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Subject: YIKES! Take Two Minutes or Your Future Will Be Decided Without YOU

Hi all!

THIS IS WHAT'S NEW & IMPORTANT! When the City Council refused to put the citizen's height, density & affordable housing initiative (signed by over 7000 residents) on the 2018 ballot, they *said* they wanted to wait until the General Plan update was completed, promising resident input with a process that would be *open, welcoming and allow for full discussion of the important issues that affect the quality of life for all San Mateans*. **This is not happening and you need to let the City Council and those involved in the process know how disappointed you are with the process so far.**

Dec. 17th was the third meeting of the General Plan Subcommittee meeting, and those who attended were frankly flabbergasted at the failure of the process so far. Failure at this early stage means overall failure for a process that will dictate all things San Mateo (**including traffic/building heights**), and impact all of us!

WHAT TO DO: TODAY, speaking in your own words (with topic suggestions below), send an email to the addresses listed below. Can be short and sweet, but they need to hear from YOU! Remember: Democracy is not a spectator sport!

- *I attended meetings & they have been a farce. The schedule is more important than the content and the schedule is rushed. Why are there crucial meetings during the holiday season?*
- *The meetings limit community input to 2 minutes & the official Subcommittee doesn't even have time to provide their input. There is no time for discussion.*
- *Videos of the meetings have not been available in a timely fashion and all meetings are not video-taped.*
- *The same few people show up at all meetings. Outreach has not been successful. Only a very small portion of community represented at meetings.*

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