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To: [LOUISE BEKINS](#)
Cc: [Patrice Olds](#)
Subject: Re: City Council Meeting 9-19-19 - Gen. Plan
Date: Monday, August 19, 2019 11:33:02 AM

Thank you for your communication.

I am copying our City Clerk to ensure that it is included in the record on this matter.

With best regards,

Diane Papan

From: LOUISE BEKINS <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 11:30 AM
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Hello Councilmembers,

I would like to have my comments included in your thinking and decisions about planning our City.

Please consider:

- (1) We have too many people. Unlimited growth is liken to a cancer cell. Uncurtailed, it just keeps growing, killing everything in it's path. Also, studies of animals in cages show that after too many animals are crowded together in cages, they cannibalize. Also, too many people in confined areas become violent. LESSON: Put a limit on local growth and number of units to be built. We are about maxed out!!
- (2) Our infrastructure, roads, etc. is inadequate for any more traffic and building.
- (3) Build bridges across the Bay to help with traffic congestion.
- (4) Preserve all R-1 Zoning.
- (5) If building can't be avoided, make more parking spaces mandatory. Soon we will "get over" the faddish notion that most people will take rapid transit. Truth is, most people have and will want to have single family homes. (This is already being found in many other cities across the nation.)
- (6) Not everyone in our cities is "rich." And please make this clear to the YIMBY's. Thousands of us are just average folk who have worked hard to have homes, and live very frugally to afford to stay here.
- (7) Encourage high tech firms to do more of their fair share to build/pay for housing for the workers they bring in, and preferably in cities across the Bay. Thus spreading out the need for housing to other areas.
- (8) Keep housing decisions local. We do not support the proposed bills like Weiner's to sledge

hammer into our communities. Do all you can to stop them!!

Thank you for all you do.

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