



June 9, 2021

RE: Agenda Item 9: Action Item on NVCAP

Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice Mayor Burt and Council Members,

The League of Women Voters believes every family, regardless of income, is entitled to live in decent, safe, and affordable housing. Expanding the supply of affordable housing is a responsibility of all levels of government. We are especially concerned that the city has fallen behind in expanding housing opportunities for low-and-middle income residents. Many League members remember that when they moved to Palo Alto, teachers, nurses and public safety employees were among their neighbors. This seems difficult, if not impossible, without more welcoming housing policies in our city.

For these reasons the Palo Alto League supports the staff recommendation for alternative 3B in the NVCAP study area or a bolder housing alternative.

The North Ventura area meets all the criteria for a great housing site. It is close to services and shopping. It is close to thousands of jobs. And it is close to Caltrain and bus transportation options.

Alternative 3B provides the most housing, the most housing designed for low and middle-income residents and the most open space of the NVCAP alternatives presented to Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC) and council. It comes to council with the PTC recommendation and it is the only NVCAP alternative evaluated as financially feasible by the city's consultant.

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Liz Kniss
President