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From: Steve Levy [<mailto:slevy@ccsce.com>]

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Subject: Consent item 14 impact fees

I support removing the item from the consent calendar and scheduling a later hearing to review the previous decisions.

As Chair of the League of Women Voters Housing and Transportation committee, I strongly support the letter(s) sent to you on this issue by Bonnie Packer.

I believe two principles established by council in the minimum wage discussion are useful guides for reviewing impact fee decisions:

1--comparability with neighboring jurisdictions and

2--phasing

These issues have been raised by council members, PTC members and the League.

I know that the fees are designated for housing assistance for low income resident and I know also that the past five years have been so strong in job growth that it seemed that any level of fess would not deter the desire to build in Palo Alto.

But I also know professionally that job growth is entering a period of dramatic slowdown regionally and will become much more competitive.

Finally I know that many council members have mentioned fiscal stability and sustainability as important goals.

As the year proceeds I encourage the council to 1) revisit the city economic development policy statement of January 2013 and consider the economic and fiscal implications of decisions on fees and other policies.

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