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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 9:00 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); General Plan
Subject: Comments on Proposed Redevelopment - PLEASE READ! PLEASE

Importance: High

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a 15 year resident of San Mateo, I remain disappointed and very concerned about the apparent total lack of consideration of the input of residents with respect to the proposed growth plans, building height limitations and commercial space implementation.

My district – District 5 – appears to be far more impacted by taller buildings than other districts. My impression of this comes from the proximity of residential areas to commercial areas proposed for redevelopment. Change and growth is inevitable in any community; San Mateo is not immune and although I'd like to "freeze it in time," clearly that isn't feasible! So it begs the question, how to implement state and local mandates that are harmonious with the community and quality of life. I simply do not understand why community voices seem to fall on your deaf ears.

I resoundingly do not support additional housing beyond State imposed limitations. Additionally, I do not support buildings that are predominantly commercial, especially those exceeding five stories or Measure Y limitations. The key to a vibrant, integrated community is NOT the systematic destruction of single family homes and the suburban lifestyle that clearly is a predominant characteristic of San Mateo. There seems to be no consideration to any sort of moderation in proposed development, only the maximum on every level – "search and destroy."

Further, it appears that cost for implementation is seldom considered – in short, how will all of this be funded? More debt? Raised taxes? Parking is to be a thing of the past as you clearly want to push us out of our cars, so what about adequate public transportation? Water and power? We have no water, our state power grid is never expanded – just how are these services to be provided when they can't adequately be provided to the existing residents? There seem to be a host of issues that require attention and serious consideration. I feel that local government sadly, couldn't care any less about what we think or feel – "shut up and do what we say, and don't forget to pay your taxes."

In summary, I respectfully ask that you offer consideration to the foregoing and the voices of the residents and the community.

Sincerely,

Diana King

