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Members of the San Mateo City Council:

We have followed with great interest the development of the 2040 General Plan for the City San Mateo.

The Draft General Plan is released and adoption appears to be imminent.

There are many San Matins who strongly wish to preserve the “single family dwelling” aspect of our community.

In view of the need for additional low income dwellings in California, and legislation which promotes the conversion of existing properties to multiple dwelling facilities, I feel that residents who live in or plan on living in San Mateo should have the choice to preserve single family homes in portions of our City. To that end, we feel that designating portions of San Mateo as Historic Resources is important.

Please consider the following additions or changes to the 2040 General Plan:

Add a requirement to identify “demolition alternatives” for homes that are identified as representing historic buildings;

Add “contributors to eligible historic districts” to the definition of historic resources.

Protecting historic resources is an important value in San Mateo, compatible with adding affordable housing, and acknowledges one reason that our family has chosen to live in San Mateo.

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