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**Subject:** San Mateo Height Limits

Dear Mayor and Council Members Lee, Nash, Newsome, Hedges and Lorraine, San Mateo is not a big city and don't want it to be a big city, I like the small to medium size nature of the city. Furthermore, traffic is getting bad here and with more density, it will get worse. It was often stated that the bay meadow development will not create extra traffic because everyone is near the train, but my understanding is that the Hillsdale Caltrain Station did not significantly grow in ridership as new units were being added, I believe the ridership is fairly flat for the last 10 years. In either case, I do realize it may be necessary to build some units, but breaching our currently height limits would not only be no acceptable, it would cause me to not vote for any council member that supports higher heights and higher density. I don't say that as to punish anyone, I say it to protect our city from those who want to make life difficult for existing residents. Thank you for your attention to this.

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