

March 19, 2024

Re: March 21, 2024, Meeting, Agenda Item #2 (Comprehensive ADU Update)

Dear Chair Steinle and Members of the Planning Commission:

The League of Women Voters (LWV) supports policies that encourage the development of housing, particularly affordable housing. The League has encouraged the building of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) because they typically are more affordable by design.

The programs proposed regarding ADUs were included in the Housing Element Update (HEU) and should encourage development that will allow Los Altos to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals. We commend the City for its aggressive implementation of the HEU. The City will be ahead of the schedule it promised in the HEU if it implements the proposed ordinance now. The League supports the proposed changes that will bring the City's ordinance into compliance with state law and applauds Los Altos for its leadership in providing permit-ready ADU plans, which make it easier for homeowners to build this housing.

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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