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Please include Adam Nugent in his position on the Planning Commission before considering the General Plan (GP) Alternatives. The GP is foundational to the future of San Mateo for the next decade. Such an important item should be reviewed with the full Planning Commission, including Adam.

In considering the alternatives, please reflect the comments below:

San Mateo, the Peninsula and the Bay Area are in a deep housing crisis and it is only getting worse. Housing is not affordable for a large segment of the population. This is damaging families, the economy and the environment. Homelessness, climate change and systemic discrimination are continuing to get worse. San Mateo needs to do its part to fix this problem.

The Alternatives should include the following changes:

1. Much higher density in areas within ½ mile of transit, including areas now Single Family Zoned.
2. Consider how to increase density in areas outside ½ mile from transit.
 - a. How to carefully evolve single family areas to include neighborhood retail/commercial
 - b. How to integrate public transit, biking and walking more into these areas.
 - c. How to creatively increases parks and natural areas in these denser areas.

Thank you for considering my comments on this foundational topic.

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