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Hello,

We at LARE—Los Altos for Racial Equity—are writing to you today to express our support for the Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB). We advocate for racial equity in policies affecting Los Altos and neighboring communities. As residents of your neighboring city who often spend a lot of our time at work and enjoying leisure activities in Mountain View, we are happy that you are taking this step of including the public in matters of public safety, including community policing.

We hope that as you select people to be on the PSAB, you include diverse voices, including those who are most affected by policing. We also hope that this role looks at fiscal responsibility in evaluating policing as compared to other important city functions. This role has the ability to instigate positive change, and as such should require those interested in looking at data to improve policies and not just serve as PR for the City or the Police. We are hopeful that those selected will be able to lend a critical and thorough review of public safety in Mountain View, which affects all of us in your surrounding communities.

Thank you for your consideration,

Los Altos for Racial Equity

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From: Robin Lin
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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Strategic Plan Study Session (Item 7.1). We are very appreciative for the efforts the City has taken to engage and involve the Community in these discussions.

In particular, we'd like to provide feedback on the Study Session Memo.

- ***Equitable Community For All Strategic Priority*** (page 5). We applaud the inclusion of parks and open space tagline to this strategy priority. In keeping with the equity theme of this priority, we would prefer that it be phrased as "Ensure **equitable access** to parks and open space and other key amenities". We believe that every Mountain View resident deserves open access to a walkable parkspace, regardless of where they live in Mountain View.
- ***Intentional Development and Housing For All Strategic Priority*** (page 5). We hope that the City will consider having geographical variety in the location of these developments; in particular "Provide opportunities for subsidized and affordable housing as well as ownership housing in **geographically diverse parts of the City**". Concentrating developments in certain parts of the City (for example, only in R3 zoning areas) would belie the intent of creating an equitable Community for all (see first strategic priority).
- ***Organizational Strength and Good Governance Strategic Priority*** (page 6). We sincerely believe our City staff is already "top notch"! We hope that City processes and structure empower staff to look "holistically" at issues in the future. We believe that many of the challenges that the City will face in the coming years will be holistic in nature, and we hope that Staff will be empowered to evaluate issues in such a manner. We encourage City staff and advisory committees and commissions to engage across organizational boundaries and within hierarchies to address Strategic Planning.
- ***Update the City/School Joint Use Agreement*** (page 11). We support the inclusion and prioritization of this project in the work plan. District-owned parks are tremendous assets to the Community and comprise a large number of the "neighborhood parks" in Mountain View that will be difficult to replace. They are centrally located in the heart of the neighborhoods they're in (e.g., Stevenson Park, Monta Loma Park, Crittenden Park, Castro Park), and these parks are the sole large greenspace in many of these neighborhoods. It would be tremendously impactful for residents to have the same access to these parkspaces as they would to city-owned parks like Cuesta Park.
- ***Develop a Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan*** (page 11). We are also encouraged to see the proposal to develop a Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan and to have it designed to support the broader goal of ensuring an Equitable Community for All. We also are glad to see that the project is to merge the Parks and Open Space Plan (last updated, 2014) and Recreation Plan (last updated, 2008)

into one plan. As the Recreation Plan is dependent on our parks as recreation facilities, we believe it is important to analyze this in a holistic manner.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment, and thank you so much for your service!

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Preserve Monta Loma Park

About Preserve Monta Loma Park Group. We are residents who deeply value our neighborhood park spaces and use them as a place to experience the outdoors and nature, build Community, and maintain health and wellbeing.

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