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Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 9:18 PM
To: [REDACTED] General Plan <generalplan@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: FW: New message on Strive San Mateo

Hi Henry,

Thank you for sending your comments below. I will share it with our project team. Your input, along with other community comments, will be summarized and presented to the General Plan Subcommittee at their meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021. If you have not already done so, please sign up to receive email updates when meeting materials are posted online. Sign up at www.strivesanmateo.org.

Thank you.
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From: Strive San Mateo <email@strivesanmateo.org>
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Subject: New message on Strive San Mateo

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Message: The basic question that needs to be asked is, Do the residents of San Mateo want continued growth of commercial space? We know that Planning staff are planning growth and that Council takes its direction from staff, but not why accommodating office space growth is to the benefit of residents. I have heard the concern that incubated small companies will leave San Mateo if they don't get the next level of space they want. Is that bad?

I realize that the continued growth increases the tax base. Does that engender a net improvement in quality of life for residents?

I realize that more office space means more customers for restaurants, if not retail. Is that the only way to support better restaurants?

These are important because the down sides of growth are in our faces: intense traffic, crowded services, a cost of living that discourages service employees and burdens all but they wealthiest residents, a housing demand that does not fit the nature of the peninsula and the character to which the residents intentionally came.

In spite of record revenues the last decade, we have neglected our infrastructure such that we have expensive community services and 3rd world roadways - it appears its not revenue that is the problem, but city priorities.

I suggest an alternative general plan that firmly restricts new office space, while we get our house in order.

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