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From: Dave Santos [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 12:23 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); General Plan
Subject: General Plan and DEIR

I am a San Mateo resident and am writing to voice my concerns about the information included in the General Plan and the DEIR.

The City of San Mateo recently conducted a survey on building heights, but unfortunately, many of residents were unable to participate due to the sampling approach used.

It is unfortunate that your survey did not include more residents. I have attended council meetings where residents have felt excluded from the process. The General Plan and DEIR reflect this myopic decision.

It is of critical importance that our voices be heard. I live in District 5 and residents will be affected by increasing building heights, service issues, parking, infrastructure traffic, parking, and noise.

It appears that the will of the people in passing Measure Y is being ignored. This is happening in the face of the state revising housing estimates downward and the inclination of the city to build nonresidential buildings that exceed five stories.

The developers are in the driver's seat here instead of San Mateo residents. At the council meetings I have attended, residents have continually advocated for single family home neighborhoods, small business and retail operations being preserved.

I do not support building additional housing beyond what the State requirement is especially since California population estimated are being revised downward. This makes no sense. Sensible and moderate growth options need to be explored.

How is the funding for public services and infrastructure going to be financed? This is particularly important since electrification is being considered.

Additional work needs to be done and the San Mateo residents need more input into the process.

Sincerely,

Dave Santos