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Subject: Urgent: Reevaluate the 2040 General Plan Update--DO NOT APPROVE AS IS

Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to immediately reassess the 2040 General Plan Update (GPU). There are vital concerns that demand your attention:

- **Disregard for Measure Y:** Our community's decision on height and density limits, as reflected in Measure Y, is being blatantly ignored. Some council members and representatives are actively working against this democratic process.
- **AB1287's Impact:** Recent legislation (AB1287) grants developers substantial increases in building heights in exchange for providing low and moderate-income housing units. If the current GPU is accepted, this could lead to a potential doubling of building heights. The focus on the maximum development alternative (Alternative A) at the expense of the smaller alternative (Alternative C) directly undermines the essence of Measure Y.
- **Flawed Housing Numbers:** Concerned citizens, alongside Senator Becker, have unveiled issues with state-mandated Housing Elements. The accuracy and credibility of these mandated housing figures, as highlighted by the state auditor in 2022, are in question. It is disconcerting that San Mateo is pursuing maximum growth based on these questionable statistics.
- **Infrastructure Planning Deficiency:** Recent Town Hall meetings revealed a glaring absence of answers from city staff regarding essential infrastructure planning. It appears that no one has been tasked with addressing this critical aspect.
- **Avoiding Blind Development:** Proceeding without a clear vision and strategic foresight is perilous. Embracing maximum development without considering the repercussions will inflict further hardships on homeowners and exacerbate gentrification issues.

I implore you to reject the current GPU draft and revisit the more prudent growth plan, Alternative A. Ensure that the new draft aligns with the city's objectives, especially concerning the enhancement of neighborhood quality of life and sensitive neighborhood design.

The current General Plan has stripped away many essential aspects, and the 2040 update seems perilous. I urge you to take these concerns seriously and DO NOT APPROVE 2040 General Plan Update (GPU), which ignores the will of the people, as expressed in Measure Y.

Thank you for addressing these crucial matters promptly.

Sincerely,

Doug D'Anna