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Los Altos Planning Commission Chair Steinle and Distinguished Commission Members,

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**Agenda Item 3: Zone Text Amendments Updating Los Altos Municipal Code Title 14**

I feel update adding to Title 14.01 Administration of Zoning is a welcome update, but 14.01.150 Public Projects is very broad and appears to restrict public comments on city owned land like undeveloped residential lots, and parking plazas. In the next few years, we may see developer activity in Plaza 7 and 8. Los Altos owned residential substandard lots like Woodstock / El Monte, El Monte / Foothill, “end” of Giffin and others.

To the best of my knowledge Los Altos does not have Objective Design Guidelines for substandard lots. Please continue this Agenda Item and ask staff to show applicable Objective Design Guidelines. Also ask staff to consider simple wording changes to clearly specify that public comment is allowed on public land developments.

**Agenda Item 4: Planning Commission Work Plan**

Please consider adding Los Altos Code Circulation Element Review / Update to Planning Commission 2025 Work Plan.

Planning Commission is responsible for Los Altos Code Circulation Element that in my opinion has not been reviewed / updated since 1998. Los Altos traffic dynamics have changed since then and more change is ahead. First Street Main to Cuesta has become almost all multistory housing, Foothill Expressway will soon change at Main, Edith, Springer, traffic congestion at Main / First continues to get worse, multistory housing allowed on east side of San Antonio are some examples. Collector Streets should also be reviewed. Allowing multistory housing to Rancho and Loyola Corners will change Collector traffic dynamics. San Antonio changes for bike lanes will impact congestion at Main / Edith. Los Altos Code Circulation Element should not limit traffic congestion design “tools in the tool box”.

Council has required Complete Streets Commission to focused on Safe Routes to School and Complete Streets Master Plan that did not include anything in “downtown triangle” except a couple general statements.

Thank You for your consideration! Jim Wing, Milverton Road, Los Altos