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Councilmembers,

I appreciate the chance to comment on the appointment of our (and the rest of North County's) representative to VTA. I wanted to implore Council and the rest of the North County city group to work going forwards to make the process for selection far more transparent. In the last selection, the key decisions were made in a [closed-door meeting that had no opportunity for public input](#). It is not even clear where a member of the public would've found out that Los Altos Hills was the next city in the rotation absent the staff memo for this item.

For additional color, I wanted to add that once we do have a representative, it is extremely frustrating to find that your representative on a key agency has no democratic accountability to yourself--for much of the past two years, I, as a resident of Mountain View, have not had someone that I voted for as a voting member on the board (the exception being the period where Supervisor Simitian served on the board). And while I appreciate that it may be Los Altos Hills that has the next spot in the rotation, it has always seemed bizarre to me that a jurisdiction with a tenth the population of Mountain View would be provided co-equal representation; at the same time, I can only imagine the frustration of having a jurisdiction so small that they may not be able to field an eligible representative.

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