

Hi Deborah,

The online tool is one method of providing input and your emailed comments below is another way. Thanks for taking the time to submit your comments for the General Plan. Your email, along with other written comments submitted to the city, will be posted online on the project website and included in the analysis as we prepare for the next step.

Sincerely,  
Julia



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**From:** Deborah Kohn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 11, 2020 5:29 PM  
**To:** General Plan <[generalplan@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:generalplan@cityofsanmateo.org)>  
**Subject:** Build Your Own Future

I am responding via email message to your call for input to the City of San Mateo's General Plan update (2020-2040). I tried using the online tool; however, I found it restricting and clumsy to use.

I attended several of the community meetings over the past 1-2 years and also provided input at those sessions.

I moved to the City of San Mateo ~25 years ago. In general, I hope San Mateo will provide CAREFULLY PLANNED GROWTH, allowing San Mateo to change without impacting the city's "look" as we know it today as well as provide the same, (and more) quality services for residents during 2020-2040. In other words,

1. I hope San Mateo will provide an array of mixed housing (residential homes, apartments, condominiums, etc.), all subject to the 2018 building height and density limits initiative that garnished enough signatures (~7,000) to qualify for a ballot measure. However, with all types of housing, balanced infrastructure needs must be considered (water, gas, electricity, roads, trash collection, open space/parks, etc.).
2. I hope San Mateo will carefully monitor the aggressive, over-development of retail given the success of online shopping/stores.

Unfortunately, the severe traffic situation has become too complicated for me to offer suggestions. Please note that I ride CalTrain and SamTrans at least two days a week. However, I am convinced that placing most of the future housing opportunities near CalTrain (despite the state ruling)

is too short-sighted. For example, "soccer moms" won't take their children to soccer games riding CalTrain!

Sincerely,

Deborah Kohn

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- What kinds of housing do we want?
- What kinds of jobs should we plan for?
- What improvements are needed to help people move around?

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