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To: General Plan <generalplan@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Draft General Plan 2040 Comment

My name is Rick Karr and I live at [REDACTED] and have lived there for over 40 years now . I was born in Mills Hospital 73 years ago and so were my two older brothers a decade or so before me ,,My father practiced medicine on El Camino for almost 40 years so my family cannot be smoked by idle words . My father would turn over in his grave if he saw how much the city has changed negatively with so much unnecessary development , Traffic, and taxes,,

I used to attend meetings and cannot attend this Wednesday meeting but wanted to voice my objections I intend to use this platform to state my opinions

I have attended varous meetings at the CC and presentations at the Main Library and have submitted ideas and spoken to the staff members on hand they have been well versed and informative and also polite. I have attended meeting since 1985...

I am very disillusioned with the easy permit process and almost always acceptance of any plan is done . These developers do a DOG AND PONY SHOW, serve coffee and cookies and inevitably all projects are approved. I have worked with many others to establish a 55 foot height limit and the city issues waivers to this and hands them out like CANDY at Halloween,,The evil planning commissioner, EBETNER< hands out approvals for all 97% of the times despite many of our concerns . This Commissioner needs to be replaced as he does not wish to listen to the opinions of so many and only cares about assisting the LABOR UNIONS and previous CC member BONILLA . That being said I would like the city council to stop allowing any builders waivers for permits over 55 feet. I realize that this came from SACTO but a city ruling against these developers for plans going over 55 feet are necessary,,We voted this in several times despite huge monetary funds and mailers going against us . The City Manager needs to explain our laws that we passed and force the developers to submit any plans to be under 55 feet and no exceptions ,,It does not mean that the plan has to be accepted,,I would like an open citizens review of all applicants to city planning positions so we can object when necessary,,

In conclusion I would like the City Council to freeze any plans and remove the Planning Commissioner and investigate any corruption activities on his part and any on previous or current council members. This would need to be done by some impartial group . When this is completed and assurances that the 55 foot height limit can stay in affect, then applications can be looked at

We do not need more traffic , more unnecessary and expensive infrastructure costs because the POLS in SF and the Gov want this ,,I suggest the Supervisors put funds to build a new bridge from the East bay across at Dumbarton areas OR have BOAT transportation to COYOTE POINT or similar,,San Mateo is big enough and I am tired of funding for a new sewage plant due to excessive building and also the need for a new water treatment center and similar These developers need to pay larger fees for all of this and also no projects can be stopped in mid course like we have at Third Avenue and Fremont and heavy monthly fines for non compliance need to be initiated

Please stop all this incessant building and do a moratorium to establish correct guidelines as it is out of hands and being led by WALL STREET firms like PROMETHIUS.and Essex Properties whomake a project and leave after they are paid off We are stuck with all the problems..

YES OF COURSE we will vote against any pro growth local candidates ,,,

Rick Karr