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Subject: Comment for April 3rd Study Session

Greetings City Council Members,

How many times do the residents of San Mateo need to say "NO" to disregarding the elements of Measure Y?

Time and time again the residents have spoken up and demanded the City Council (and Commissions) stop being the pawns of developers and HEAR, LISTEN to and ABIDE by what the residents want.

Perhaps the City Attorney could brief some of the council members and commissioners on what is meant by D-E-M-O-C-R-A-C-Y.

It appears that Mayor Lee was the only person present at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting who didn't clearly hear, or understand, the decisions made by council to:

- 1) Take High 2 off the table for Residential and Mixed Use (agreed to 8 stories with 2 more for density bonus)
- 2) Conduct a survey to test ballot language, not on the desirability of Measure Y

I do find that quite unusual for her, as she generally rattles off obscure (and sometime questionable) statistics to "educate" city staff when she wants to beleaguer a point at the expense of some civil servant from her bully pulpit. Perhaps she did grasp the concepts, but she later found that her developer and special interest friends and supporters didn't like the decisions and her memory became mysteriously clouded.

Even a San Mateo Daily Journal poll question found overwhelming support of Measure Y.

Should "Groundhog Day" be shown over and over as preparation for Lee's disturbing penchant for rerunning decisions her sponsors disagree with?

Lee quite eloquently stated, after Measure Y was passed, what the future held in a RECORDED statement during the post-election virtual party held by the (aggressively opposed to Measure Y) Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo:

*"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."*

So, are we to believe Lee now has developed some form of "political amnesia" and it is allowable to try to bully a reversal of a council decision?

We are watching.

We will be talking and talking loudly.

We will be voting.

**Please ignore such violations of democratic principles, retain the decisions as made and recorded in the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.**

Regards,

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