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Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Eric Rodriguez; Diane Papan; Maureen Freschet; Joe Goethals; Rick Bonilla; General Plan
Cc: Drew Corbett; Patrice Olds
Subject: Resident Outreach re: the General Plan

Dear City Council Members, Staff and General Plan Committee,

As an active resident of San Mateo and someone who cares what happens in our city, I am aware and hopeful to participate more in the General Plan process. However, I would like to point out that weekday meetings at **6pm**, although convenient for those who work in San Mateo, are extremely inconvenient for those of us who have to work outside of San Mateo and commute to get to these meetings timely.

I assume you know what traffic is like during commute hours, and I know you are aware that Hwy 92 is a parking lot until at least 6:30pm most weekdays.

I've heard you say on many occasions that you want to hear from ALL San Mateo residents. But, having these very important meetings at a time when it is next to impossible to get around the City, let alone commute back into our City may be one of the reasons you are lacking in resident participation.

I feel like I am pointing out something very obvious, but since I've said this to City staff before, and these very important meetings are still being scheduled at unrealistic times for many of us, I thought it was worth repeating.

I hope you consider scheduling future meetings at 7pm rather than 6pm so concerned residents have a chance to participate.

Thank you,

Barbara Niss