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To the Members of the Los Altos Historical Commission:

Regarding the nomination of the Los Altos DAR Chapter for the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award

As Los Altos evolves and grows, remembering the history and heritage of the city's past generations becomes increasingly important. The PDF book, *Early Settlers of Old Los Altos/Mountain View*, provides wonderful knowledge of early citizens of Los Altos and should be a very helpful resource for history scholars and teachers as they examine California history. Teachers especially may find this book useful as they present local California history to their students. As students and scholars review the broader history of the United States, including world wars, economic downturns, and industrialization, it is important for all of us to learn what was happening in Los Altos during those times. Created by the Los Altos Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, *Early Settlers of Old Los Altos/Mountain View* tells the stories of 35 early settlers. It was created by 16 DAR member-authors, plus others who assisted with the project. This book provides a beautiful portrait of the past and preserves our historical record.

We should embrace the history that surrounds us. By remembering the people who settled and built our city of Los Altos, we learn about ourselves and how we came to be. Learning the stories of a region's past can change the way citizens think about the present and help them build a better future for Los Altos.

Please consider supporting the nomination of the Los Altos DAR chapter for the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award. This project meets the criteria outlined for the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award:

- has an innovative approach to history and education – one-page bios in a clickable PDF with printed versions.
- brings recognition to Los Altos – people in other places can learn about our history.
- encourages public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City's past – knowing the source of the names of our streets and schools changes the way we drive down the street.
- fosters civic and neighborhood pride – who were the early residents of the neighborhood where *you* live?
- enhances a sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the City's historic resources – the landscape of the past is seen in today's neighborhoods.

With gratitude for all your Commission work,
Melissa Malley,
Resident of Los Altos, California