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Housing, environment are high priorities

The Leagues of Women Voters of Santa Clara County strongly support the process of regional planning that has successfully coordinated land use and transportation planning for the draft Plan Bay Area. The plan is designed to result in 100 percent of the Bay Area's population growth being housed in urban areas, with no new sprawl development, during the 18-year period covered by the plan.

The Leagues place a high priority on reducing vehicular emissions that worsen air quality. We are pleased that the draft plan slightly exceeds the threshold of a 15 percent per capita reduction in greenhouse gases within the Bay Area by 2030 that is required under SB 375.

Four alternatives to the draft plan were evaluated. We strongly urge that the elements of the alternatives that offer superior benefits to the environment, provide robust incentives for affordable housing, and enhance the services of the transit systems be included.

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