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Dear Mayor Scharff and Council members,

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto urges you and City staff to take whatever action is possible to protect the residents of the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park and sustain the amount of low-income housing that the park represents.

We urge the City actively to engage in building a public-private partnership to buy the land, or a significant portion of the land, in order to preserve it for low-income housing, whether as a mobile home park or in some other form.

Because there are so many working families with children who risk relocation to another community with less effective schools and services, we hope that this housing can be affordable and obtainable to the current residents, so that the diversity and community they represent will not be lost.

In general, we also support the guidelines made by Human Relations Commission: that the City make every effort to ensure relocation of residents can be within Palo Alto; that PAUSD work to ensure children and youth now attending our schools continue there as long as possible; that any monetary relocation assistance is adequate to ensure strong community amenities for them, especially education; and that no displaced resident become homeless as a result of the closing of the park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Alice Thornton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Alice Thornton
President, LWVPA