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Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 7:39:18 PM
To: Adam Loraine <aloraine@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Concerns Re: Proposed New Developments In The 25th Avenue Area

City Councilmember Adam Loraine & fellow City Council Members:

As a regular voter & long time resident of 23rd Avenue in San Mateo, I am extremely concerned about preliminary plans to develop the church parking lot at 24th & Hacienda as well as the construction of a new multi-story mixed use building on 25th Avenue.

Church Parking Lot

Plans for the possible development of this parcel to include a multi-story, high density residential building that dramatically exceeds the existing 24' zoned height limit & single-family nature of this neighborhood is an outrageous & ill-conceived proposition that will most certainly negatively impact the quality of life existing residents of this neighborhood pay dearly to enjoy. Increased traffic congestion, more overflow parking (from building residents & guests, churchgoers & 25th Ave shoppers) spewing into the immediately adjacent neighborhood, the loss of an important farmers market location and the sunlight shadow that this unreasonably tall building will cast over our single-family residential neighborhood are a few of the MANY concerns I have about this proposal. Developments of this height & density belong on or very near the El Camino corridor, NOT blocks away in the middle of a heritage residential neighborhood.

25th Avenue Multi-Story Mixed Use Building

I support the idea of a revitalized 25th retail/mixed use area that satisfies useful & important purposes for both residents and small businesses alike in San Mateo. In my opinion, fundamental to any successful revitalization effort on 25th Avenue will be the addition of adequate and convenient parking options for all who come by car to execute business in this area.... something that has been woefully neglected heretofore; much to the detriment of the area's existing retailers, restauranteurs and their customers.

Any additional development under consideration for 25th Avenue MUST include the addition of adequate and appropriate parking accommodations else the adjacent residential neighborhoods will be flooded with the resulting overflow parking & congestion making the entire enterprise MISERABLE for all concerned. PLEASE, act responsibly and rationally on your constituents' behalf in this matter: No new parking, no additional development.

Further, I'm puzzled and more than a little troubled that District 5 Councilmember Adam Loraine has not made ANY attempt to inform and solicit opinions and comments from residents of my neighborhood re: these very important and germane matters currently under consideration by the City Council. I'd remind Mr. Loraine and brethren that you weren't elected to ignore your district's constituents best interests or withhold information that prevents their due process.

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