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Subject: Density and Infrastructure Concerns

I am a San Mateo home owner of 18 years and live near Beresford Park.

While growth in San Mateo is something we cannot stop, I'm especially concerned about the supporting infrastructure for the increased density.

At recent Town Hall meetings, residents asked city employees how the city will handle the stresses on infrastructure that this ongoing growth will create. To my ears, there didn't seem to be a plan. Are we just hoping everything will work out?

San Mateo is expensive already, and I pay high taxes and expect a certain quality of life in return. I expect city planners to have foresight and be responsible in making decisions for the taxes I pay. I expect the city to listen to voters.

I was part of the majority of voters who made our voices clear when we voted on Measure Y and have observed council members not only ignoring what the community demanded with regard to limiting building heights but in some cases, seeming to actively work against it.

Now, under AB1287, by providing additional income-restricted units, developers can now construct units that are 100% larger than previously agreed. I implore the Council not to accept the current GPU. And WHY does the GPU incorporate the maximum development option presented to residents (Alternative A) rather than the smallest alternative (Alternative C)? Once again, the larger alternative ignores our votes on Measure Y. If Council approves the GPU as it is, developers will have power to build as much 'affordable housing' as required to get this 100% increase. We can't stand for this.

Please fight on our behalf to go back to the beginning on these plans
- they are not good, don't incorporate many key details, and ignore voters' clear voices.

Thank you,

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