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**Subject:** Height limits in San Mateo

Dear City of San Mateo,

I am very concerned about the changed building height limits for new construction.

Already for our East 5th avenue house. We have lost sunlight due to the new affordable housing building that came up with more floors than was in the original design that was approved. This is very concerning for the town if this continues.

For the 4th Street building that is coming up and others in the future, I am very concerned about the increased density resulting increased traffic. Increased crime increase noise, decrease sunlight for neighborhoods, and generally a lack of correspondingly increasing infrastructure such as parking, policing, fire education, electricity, plumbing, etc. That typically does not keep up with the density increase.

San Mateo is not San Francisco or San Jose. I do not want it to turn into Redwood City which has turned into a personality deficient overcrowded downtown with significantly more crime than San Mateo.

Please keep the buildings below five floors, preferably one to three floors.

I am welcome to discussion.

Thank you

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