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**Subject:** General Plan Draft EIR Comments - please do NOT reclassify 9th and 5th avenue

Hello

Thank you for your public service.

I am writing to express my opposition to the outrageous proposal that 9th and 5th avenues be reclassified to accept more cut through traffic.

The Central Neighborhood already bears the brunt of the increased development in San Mateo. Countless times we have been reassured that our neighborhood would be protected with Vision Zero and traffic impact funds and so on. And yet we see that noise, pollution, accidents, and so on are all more prevalent in the Central Neighborhood than most other neighborhoods. Last week down the street from our house in Central Neighborhood a family was out walking when they were nearly killed by cut-through traffic, the incident of which is only increasing due to pro-development policies. Please see attached for a photo of the accident - imagine this was your reality, your neighborhood. Would you feel safe?



In short, if you want support for the sort of increased density that our neighborhood has pioneered, you should prioritize the protection of our neighborhood. You should be prioritizing traffic calming of the sort prevalent in impacted neighborhoods in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Redwood City, and elsewhere, not seriously considering prioritizing car traffic over residents by reclassifying 9th and 5th avenue. It's outdated thinking AND it runs counters to the assurances we have received for years.

Thank you for your service and best regards,

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