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Message: In the prior General Plan, the city acknowledged that much of the city had noise levels that were above those recommended for humans.

The text reads in part: "A few of San Mateo's residential neighborhoods that border highways, El Camino Real (SR 82), and the railway line are subject to sound levels exceeding 70 dB (Ldn), which is in the "normally unacceptable" range for "noise-sensitive" uses. Rather than precluding new residential development in these areas, the City will require that building construction techniques be utilized that reduce interior sound to 45 dB (Ldn) or less."

Has the city followed these procedures? Have they been effective? Given the seriousness of impacted neighborhoods exceeding "normally acceptable" levels, why has the city not taken readily available steps to moderate noise that other similarly impacted cities in the region have taken, including collaborating w/ Caltrain to improve the 101 sound wall and working w/ Caltrain and Union Pacific to moderate train noise?

W/ the city now proposing to proactively encourage growth above recent trends, further exacerbating this unabated problem of noise pollution - what assurances can the city provide to residents that in the future steps such as noise reduction and traffic abatement will be taken when available, especially in light of the lack of effort to ameliorate the health and wellness impacts of excessive noise that the prior plan acknowledged?

Amidst the increasing concern about environmental justice, and the role of the EPA under the clean air act in addressing noise pollution, how will the city be able to pass a CEQA or other environmental review given the increasing intensity of the noise problem and the repeated lack of attention by the city paid to the problem? Much more information about the subject and the EPA's attention to the matter can be found on their sub-site here: <https://www.epa.gov/clean-air-act-overview/clean-air-act-title-iv-noise-pollution>

Thank you for your focus on the well-being of current residents. I look forward to any response.

Best

Evan

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