

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 1:31 PM

To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>

Cc: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Alternative A - Only Sensible Choice as State Auditor Notes Failure of HCD RHNA Methodology

Dear Planning Commission,

I do believe I have already voiced my strong support for Alternative A as the only logical choice as we move forward with San Mateo's plan for growth. However, I wanted to share with you another new and startling reason for this support, which I have already shared with the Council.

Our RHNA numbers were previously in question by the public due to methodology, resulting in accusations of double counting. Just last week, our own State Auditor underscored the seriousness to which our RHNA numbers should be questioned. (See below.) With this new information, it makes zero sense to choose anything but Alternative A, as what we thought was real has fallen apart and is a mess that should be sorted before we begin to consider larger growth choices.

Sincerely,

Lisa Taner
Resident, San Mateo

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Lisa Taner [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Mar 17, 2022, 6:45 PM

Subject: State Auditor Says HCD Can't Ensure RHNA Numbers Are Correct

To: <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Cc: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>, Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>

Dear Council,

This is worth serious consideration as we progress in City planning.

From the State Auditor:

"As directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, my office evaluated the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (needs assessment) process that the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) uses to provide key housing guidance for the State's local governments. The availability of sufficient housing is of vital statewide importance, and HCD's needs assessments are what allow jurisdictions to plan for the development of that housing. Overall, our audit determined that HCD does not ensure that its needs assessments are accurate and adequately supported."

<http://auditor.ca.gov/reports/2021-125/index.html>

Sincerely,

Lisa Taner