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To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: General Plan: Alternative A

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am in favor of Alternative A: 30% growth in population and housing over 20 years. It is in line with the growth trajectory of the last 40 years. Our current infrastructure is already taxed with heavy traffic congestion and limited resources. It is unconscionable to favor anything higher than 30% when emergency resources have forecasted for years that the density of the community would not allow full and immediate evacuation during a catastrophic event such as an earthquake or wildfire. Please consider how quickly you, your neighbors, and your community would be able to evacuate in that type of scenario now and in the future.

Please stop yielding to the illusion created by developers that our city can address the housing crisis through overgrowth. It forces San Mateo residents to live with limited city resources while developers line their pockets with profits. Just look at Honolulu, another land locked city whose headlines have been shouting about the housing crisis since the early '60s. Even with their constant explosive growth, their housing costs never became "affordable" for the island workers who do not have the liberty of looking for better wages elsewhere. At least in the Bay Area, the housing issue can be addressed by all cities working together and not resolved by just one city. As for San Mateo, it makes absolutely no sense to keep zoning areas for mixed use that allows developers to keep creating offices. This just feeds into their story line of a housing crisis. It needs to be smart growth. If we need housing, then build housing but not at the expense of our infrastructure or ability to have a successful outcome after a catastrophic event!

Thank you,
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