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Subject: April 3 Study Session

Dear City Council Members,

I am disappointed to have to write another email regarding housing density and height limits in San Mateo. It had been my understanding that after the March study session the city council had reached a consensus on how to proceed with land use planning, height and density limits as well as future application of Measure Y.

There already are many office and mixed use complexes under construction. There are also many "for lease" and "for rent" signs throughout the city. Yes, more housing is included, but little of it will be actually affordable. **Why are some putting so much pressure on development for the sake of development?** The answer is obvious---it's all about making fast money, not about thoughtful future planning. I do not want San Mateo to become another Redwood City or Millbrae. I hope 10 years from now I will not be lamenting how our city has become another cold, characterless place made up of sterile, blocky rectangles with windy canyons between buildings. Ugh! Encroaching into our residential areas---No!

The state has already allowed the city to add 2 stories to Measure Y limits. Measure Y has been approved by a majority of San Mateans multiple times. Citizens have clearly spoken we do not want developers to determine the character of our residential neighborhoods. And we do not want buildings that exceed Measure Y and state-mandated limits.

A concerned citizen,
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