

July 22, 2022

Piedmont City Council City of Piedmont 120 Vista Avenue Piedmont, CA 94611

Re: Support for More Housing in Piedmont

Dear Councilmembers:

I write to you on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Piedmont. We fully support equal opportunity in housing and believe that Piedmont should provide its fair share.

We understand that a number of residents within Piedmont have expressed concern over traffic safety and loss of open space that may arise as a result of denser housing in our community. While we can understand these concerns, we believe they represent a classic "not in my backyard" stance that has no place in a community that is striving to provide its fair share of housing.

We believe that the current Housing Element Update should include all types of housing available to us in our small community: duplexes, triplexes, small apartments, medium-sized multifamily buildings, and more accessory dwelling units rented at affordable rates. Embracing creative and robust solutions instead of fighting against change is a necessary first step in doing our part to alleviate California's housing crisis. More housing in Piedmont means more people working in Piedmont will be able to afford to live here, seniors looking to downsize will be able to do so without relocating to a different community, and young families with small children will be able to afford to purchase a home in Piedmont.

We urge the City Council to ensure that all types of housing in all suitable sites are included in the current Housing Element Update.

Sincerely,

Lorrel Plimier President, League of Women Voters of Piedmont