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Dear City Manager & City Council Members:

Over 30 years ago, I chose to live in Baywood because of the lovely classic homes and the curving streets and I want to see it preserved. It is not a cookie-cutter suburban neighborhood. Many of these homes were created by craftsmen and their work can never be duplicated.

Unfortunately, it seems there are some loud voices from developers and contractors who are spreading false information and controversy about historic districts. It appears their views and inaccurate information may have influenced your staff and I find that most disturbing.

Under the **Community Design and Historic Resources Element**, there are two bullet points that would undercut protection of the neighborhood that homeowners so dearly desire. I strongly object to the following misleading statements:

- *Outline a process to designate a historic district that requires 2/3 approval of the affected property owners. (Where did this come from? Why not follow established state and federal procedures?)*
- *Do not designate new historic districts (If the neighborhood meets the criteria for historic district designation, it should be designated as a historic district.)*

It is paramount that we preserve our historical buildings and districts for future generations and keep San Mateo unique. Please include historic district

contributor buildings to the list of historic resources so we can preserve the beauty of our historic neighborhoods.

Please do what is good for the community and for all of us that live here and want to remain here.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shirley Melnicoe

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