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Cc: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: 25th Avenue/Hacienda

Hello Mr. Loraine,

We live on West 25th Avenue in San Mateo and have been here for almost 25 years now. We received word about the proposed development plan for the church parking lot at the corner of 25th and Hacienda and we have several concerns. We've discussed this with neighbors at length and it seems we are all on the same page with our concerns.

- This proposed development will congest traffic in an already-congested area. That parking lot is currently used for church and restaurant parking as well as for the farmer's market. Without this parking, more traffic will spill over into the neighborhood streets causing slowdowns and the potential for more accidents.
- A 5-7 story building on that corner is complexly out of character for, and not compatible with, our neighborhood. We bought our home here 25 years ago because we wanted to enjoy the benefits of living in a neighborhood of single family homes. Erecting a 5-7 story building will make our street look like El Camino Real which is something nobody I've talked with wants.
- It is my understanding that we voted on height limits for new development and it appears these proposals are attempting to bypass those limits. Again, not compatible with a neighborhood of single-family homes.
- This proposal was not presented to the residents of this street – to my knowledge – and we feel as though this is being undertaken with no concern to the area's long time residents; the people that will be adversely affected by this plan.

I am cognizant of the need for more housing and understand that the State has mandated that we find more housing in our cities. However, this particular plan sounds like a bad attempt at trying to squeeze in 5-7 stories of housing where it doesn't make sense.

Please do what you can to help scrap this idea and instead bring forward a more sensible plan for housing to the attention of the neighbors on 25th Avenue for discussion and input.

Thanks for your time,

Steve and Sharon Cassinelli
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