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Subject: General Plan for City of San Mateo

To the Planning Commission members, General Plan Sub-committee members and City Council:

Hoping all of you are enjoying the holidays and taking a breather from our daily hectic lives. Many, many, many thanks to the committee members and our City Council. It is great to see such active, passionate and intense participation in the future of the city I love. Although I understand I was not holding the mic close enough for you to hear everything I said at the last meeting, I do hope my email was passed on to you

My "take aways" from the Dec. 17th meeting:

- 1) there is a lot of frustration with this process
- 2) a fair number of members on the sub-committee believe this process is moving too fast
- 3) the "community meetings" have not tracked residents vs. non-resident participants - this may have skewed the results
- 4) evidently a number of questions the sub-committee members asked have not been completely answered
- 5) there is no consensus for a vision / mission statement for the future of San Mateo

I am going to continue to restate the obvious... City Council has been given direction by more than 7,000 San Mateo registered voters that **all** the citizens of San Mateo *should have an opportunity to vote on* maintaining our height and density limits until 2030, that we have had for the last 30 years. This should not be seen as "a big ask" of City Council, nor something to be challenged. It may not be what the developers want ... it may not give us the immediate solution to the traffic and housing issues, but it is what the required number of citizens of the City of San Mateo have asked to be on the ballot.

If City Council members truly believe you have better ideas for our citizens, please at least keep your pledge (I know I heard at a City Council meeting) to **sincerely** work with SMRG.

The Planning Commission and City Council can work towards other goals and propose other measures for future elections. The 7,000+ registered voters who signed the petition are simply asking for the heights and density measure we have to be supported by City Council and put on the 2020 ballot (unaltered, not challenged and without a competing measure).

As for the development of the San Mateo General Plan - take a step back, slow down and help us get the best plan with the most agreement possible... this **should be our goal.** I truly believe all of you with the continued input from the citizens of San Mateo can help us get there - I just know it!!!

I guess I'll end with the same comment I started with - let's take a breather ...and make 2019 the year we develop the best future for the City of San Mateo that we can. Thanks to all of you for your passion and hard work for our city.

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year!
Sincerely, Jean Dail