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Dear Los Altos Residents,

At its meeting on July 28, 2015, the City Council voted unanimously to place the Hillview Community Center and Park Measure on the November 3, 2015 ballot.

The proposed plan is a scaled-back version of previous plans, which allows for replacement and improvement of the Community Center and Park in a fiscally prudent manner by avoiding the displacement of other facilities and services provided at the Civic Center site. The project includes three components: replacing the nearly 70-year old Hillview Community Center, building community pool facilities, and improving Hillview Park, open space, and sports fields.

The proposed plan does not include relocating, rebuilding, or expanding the administrative (City Hall) or police facilities, theater, history museum, or library.

The City Council proposes financing the project with a general obligation bond and existing available City funds. The bond measure requires a two-thirds majority to pass. The maximum bond authorization is \$65 million.

For your information, on the reverse side of this letter are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and responses. Detailed information is also available on the City's website at: www.losaltosca.gov/HillviewCommunityCenterAndPark

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (650) 947-2740 or communitycenter@losaltosca.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marcia Somers
City Manager



Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed Hillview Community Center and Park Bond Measure

Why is the Hillview Community Center and Park project needed?

Hillview Community Center and Park is the most heavily-used City facility. At nearly 70 years old, the Community Center does not meet the functional needs of recreation programming and has reached the end of its useful life. In addition, the facility is lacking in energy efficiency, seismic upgrades and handicapped accessible amenities. The City has spent the last several years engaging with the community to develop a plan to improve the recreation facilities, open space, and sports fields for the long-term benefit of all Los Altos residents including children, families, adults and seniors.

What is the project plan?

The current plan is a significantly scaled-back version of previous plans and includes three project components:

1. Replacing the existing Hillview Community Center with a facility for recreation programs and activities for people of all ages in our community
2. Building community pool facilities for water safety, fitness and other aquatic programs
3. Improving and expanding Hillview Park, open space, and sports fields

How does this project differ from previous plans?

The current plan allows for the replacement and improvement of the Community Center and Park in a fiscally prudent manner that avoids disrupting other facilities and services provided at the Civic Center site. The new Community Center will be located within the vicinity of its current site with underground parking beneath. Relocating, rebuilding, or expanding police and administrative facilities, theater, history museum, and library are not included in the current plan.

How will the City finance the project?

The City will contribute up to \$25 million of existing funds to this project. Additionally, the City Council will place a measure on the November 2015 ballot asking Los Altos voters to approve a \$65 million general obligation bond. The estimated average amount taxpayers would pay is \$19.36 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (not market value) annually. The City has a long history of fiscal responsibility, including during difficult financial times, and will continue this practice by providing sound financial oversight of the Hillview Community Center and Park project.

When will a detailed plan be available for review?

With input from the community, the City has developed a general site concept for the Hillview Community Center and Park project. This site concept diagram is available for review from the City Manager's Office and on the City website. The planned facilities will accommodate current as well as future anticipated needs for programs and services.

Once funding is secured, the project will move into the design phase. This is when a detailed architectural plan will be developed in accordance with the City Council-approved general site concept. The City will seek additional public input during the design phase.

Where can I go for additional information? Who can I talk to if I have questions?

You may contact the City Manager, Marcia Somers, via email at communitycenter@losaltosca.gov or by phone at (650) 947-2740. The City website also has more detailed information about the project: www.losaltosca.gov/HillviewCommunityCenterAndPark.