chair of the Housing Committee, at housing@lwvlamv.org)

Sincerely,

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