



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area**

March 2, 2020

Chair Cox and Members of the EPC
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: EPC Meeting March 4 – Agenda #5.1 Zoning Ordinance Updating Regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units

The League of Women Voters California has been a strong advocate for liberalizing the regulations regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). We are pleased with the new California laws which should make it much easier for ADUs to be constructed. ADU's can be a source of income that allows homeowners to stay in their homes, but, more important, can provide more "affordable by design" housing.

We urge the EPC to recommend adoption of the Staff's proposed amendments to the City's regulations, including an ADU amnesty program. We commend the Staff for taking a pro-active approach to bring the City's regulations into conformance with State law. Adding more housing units as ADUs is one way the City can alleviate the serious jobs/housing imbalance that currently exists.

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