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Subject: Re: Re-zoning of our neighborhoods
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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

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 10:42 AM

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Subject: Re-zoning of our neighborhoods

Good morning honorable council members and Mayor Papan:

Over the weekend I read an article in The Daily journal that shocked me and is causing my husband and I great concern. The article concerns a claim by Evelyn Stivers with the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County that the housing needs of this city are underestimated and that far more housing should be built than ABAG has identified.

Now it appears that in tonight's city council meeting, the council will consider rezoning some single family neighborhoods to allow for multi-family units to go up next to existing homes. We are absolutely against this.

Those of us who participated in the General Plan Study Sessions did so with the understanding that our suggestions would not be taken as carte-blanche approval to rezone anything; in fact city staff serving as table monitors assured us that would not be the outcome; instead it would serve as a place to begin a discussion of how some areas of the city could accomidate redevelopment without the loss of existing neighborhoods. Now it appears that re-zoning single family neighborhoods is what the council thinks we have agreed to.

Why is San Mateo ground zero for a housing affordability situation that is driven by unregulated rents? The council is supposed to represent ALL San Mateans and you all know very well that our community does not want run-away development in San Mateo.

The appropriate site for a community- serving development, emphasizing multi-family AFFORDABLE housing, is the site of the proposed and ill-planned tech-serving 'Passages' development. It is ridiculous to consider further damaging the character and livability of our city with re-zoning our cherished neighborhoods; it is even more vexing in view of the waste of the proposed 'Passages' development.

Those of us who have worked HARD to own our homes will not allow erosion of our neighborhoods. We are sick to death of constant attacks on those of us who want to see SMART AND SUSTAINABLE growth in San Mateo.

If the council wants to "be ambitious", then require ALL new developments to provide AT LEAST 20% affordable units and emphasize FOR SALE and NOT FOR RENT developments. Your job is to support the ENTIRE community across all education and income levels, so stop approving tech-housing on land with the greatest development opportunity. By doing so you are exacerbating the housing inequality problem and supporting greedy developers who will gleefully build more and more for a non-stop influx of high wage earners and continue to soak up high rents.

LEAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ALONE!!

Respectfully,

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Sunnybrae residents

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