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Honorable Mayor Jean Mordo and the Members of the City Council
Los Altos City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Dear Mayor Mordo, Vice Mayor Lee Eng and Councilmembers Bruins, Peppers, and Prochnow

RE: Agenda Item 13- Los Altos Downtown Vision Plan

On behalf of our members, we write today to voice our support for the implementation of the Los Altos Downtown Vision Plan.

We would like to thank staff for all their hard work in bringing this item to council today. The combination of their efforts and robust public outreach have produced a solid plan for a downtown that encourages public space, walkability, and opportunities for housing.

Meeting the housing needs of lower income families in Santa Clara County is a challenge, but one we must face. Los Altos is not alone in struggling to meet Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals. Currently, you are short 167 very low income (VLI) and 81 low income (LI) units for the current cycle.

The Los Altos Downtown Vision Plan identifies sites that offer real opportunities to address these affordable housing targets. We recommend that council take measures to act on these opportunities, and ensure that those sites do in fact result in more housing for the City of Los Altos. We would also encourage the city to evaluate available lots throughout the downtown to see if there are further opportunities to add to the city’s housing supply. To stay consistent with the objective of the vision plan, we would recommend pursuing mixed-use development at sites that are appropriate.

Thank you Mayor and Council for your leadership on this issue and we look forward to the implementation of this plan.

Sincerely,

Leslye Corsiglia
Executive Director