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To: General Plan
Subject: General Plan needs to change

Dear City Hall members,

I was born in San Mateo and have lived here 64 years. I have lived on 25th Avenue for the past 38 years. The past few years have been the most upsetting for me due to all the building.

I was also upset I couldn't participate in the building heights survey. Our City has changed so much it is not recognizable. District 5 is far more impacted by taller buildings than other districts

All the new buildings have taken away most of the shopping in San Mateo, they have taken away privacy and sun. The small Mom & Pop stores along El Camino are no more. Now they want to develop 25th Avenue; how would you feel if they developed down the block from you?

We now have more traffic, less water and our infrastructure is suffering. Home owners are being charged a large sewer rate and the City wants to add more taxes on our property tax to fix the sewer infrastructure when it was not our choice to build. Measure Y was my choice. I fought for it and voted for it. Now developers want to take our height initiative away so we can look like Redwood City? The views are gone. Tall buildings look down into back yards. We do not want this. I don't want a 4 plex with 6 stories as my neighbor. I am in favor of building homes. Then home owners are at least vesting in the community. All of these renters in the apartments are not vested and are not paying property tax. And, are these apartments fully occupied. If they are not, then the building should cease. The state should not have the right to tell our city how

much to build. Other cities have fought back. I do not support additional housing units beyond what is required by the State if that is what is mandated.

I have attended numerous city council meetings these past few years to realize that the city is NOT listening to their residents. You are listening to the developers that only have interest in money and not our City. The young techs that talk at the meetings only live here a short time and they are the only ones that can afford these outrageous rent amounts. I could not afford to live here if I rented.

If there are more homes then there is more inventory and hopefully the prices will come down because second generation San Mateo residents can't afford to buy here. When there is no more open space for trees or wildlife, is that when we should stop building?

Please listen to the residents that want to be able to park in front of their homes. We do not need taller buildings. In Fact, we do not need any more buildings.

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