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Subject: Re: 10/16/23 Draft GP - Protect our neighborhoods and height limits

Members of the City Council,

As residents of Central San Mateo, we feel the Draft General Plan does not provide enough protection for our neighborhood, and in addition, does not protect San Mateo.

The General Plan in its current form favors developers over residents.

Downtown building heights.

- During the Planning Commission Meeting on 9/12/23, more than 90% of the San Mateo citizen audience raised their hands against the (B Street) downtown San Mateo allowed heights. We want to maintain 1-2 stories, and at Maximum 3-4 stories. We want to maintain our charm, similar to San Carlos, Palo Alto, Mountain View downtowns.

- 5th & 9th Avenues should not be treated as arterials, regardless of state/federal classification. They are two of the main neighborhood streets in Central and should be maintained as such. We ask that the city - specifically we call upon PW Director Brad Underwood, and Bethany Lopez to immediately agendaize a review of San Mateo's policy regarding traffic calming at the soonest possible SIC meeting, with the stated goal of revising this policy such that traffic calming will be allowed on streets classified as arterials.

- We require an interim plan for increased traffic due to the Kiku garage as well as several planned future projects in the immediate vicinity.

- Further traffic calming measures should be instituted NOW and existing traffic calming should remain in place.

- Lack of parking on our neighborhood streets is an issue anywhere there is not a 2-hour limit. A simplified Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP) is needed, again BEFORE these projects come online and we're already feeling the impacts.

Thank you for your consideration -

Naomi Ture and Rowan Paul