Dear City Council & Financial Committee, City & Finance manager

Priorities for the Los Altos City Council were approved by Council at the July 13, 2021 Regular meeting.

* By taking an oath of office, the Council members promised to uphold all 8 priorities, even though the community has heard at least 2 council members deny ever making any promises.

**Fiscal Sustainability**

*The City of Los Altos will continue to be responsible financial stewards of its resources and assets to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability by practicing sound financial management and fiscal transparency, while providing fiscally sustainable government services that address the needs of the community.*

**Asset Management**

*The City of Los Altos will set clear expectations and allocate the necessary funding to maintain and improve City facilities and infrastructure that are necessary to provide high-quality services for the well-being of residents.*

**Community Engagement**

*The City of Los Altos will continue to improve its community engagement process to ensure all community members are heard, informed, and included.*

For over a year, there are many community members who have voiced serious concerns regarding the fiscal soundness of Los Altos. And yet, the Council does not seem to be doing a thorough analysis to provide decisions for fiscal soundness, nor do they appear to be listening to the community.

The Financial Commission provides citizen input to Council and staff regarding financial policy issues and promotes citizen participation and understanding regarding the financial condition of the City.

The Financial commission should tell the City Council that no discretionary projects of any sort should be discussed, recommended or approved, until together the new finance manager and city manager, along with the finance committee are able to do a full analysis of the City budget assets and liabilities.

There are close to 60 Cip projects waiting for funding. There are trees dying in our parks, roads that need repairing, infrastructure projects, not to mention unfunded Calpers liabilities, etc. These essential services must be funded and completed, before the finance committee recommends any non-essential projects requested by special groups.

The City Council of Los Altos were elected to protect the assets and the people of Los Altos. This is a promise that must be kept.