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**Subject:** The Outcome of the 3/6/23 City Council Meeting Should Stand

Dear City Council Members,

Please accept the following as public comment for tonight's (4/3/23) City Council meeting.

I've spent the entire day wondering why we are re-hashing TONIGHT what was ALREADY DECIDED at the 3/6/23 City Council meeting. Why are we re-hashing it? Because, at the next City Council meeting on 3/20/23, Mayor Lee suddenly claimed she was "confused" about what was decided upon at the 3/6/23 meeting. She thought the minutes of the 3/6/23 meeting didn't reflect what was actually agreed upon. So, I re-watched a lot of the 3/6/23 meeting today to confirm my own understanding, and Zach Dahl was quite specific at the end of that agenda item in recapping what the input was from the City Council. And it was to take Residential-HII and Mixed Use-HII off the table and off the General Plan. Zach paused to confirm that was the understanding, and not one City Council member said anything to the contrary. Respectfully, Mayor Lee, THAT was the time to respond to Zach and say that was not your understanding. And if you were confused about what was put in the minutes, you could have simply re-watched the video; but of course, you know that.

It is not appropriate to re-agendize a discussion that has already been agreed upon; maybe perhaps because you had second-thoughts, or more likely because you felt pressure from special interests groups and/or developers like Bohannon. You took your fellow council members and staff by surprise by bringing this up at the 11th hour (way past midnight), and you refused to take "no" for answer and pushed your agenda through by insisting that you saw "three heads nodding in approval" of re-agendizing, and also interrupting and talking over Councilmember Nash who had some very valid points you didn't want to hear. If you think San Mateo residents aren't paying attention to these shenanigans, I assure you that we are.

Because you don't like the outcome of an issue does not mean you can re-hash it. Please don't waste our time. But here I go again, having to write yet another letter to the City Council, expressing my SUPPORT of what was agreed upon at the 3/6/23 City Council meeting -- specifically, eliminating the Residential High II and Mixed-Use High II categories from the Draft General Plan. That is what you agreed to, and that should be the outcome of tonight's 4/3/23 City Council meeting as well.

But since you have re-opened that discussion, I want to express my complete opposition to the General Plan development proposed for 25th Ave. and the church parking lot. Those heights and densities are way out of scale for a residential area of one to two story homes and businesses. Most neighbors I have spoken with are

completely outraged with what this General Plan would allow on 25th Ave, and I feel the same.

Sincerely,

Lisa Vande Voorde

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