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**Subject:** re: March 6 City Council General Plan Update

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support the present height limits on development in San Mateo. Our city staff has met state requirements to identify development possibilities in San Mateo that will meet state RHNA requirements without having to override voters' will. Clearly, under present rules we can build housing up to seven stories, as in Kiku Crossing, in San Mateo. I would urge the Council to leave height limits in tact until we have a better sense of the long-term effects of the pandemic and changes to the local workforce.

I urge the Council to maintain focus on building AFFORDABLE housing and to push developers to meet and surpass the present minimum of 10% of new units priced as affordable. We do not need more housing – we need more affordable housing. And why not turn empty commercial buildings into housing? That would be a sustainable remedy that doesn't require large amounts of energy/materials.

As various threads on Nextdoor indicate, many of us are unhappy with losing the charm and character of San Mateo. It is what makes this city an attractive place to live.

Thank you,

Dennis Keane  
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