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I listened to the city council meeting and I came away discouraged and frustrated that once again, we have a city council that is leaning seriously toward ignoring the will of the people.

The citizen voters of the city of San Mateo went out of their busy days to put Measure Y on the ballot in 2020 and get it passed.

At the time we witnessed the city council unanimously oppose the voter measure and create Measure R on their own in an attempt to undermine the will of the people. Who does that?

It seems that Mayor Lee is doubling down on her spite for longtime residents and what the voters want. She is having her own problems now and there is a contingent in San Mateo, which I am actively involved in, that is hell bent on removing her from office with zero hesitation or reservation.

We don't care what people in our country illegally want, we don't care what people moving from other locations want and we don't care what outside influences or developers in the state want.

If this current city council acts and operates like the previous city council, expect heavy blow back from the community.

Thanks to Mayor Lee, you have a large group of residents who have never watched the policies coming out of city hall as closely as they do now.

We believe in the sanctity of our single-family neighborhoods and height limits limited to 55 feet. What don't you understand about that?

My advice is to incorporate the Housing Element and General Plan around those two non-negotiables.

Lastly, please be observant of another voter measure coming up in 2024. Our Neighborhood Voices. Its purpose is to repeal and replace the draconian power the state took over our communities in regards to housing and land use policies. In other words voters are looking to give the middle finger to HCD, RHNA numbers and anything else coming out of Sacramento.

Hands-off Single-Family Neighborhoods and respect the will of the voters on Measure Y. To do anything other than that is to go against the voters of San Mateo.

Our side is in it to win it. Unlike the previous council, we are hoping that the current city council listens to voters.

In California, the state constitution does not say housing is a right, Stop saying it does. That would require a constitutional amendment which has not happened.

Nothing upsets the community more than someone just coming to town and telling us how the milk gets in the coconut. Stop dividing us around race, socio-economic status or whether you are a renter or homeowner. Stop all the equity, social justice crap one learns at Columbia University and just govern our city. If you are a mayor and continue to divide this city, you will get recalled. No doubt about it.

Do the right thing, open your ears and listen to the people of San Mateo. Ignore us at your peril.

The following is the list of subdivisions my grandfather built in San Mateo. They are all single-family communities that have been around for 80 years. Start talking to people like me whose families built this city and not those who live in one part of the city known as North Central.

San Mateo Village

Sunnybrae

College Park

Hayward Park

Maywood

Elmwood

Polo Club Subdivision

Laurel Village

Fiesta Gardens

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