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Subject: Housing in San Mateo

Dear Mayor Lee, Deputy Mayor Diaz Nash, and Members of the San Mateo City Council,

I'm writing as a San Mateo resident to address the height and density limits under consideration at the Special Study Session on April 3rd. We are asking that you consider the following:

- Greater densification in areas close to public transit will have the benefit of reducing CO2 emissions through reduced travel distances and less urban sprawl. Greater densities also allow for higher numbers of affordable units. This satisfies requirements for both social justice and regional economic needs.
- The Builders' Remedy is not something we want to deal with on every proposal. The council has to get out in front of this.

There has never been a generation that didn't long for the good old days. But never has anyone ever been able to hang on to the way things used to be. The best we can do, the most beneficial, is to acknowledge population increases and densities and enable our city to adapt in the most agreeable way.

Based on the above considerations, we strongly urge the City Council to:

1. Retain the high density alternatives Residential High II and Mixed Use High II. Now is not the time to get rid of these options. We need the flexibility to use these designations.
2. Increase height limits for residential building to Residential High III for 12 stories in the downtown core of San Mateo and within a half mile of Cal-Train stations
3. Increase height limits for residential buildings to 8 stories along the El Camino corridor.
4. Openly discuss the consequences for failure by the city to pass a resolution overturning Measure Y, candidly assess what this could mean for future compliance with the HCD, and entertain possible contingency plans.

Sincerely,

Ricki and Doug McGlashan