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Mayor and Councilmembers:

In your consideration of the proposed height and density ranges for the Public Review Draft General Plan I have the following questions and comments:

1. The staff report does not explicitly say the future RHNA numbers cannot be met with Measure Y in place. Can the predicted RHNA numbers (15K) be met with Measure Y?
2. The data suggests that remote work is here to stay; Forbes says experts predict that by 2025 there will be a 417% increase in remote work; how will that affect housing and office needs. Will RHNA numbers decrease? The taller and denser residential buildings typically comprise a majority of studio and 1-bdrm units for tech workers. Is this the housing we are encouraging?
3. There is no map showing Measure Y heights with density bonuses heights or other maps that show where state law overrides Measure Y. The existing building heights/densities allowable are not reflected in the staff report.
4. Measure Y allows some areas to build 7 stories with a substantial public benefit; will the substantial public benefit be removed when allowing increased heights?
5. Measure Y was voted upon and passed by your constituents, the most democratic process. Days after Measure Y was certified certain members of the council vowed to dismantle it. This is not representing your constituents nor is approving any proposed measure intended to supersede what voters intended to be in place for 10 years.
6. If the Council votes to approve the proposed heights and densities along with a future ballot measure to void Measure Y there should be reasonable 3D graphics of the possible new construction superimposed in each neighborhood so that residents can really see what is being proposed. Along with graphics, story poles should be installed in each area so residents can envision how tall 6-12 stories building are in the places they are proposed.

Thank you,

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