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**Subject:** General Plan

Dear City Council:

I am concerned about the current General Plan Update and asking you to slow down, reject it and take a step backward to reconsider some important issues:

1. It incorporates the most aggressive growth alternative C (instead of the more balanced moderate ones, A or B) and ignores Measure Y which voters have approved not wanting higher levels of density. US Census data shows San Mateo population is declining, so why the most aggressive growth scenario:

**April 1, 2020 105,665**

**July 1, 2022 100,984**

2. State AB 1287 will allow 100% larger buildings instead of 50% if developers add additional income restricted units. This means 10 story units will become 20 story if developers decide to go that route. The plan must be revised to reflect these density bonuses.

3. How will the city handle the infrastructure costs, traffic and parking issues?

4. Shopping centers is/will be eliminated replaced by housing. K Mart is gone, Triggs is gone, Draegers is on the chopping block, Rite Aide Complex area will be gone, Fish Marlet is gone, Southern part of Hillsdale shopping Center will be gone and more to come. So, elimination of supermarkets, drug stores, small grocery stores, small business, large retail stores will cause more cross town and inter city driving to find the same or substitutes causing more gas consumption and time on the road.

5. This plan will not achieve the GPU's stated goals of balance and improving quality of life. Instead, the opposite. It puts an undue burden on taxes paid by homeowners, traffic and parking problems, limited shopping choices and more driving, higher densities than the community wants and significant reduction in open space. It also forces gentrification with the overwhelming majority being market rate housing with a pittance for below market.

As long as we have growth in high paying jobs, affordability will always be a problem for those uneducated, do not have good trade skills, have more children than they can afford, do not make good financial decisions, etc etc.

Thanks for taking the time to listen

Respectfully

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