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**To:** [ROBERT SELLERS](#)  
**Cc:** [Patrice Olds](#)  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT!!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 9:29:37 AM

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Thank you Mr. Sellers for your letter. I am copying our City Clerk to ensure that it is made a part of the record on this matter.

With best regards,  
Diane Papan

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**From:** ROBERT SELLERS [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 6:22 PM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT!!

Dear representatives,

Please consider this action carefully, we very much appreciate your support for leaving our neighborhoods alone - if history tells us anything it is that growth ends and that true leadership understands that. I believe that your decision here will forage your legacy that will not be soon forgotten in this community. I thank you for your support for good community and standing with your constituency.

Regards,

Robert Sellers  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lisa Taner <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** August 17, 2019 at 11:34:00 AM PDT  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients: ;  
**Subject:** URGENT!!

San Mateans - You are receiving this as you have demonstrated a commitment to the quality of life in our city. PLEASE READ, SHARE AND ACTIVATE!

Lisa Taner

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Monday: Gut San Mateo Neighborhoods to Build Multiplexes Now? Residents Raise Your Voices!

Disgusted with the constant & blatant push for more housing - after all that has already been built with reckless disregard for impacts? You ain't seen nothing yet! Monday night's August 19th City Council meeting will have the Housing Leadership Council (HLC) there in full force, shouting that MORE is needed - and that MORE is to gut residential neighborhoods.

That's right - fresh from the Planning Commission is a new map being presented to Council which shows neighborhood areas to be studied for upzoning - an innocuous word for putting a multiplex on your street. And it won't stop there.

The HLC's August newsletter aims at gutting residential areas (R1s), sharing an article that speaks of "rich people militantly preserving their way of life and physical surroundings" in an attempt to throw the race card into this mess. A mess that continues to be exacerbated by tech-funded organizations to push for more tech housing, under the pretext of standing up for the underdog and pretending this is all about more affordable housing - all the while knowing gentrification is the result.

The article continues with, "Neighborhoods vulnerable to gentrification could certainly use more powerful mechanisms..."which translates directly to the push to allow for the demo of homes in neighborhoods to be replaced by multi-unit buildings. "...the abdication of wealthy, exclusive neighborhoods shouldn't be overlooked in the process...This moment of crisis gives us an opportunity to redress long-standing policies..." In other words, a demand to do away with all previous residential zoning/restrictions and give carte blanche to developers and special interests.

The HLC adds their own final kicker, noting, "It is a critical time for housing in the City of San Mateo...the community and the City's leadership must take bold and decisive action." And that action, they will demand on Monday, is for Council to begin to gut our neighborhoods.

Disgruntled and disgusted with the way this is all being handled? Feel that enough is

enough?! Residents have been sleeping for too long - back and forth social media dialogue becomes a head-banging tool of useless proportions. Here are 3 things residents are doing:

1) Coming early to the Council meeting around 6:30 p.m. to stand outside with signs that express your feelings about neighborhoods being touched. ("Leave our R1s alone!" "Don't develop our neighborhoods!")

2) Attending the Council meeting and sign up to speak on this topic. The HLC and tech-backed special interest folks will certainly be doing so. Their voices should not be the only ones heard by your Council! (This is the last item on the agenda, #21 noted as "General Plan Update - Study Areas: Consider the proposed study areas for the General Plan & provide direction on the study area boundaries.")

3) Emailing Council TODAY so they see your emails in their inbox Monday morning and tell them what you think:

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