



February 7, 2018

Valerie Stinger, Chair
Human Relations Commission
250 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Re: February 8, 2018, Agenda items IV 1 and 2.

Dear Chair Stinger and Human Relations Commissioners,

The League of Women Voters, at its national, state and local levels, believes that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination, and that due process should be afforded to all persons, including the right to a fair hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal and right to humane treatment. The League of Women Voters also supports the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

In December of 2016, the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto (LWVPA) urged the Palo Alto City Council to adopt Resolution No. 9653: Reaffirming Palo Alto's Commitment to a Diverse, Supportive, Inclusive, and Protective Community, which the City Council did.

Accordingly, LWVPA supports the recommendation to forward to the City Council the consideration of a local CEDAW ordinance as described in the Ad Hoc CEDAW Committee Memo.

Thank you.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Packer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bonnie Packer
President
League of Women Voters of Palo Alto