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Subject: New message on Strive San Mateo

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Message: Bottom line is that we want a Palo Alto, Mountain View, Menlo vibe, with sustainable development that is reasonable, not disruptive to the core character of San Mateo We do NOT want another Redwood City or San Francisco.

It is increasingly clear that the Planning Commission and City want to make our beautiful city into yet another characterless Redwood City.

We moved to San Mateo from San Francisco in 2013 to get away from the incestuous politics, and build build build mentality, the crime and the congestion. This is San Mateo's future. Already we see increased homeless walking out streets and higher crime. I am attaching a map showing this.

It is becoming clear, based on what Naomi (my wife) and Mike are saying that the planning commission is in bed with the developers. So there is a conflict of interest. The developers don't care about long term character, safety, and traffic flow of the city. They care about squeezing out the biggest profit and leveraging State laws as a shield to justify their actions.

The sub-urban/mini-urban vibe of San Mateo will be lost forever if the general plan goes through and the developers get what they want at our expense.

Many of us work full time (myself 65+ hours/week) and simply can't attend in person meetings. We all pay the taxes and your salaries, so we need representation. True representation. Not token or placating words. Not bringing our community in at the last second as if the general plan is a foregone conclusion and can't be amended.

Frankly speaking, when my wife Naomi Ture came back from the last city planning meeting, she was absolutely furious that she could not get her questions answered on the record. She asked direct questions multiple times in different ways with no clear answers. There was a clear feeling of evasion by the planning commission.

I have never seen her so triggered and she has not stopped thinking about it since. She is not alone in her anger and frustration. Expect a real fight.

My 2 cents.

Rowan Paul, MD

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