



April 19, 2021

Palo Alto City Council
Public Record
250 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

RE: LWV Good Governance Standards

Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice Mayor Burt and Council Members,

The League of Women Voters believes citizen participation and open government are pillars of democracy. Although not technically violating the Brown Act, the pre-selection on April 5 of members appointed to the Housing Element Advisory Committee short-circuited discussion by the full council and violated the norms of open government.

We are disappointed in the process and expect Council to operate as a deliberative body.

On behalf of the LWV Palo Alto Board,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Shepherd". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nancy Shepherd
President