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To: General Plan <generalplan@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Public comments re Community Design and Historic Preservation; and Conservation, Open Space and Recreation

Dear General Plan Community Design and Historic Preservation and Conservation, Open Space and Recreation subcommittee,

I am writing to provide comments on the [Aug 11 meeting](#).

I am very glad to see conservation and protecting natural resources as part of the general plan and plans to ensure access to nature for all!

Regarding historic preservation, I am so happy to see that alternatives to demolition must be submitted for historic buildings. I would encourage the committee to expand this in all cases of construction.

Deconstruction and recycling should be the first option rather than demolition.

According to the EPA, [Construction and Demolition debris is the largest source of waste in America, more than twice the amount of waste generated by municipal solid waste](#).

San Mateo is a leader in waste reduction, as with finding reasonable solutions to support businesses transitioning to compostable take out containers. Construction and demolition debris must be addressed.

[US EPA Best Practices for Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling Construction and Demolition Materials](#)

[CalRecycle C&D Recycling Tools for Contractors, Local Governments, and Processors](#)

[Deconstruction: The Story of Two Homes \(video\)](#)

Also regarding historic preservation, consider creating [education and training programs, like in San Antonio, Texas](#).

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

Best, Kristie Eglsaer