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**Subject:** Council Meeting 4/3/23 Item #16

Mayor Lee and Councilmembers - I'm writing in response to item #16 aka "Groundhog Day".

Mayor Lee, you wonder why there is an effort underway to recall you? Well, it's stunts like this, for starters. The recall accuses you of dishonesty and lack of integrity - all on full display here. You ambush the council at roughly midnight last week that you're suddenly unclear about the outcome of the vote on heights and densities and conducting a survey. This despite a.) there being a video recording you could easily have referenced, b.) a transcript of said video, and c.) your presence in said meeting. Oddly, I think this is the first time in your 4+ years your memory seems to have failed you on something that was pretty clear to basically everyone else. So let's call it what it is - you didn't like the outcome, so you want a redo. One where you can rally special interests and supporters and use that to re-legislate to get your desired outcome. Honesty would be at least owning up to that. Integrity would mean you handle results that aren't in your favor respectfully and gracefully. Again, you've failed San Mateo on both counts.

With regards to tonight's meeting - this should be short. Reaffirm the existing decision to eliminate H2 from consideration. We have no idea what the next RHNA cycle will bring and there are serious pressures on office and housing. We have sufficiently zoned for this cycle. This is again, well-covered territory.

With regards to any "survey" on Measure Y and ballot language - you cannot call the survey "statistically valid" or anything like that - it's a loaded term and we all know that will be used to give it legitimacy it may not deserve even before any data is collected. Secondly, we've already done a statistically valid survey recently - the 2020 election barely two years ago now - where 23,000 voters affirmed their desire to continue Measure Y. Yes, we will need a ballot measure, and can survey the language that might be used, but this survey if it is to have any validity, MUST be ONLY LIKELY SAN MATEO VOTERS. This cannot be some free for all where every special interest in and out of San Mateo gets to weigh in. They won't be voting on the measure.

Residents shouldn't have to be constantly vigilant to your antics, and shouldn't have to keep dropping everything to write letters, inform neighbors, and attend meetings - we have better things to do with our time and energy. Do better, Mayor Lee. We're watching, listening, and will be voting in force.

- Michael Weinbauer