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Subject: 3/6/23 City Council Meeting - General Plan feedback

Dear City Council,

Please consider the following as you make your General Plan decisions and approach Measure Y:

I believe it's unnecessary to skirt Measure Y to meet housing goals. You have been able to meet housing goals (and more) under the guidelines of Measure Y.

We don't need the same amount of building that we once did due to Covid. People are working differently and not necessarily living near their work due to the expansion of work-from-home programs and Zoom meetings, etc. We need to take all that into consideration before powering ahead to meet a need that may not be there.

If we expand height limits, density bonuses will push them up even farther. Please do not allow our city to go in that direction.

Measure Y protections help ensure the minimum amount of affordable housing is built. Skirting Measure Y will enable skirting this minimum as well.

A majority of the city voted for Measure Y. Even though state law has attempted to curtail local measures, it's critical that you as our city representatives attend to local concerns as we are your constituency that you took an oath to serve. It's critical that the city attends to the needs of current San Mateo residents and homeowners as that is who you are representing, not residents of other cities who voice their concerns or future residents.

Please take measures to ensure that Measure Y will be protected and adhered to in the General Plan.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Karen Sid