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From: Kristen Watts-Penny [REDACTED]
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As a long-time resident and tax payer in San Mateo I am wondering why I was not invited to participate in the building heights survey, especially because I live in what is now District 5, which I believe will be more greatly impacted by taller buildings than other districts. I can support residential building heights of 4 stories. I can support non-residential buildings that do not exceed 5 stories. I absolutely want to preserve single-family home neighborhoods, as well as small businesses and retail. This is part of what makes San Mateo an attractive place to live, which has been the case for many years despite economic ups and downs and population swings. I firmly believe that we do not need additional housing units beyond what is required by the State, and it looks like those numbers may be decreasing. The DEIR should have looked at a moderated option. And I have a question: How will the services and infrastructure for all the new development be paid for? Let's not get so carried away with poorly informed or self-interested development that we create an overbuilt and poorly supported city.