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Subject: District 5

Dear Councilmember Adam Loraine,

We are concerned about the proposed changes in the General Plan allowing more density and height. Please consider the concerns of the residents and the consequences to them. Please advise all residents of any proposals that change the status quo as soon as any discussion arises. As our district councilperson we rely on you to inform us.

The proposed land use designations in our district where you represent us are very confusing, concerning and disruptive. As a long-time resident of this area, with San Mateo home-owning children and adult grandchildren, we strongly oppose any plans for any future development that would endanger the existing community, disrupt the environment and overload the infrastructure. We need to work to make what we have better and safer.

There is the mandated need for growth and development in our city, but it should not endanger the quality of our life nor disrupt the small local businesses. The proposed General Plan changes will bring developments leading to increased traffic, unsafe streets, noise pollution and destruction of green spaces. This would negatively impact our health and well-being.

Our police force has not been enlarged to match the increasing growth in the past 20 years. Other city service need to grow to accommodate the already increased growth.

It was stated at a City Council meeting that R-1 status will not be changed; the draft General Plan shows that the R-1 status is being changed at the church parking lot. Please make sure that this lot remains R-1 in the final version. Please take steps to ensure that accurate information is being distributed through mailings, emails, social media, local free newspapers, etc., to all home and business owners and other interested parties about this and all matters that affect your district.

Our district already has enough development and we know major additions are probably upcoming at the Hillsdale Mall. We need to focus on maintaining what we have and improving the existing facilities rather than adding more density in buildings and structures. Our district is a unique and beautiful place and we need to preserve its natural beauty and charm. We need to protect these assets to our city. Please reject any plans that allow further disruption and malcontent in our district and work for balanced growth.

Please take the needed steps to improve and protect our environment and promote sustainable balanced development in the city. San Mateo is our lovely city. Please work with us and help us work with you to make it even better.

Sincerely,

Leo and Joyce Burns

