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Hello members of the San Mateo City Council,

As a resident and renter in the City of San Mateo, I strongly encourage you to incorporate all the study areas in the staff report that have been generated through the public workshops, General Plan Subcommittee meetings, and the Planning Commission. Considering the amount of time and effort that the public, appointed officials, elected officials, and city staff have put into generating the list study areas, I hope that you will include all of these areas to foster further conversations about how and where we allow our city to grow and change in the future. Our city and region are facing a tremendous housing crisis and we should be doing our part to build enough housing to meet all of the demand that has been generated by the large number of jobs the city has added recently.

I am excited to see so much interest concentrated mass transit, which should help allow future growth without further incentivizing car dependency. Additionally, some of the study areas east of 101, such as study areas 8 and 10, reconsider large swathes of the city that are primarily sprawling surface parking lots that should be redeveloped into more people-centered uses. However, I am worried that the full list of study areas focus too much on the eastern parts of the city and do not consider enough of the city that goes up into the hills. I hope that as the General Plan Update process moves forward, consideration can be given to changing zoning to allow for gentle intensification of housing through our whole city through the construction of missing middle housing such as ADUs and quadplexes. I believe helping to disperse future growth throughout the city will provide for more equitable growth.

Sincerely,
Thomas Heiser