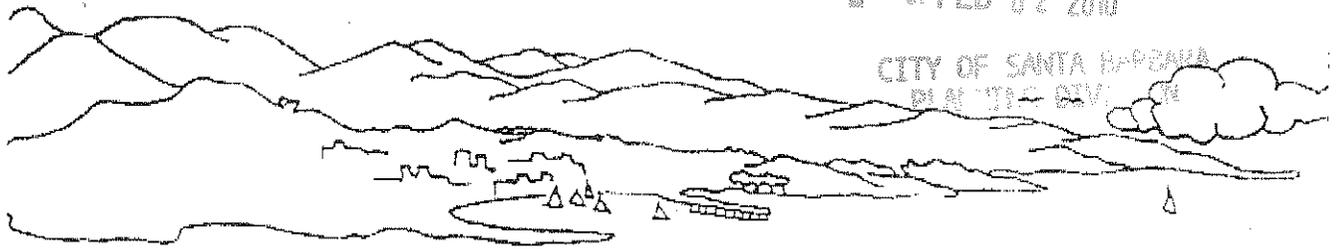


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Attention: John Ledbetter
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*This is the League's advance
statement for the workshop
on 2/11/10 and we would like
to have it included in the
City Council's packet.*

Thanks for your help →

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February 3, 2010

Mayor Helene Schneider and City Council Members
City of Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, California

Re: Plan Santa Barbara Workshop on February 11, 2010

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Santa Barbara League of Women Voters members have been participating in the tours, workshops and hearings on this General Plan Update since 2005. We have become increasingly concerned about the direction that it has taken. After years of careful control of planning, and slow growth, the present Plan Santa Barbara threatens to encourage much more density and much faster population growth.

One of the League's longest standing positions calls for the South Coast to live within our resources. Santa Barbara City Charter Section 1507 requires the City to do so. We disagree with staff that achieving sustainability requires some sort of "evolution" from that requirement. "Living Within Our Resources" means today exactly what it meant when it was put into the Charter. We live on a narrow plane between the ocean and mountain. Our location has been our destiny: we are a charming small town surrounded by natural beauty. Both our residents and visitors from around the world want us to remain that way.

The League believes that the new concept of the Mobility Oriented Development Areas (MODA) should be removed from the Plan, and with it, any provision for increased density in any areas. The City will be fortunate if it can manage the presently allowed growth, and you will probably have to reconsider several existing policies that allowed massive buildings like Chapala One to be built here. In addition you will need to be monitoring existing resources constantly to be prepared to change policies if we reach our limits.

It is the League's impression that while the whole panoply of Smart Growth principles works in some other communities, it is particularly unsuited for Santa Barbara because of our special conditions of build-out and long term lack of affordability. We may borrow some of their ideas, but others, like insisting that people get out of their cars, will have limited success here. As a result, we think that the City should continue to require adequate parking for all projects and businesses. We have been saying repeatedly that major changes need to be made to Plan Santa Barbara before it is accepted by the City.

Connie Hannah, First Vice-President