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Subject: March 6 Agenda Item 11

RE: City Council Regular Meeting Mar 06, 2023, Agenda Item 11 - General Plan Update – Land Use Heights and Densities and Measure Y

Mayor and Council Members,

You, the members of the San Mateo City Council, once again have an opportunity to demonstrate, to *prove*, your allegiance to the City Charter and commitment to abide by your oath of office.

Measure Y was passed by a majority of voters. It was the will of the people to give residents of the city a true voice in plans for development in their city.

As I viewed the YouTube video of the Housing Leadership Coalition’s virtual “celebration” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Myfw6AnY6II>) held after the November 2020 election, it became clear that our elected officials had nothing but contempt for the rights of the voters and the law. (Then) Councilmember Lee, by proclaiming, “We will measure ourselves by the moments of joy and connection to our coalition...that is what is going to take us forward...I'm in this with you - the fight is not over" tells us that our (now) Mayor is aligned with developers and organizations advocating unbridled growth.

Now our ‘new’ city council appears to want to use a need to “Provide direction” regarding Measure Y and the General Plan Update as a vehicle to once again “fight” the will of the people.

Mayor Lee must recuse herself from any discussions, actions or votes regarding this matter. She has clearly stated, in the video, her inability to act on the behalf of her constituents and voters on this matter. We know where her allegiances lay.

The recently submitted Housing Element contains a determination that the city can meet housing goals without violating Measure Y. Although some on the Planning Commission actively, and some perhaps improperly, opposed the submission of the plan, council wisely and timely submitted it.

Rather than plotting ways to get around Measure Y, a voter mandate, council should, nay – MUST, act in good faith to their obligations to the residents of San Mateo and to uphold the provisions of Measure Y.

Any other act is outright malfeasance.

Regards,

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