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To: [Diane Papan](#); [Maureen Freschet](#); [Rick Bonilla](#); [Joe Goethals](#); [Eric Rodriguez](#); [General Plan](#)
Subject: We Need 25,000 New Homes
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Dear Mayor Papan, Councilmember Goethals, Councilmember Rodriguez, Councilmember Bonilla, and Councilmember Freschet,

I live in the N. San Mateo Drive / E. Poplar Neighborhood and am writing to urge you to increase the number of new homes targeted in the 2040 General Plan to 25,000. As a community we must act more energetically to address the magnitude of the current and growing local housing crisis effectively.

In retrospect it is clear that the needed foundation for meeting the earlier anticipated needs of today was never laid, as deferral and preservation of the status quo overrode needed action. In the interim, unprecedented job growth in this area has compounded the prior housing shortfall exponentially, resulting in skyrocketing rents and the displacement of scores of residents--including but not limited to local families with children, single parent families, elderly people, persons with disabilities, workers essential to local businesses and non-profit organizations, teachers, law enforcement and firefighting personnel, essential support staff for our most vulnerable residents, as well as young adults who were born and raised in this area.

Numerous caring but fragmented efforts to design emergency measures for burgeoning subgroups of local homeless people point to a clear reality--the critical need for expedited, greatly enhanced measures to meet both the current and the projected housing need on a bigger scale. **We must get off the spinning hamster wheel of "too little, too late," when instead we should align our strategy along a different trajectory, one that takes us to a more desirable and equitable outcome for our community as a whole.**

Please plan and provide energetically for the level of housing needed by the vital, diverse community we celebrate in vision statements. Factoring in our current housing deficit, and adding to it the number of new homes needed due to projected growth, we are going to need 25,000 new homes in our city by 2040.

Based on the above, I stand with HANCSM to support the proposed areas of study as well.

Sincerely,

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