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Subject: Support Measure Y

As I drive around my beloved San Mateo, I see high density building sprouting up throughout the city, yet there are “for lease” and “for rent” signs everywhere, including in newly constructed, completed buildings. Covid-19 has changed the landscape of urban communities, and wise city planners and officials need to readjust future forecasting. Measure Y has been supported through 3 election cycles— residents have spoken they want to avoid the tall building big city density look, the wind tunnels created by such structures, the parking, infrastructure and traffic problems exacerbated by a characterless “urban jungle.” And, unoccupied buildings create hollow, blighted urban landscapes.

Measure Y addresses San Mateans desire to NOT look like Redwood City, Millbrae, the San Carlos corridor. Measure Y insures at least 10% affordable housing in future developments. We have met housing goals with Measure Y still intact. There is no need to override the will of the people at this time. Seven years from now, the needs of San Mateo will be reexamined. There has been an unpredicted earthquake of change in the past 3 years. Seven years from now, there may well have been another— Measure Y insures San Mateo will maintain the type of community atmosphere its citizens have repeatedly supported.

I am counting on the City Council to support Measure Y and its height limits.

Sincerely,
Nancy Weller