



February 5, 2018

Palo Alto City Council
250 Hamilton Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mayor Kniss and City Council Members,

Re: February 5 2018, Agenda Item No. 7: Housing Work Plan

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto (LWVPA) supports efforts by the City to increase the supply of housing for all, particularly for those with lower incomes. LWVPA also supports walkable, mixed-use developments and efforts to increase the number and density of multiple-family units especially near transit centers and along transportation corridors.

For those reasons we encourage you to adopt the all the recommendations contained in the staff memo submitting the Housing Work Plan for 2018-2019. The excellent proposals in this Work Plan include urgently needed zoning updates that will encourage diverse housing near jobs, transit, and services. LWVPA particularly supports the use of the use the City's affordable housing funds to stimulate the rehabilitation and development of new affordable housing. We also applaud the recognition of the need to address workforce housing as well.

Please do what it necessary to ensure that the Housing Work Plan recommendations, especially the zoning updates, are implemented with all due speed to address the current housing crisis.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Packer". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Bonnie Packer
President, League of Women Voters of Palo Alto