



September 6, 2023

Re: September 7, 2023, Meeting, Agenda Item # 2 (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 mixed-use zones were noted as a serious constraint to redevelopment, as were the floor-area-ratios (FARs) at Rancho Shopping Center and Woodland Plaza. Allowing residential mixed use in various districts and multi-family uses in appropriate areas of mixed-use districts as a permitted use rather than a conditional use will provide greater certainty to developers and reduce the permitting time.

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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