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To the San Mateo City Council:

It is our right as citizens of this country and of this city, to democratically decide issues of concern to our community. In 2020, voters passed Measure Y to provide for planned growth without excessive overdevelopment by eager developers who are not interested in affordable housing.

Measure Y works because it allows for substantial office, commercial and residential development while providing for the quality of life we all enjoy and contributes to residential development that is not out of pace with infrastructure development. It also requires a minimum percentage of affordable housing units be built, a minimum that the council has the ability to increase.

It is apparent from the completion of our Housing Element Plan that healthy and well-planned growth can be obtained under Measure Y as city staff have reached/exceeded their housing goals with Measure Y intact. It is unclear how state law will change in the coming years due to concerns for limited resources, lack of infrastructure investment and a changing workplace environment and that will be a future conversation for all of us to work on together

We have to expect that the people put into place by the voters of this community will serve their constituents first and not try to undo what those constituents have voted for. San Mateo is not an urban center and should not be treated as such. Measure Y is a sensible answer to unreasonable development that is at the expense of those who cannot afford market rate prices.

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