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Subject: Re: Regarding Building - Council meeting 8/19/19
Date: Monday, August 19, 2019 11:50:26 AM

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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San Mateo City Council Members,

I would like to add my voice of concern regarding the constant barrage of building requests/demands being foisted upon us.

While the City of San Mateo is being bombarded with "build, build, build" chants from developers and others, many residents are simply at a loss as to how we can try to retain a town worth living in.

I am disheartened at every meeting to hear people advocate more and more building in my neighborhood when it is painfully obvious those same people do not even reside in my town.

As a longstanding resident of San Mateo I beg you to be vigilant against this never-ending assault, wrapped in all the "right" terminology - how we "have to build", how "it's only fair", how those "opposed to building are clearly racist, old-timers who don't care for anyone but themselves".

Is it a housing crisis when the place where someone wants to live is expensive and they can't afford it? Or is that a fact of life we have all had to contend with, and have not expected others to acquiesce to our demands?

Because that is how every council meeting sounds. Those in favor of building are "right" and their demands should be heeded regardless of the equally concerned residents with opposing views.

I've always wanted to live in Hillsborough, shouldn't they be required to lower their prices so I can afford to buy a house there? Shouldn't they be required to raze some of those homes so that dense housing can be established and the many people who want to move there will have a place to live? You see my point, I'm sure.

My concerns for the constant rush to build dense housing are many and increasing with every day. How many projects are recently completed, nearing completion, breaking ground, or already approved and yet we have not adequately addressed any of the following:

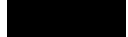
medical care and hospital capacity,
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sewage capacity,
water concerns,
grocery capacity,
schools capacity,
roads capacity,
parking capacity,
recreation capacity,

Our once fine city needs a break and a breather. A moment of space to deal with infrastructure needs.

It's not shameful to provide for the current citizens of this city; such action is to be applauded. To take a moment from building and enforced growth to plan for future populations by endeavoring to ensure the safety, health, and wellness of the community as it currently exists, and as it may grow to become, is not only appropriate it is necessary.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Christina Huth



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