



August 12, 2026

Mr. Dinesh Ramde
Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury
Santa Clara County Superior Court Building
191 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

**RE: Town of Los Altos Hills' Response
2025-26 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report
VTA's Management and Oversight of BART Silicon Valley Phase II**

Dear Mr. Ramde:

Please accept this correspondence as the Town of Los Altos Hill's ("Town") responses to the Santa Clara County's Civil Grand Jury Report regarding VTA's Management and Oversight of BART Silicon Valley Phase II ("Report"), specifically as to Finding #6 and Finding #7 as set forth in the Report.

Relative to Finding #6, the Cities of Group 2, which includes the Town, share the Grand Jury's concerns regarding the BART project. However, the Town disagrees that all Authority Groups do not follow VTA Administrative Code (Section 2-14) admonitions to "appoint individuals with appropriate experience and qualifications in transportation" and to "reappoint representatives to consecutive terms." The Cities of Group 2 have adopted by-laws governing the appointment of the VTA Group 2 Board Representative (see Attachment 1). Consistent with those by-laws, the Group 2 Cities strive to select representatives with transportation experience and knowledge by selecting individuals who have two or more of the following qualifications: (1) at least one year's service on the VTA Board within the last 4 years; (2) at least one year's service on a policy advisory body that reports directly to the VTA Board (Policy Advisory Committee, Policy Advisory Board, the Citizens Advisory Committee) and has a minimum 80% attendance record; (3) any other transportation policy credential deemed relevant by the majority of the Working Group as meeting the intent of the experience requirement within the last 4 years; and (4) demonstrates working knowledge of the VTA.

Regarding Recommendation 6, Group 2 Cities, including the Town, remain committed to improving VTA efficiency and services and will adhere to VTA Administrative Code (Section 2-14) admonitions regarding Board member expertise and appointment to consecutive terms and to do so by December 31, 2026.

Relative to Finding #7, the Town agrees VTA Board Appointing Authority Groups 2 through 5 have different processes for making Board appointments.

Regarding Recommendation 7, the Town is supportive of a uniform process of making Board appointments for the Appointing Authority Groups 2 through 5 and to do so by December 31, 2026.

Sincerely,



Rajiv Bhateja
Mayor

cc: Town Manager

Attachment: VTA Group 2 Bylaws