

THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF PALO ALTO



3921 E. BAYSHORE RD., SUITE 209 • PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA 94303 • 650-903-0600 • www.lwvpaloalto.org

April 9, 2015

Mayor Karen Holman
Palo Alto City Council
285 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Re: Agenda Item for April 13 City Council Meeting
Hearing on Buena Vista Mobilehome Park Residents Association's Appeal of Hearing Officer's
Decision Relating to Mitigation Measures Proposed by Buena Vista Mobilehome Park Owner in
Connection with Mobilehome Park Closure Application

Dear Mayor Holman and Councilmembers:

In a time of critical shortage of affordable housing in the Bay Area, the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto urges you to proceed on the issue of the potential Buena Vista closure with statesmanship and a vision of our community's future health. Although there has been pressure for continuing adversarial litigation, we feel that negotiation is more likely to produce a solution that benefits all parties involved.

The City Manager has already pledged a significant amount of money to preserve affordable housing at this site and the County has done the same. We believe that community partnerships, under your leadership, may be able to purchase the land at a reasonable price for the owner and retain it for the affordable housing we sorely need. At the same time, this mutual effort can retain the parks' families and children as our neighbors and maintain a healthy diversity in our schools and neighborhoods.

We hope you will seek out a solution that benefits everyone involved.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Forbes".

Ellen Forbes, President