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To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Oppose Maximum Growth Option

Dear Council,

Insanity is the only word I can use to describe the consideration for the maximum growth option for the General Plan.

Has Council considered The Ten Big Ideas in The General Plan?

If the idea is to add up to 50,000 people then at least five of the big ideas will have to be removed.

1. Balance Growth with Change
2. Enhance SM Neighborhood Fabric and Quality of Life
3. Preserve Nature as Foundation of the City
4. Focus on Equity and Health for All Residents
5. Improve Community Safety and Awareness

Does the City of San Mateo have the resources fund Police Department with more officers needed for the traffic and crime increases with the over development plan?

We don't even have the money to properly manage storm drain and flood control measure responsibilities and we have an amazing and incredible police department but they are overwhelmed with the current crime and traffic problems we have today, Is there money available for the necessary increase in police, fire, parks and recreation and all the other vital services for all these additional residents?

I know Kaiser San Mateo has no more doctors if you are a new patient. Has the City coordinated with the hospitals and medical professionals to see if they have the bandwidth for this dramatic increase in population?

El Camino and Hillsdale and other streets are already strained and traffic is already a problem, is there any advance planning for all the extra cars and the are going to park with each new development providing was too few spaces?

Windy City has just has paused two large developments and has a huge ugly fenced off block and we are considering a maximum development option?

That is insanity.

The vast majority of San Mateo residents want and deserve well managed growth. The quality of life has degraded with poorly planned and managed over development and the city has not the resources or plan to mangle more over development.

We can't even afford to manage our flood planning or hire enough officers for all the crime and traffic problems we have so it boggles the mind how considering maximum growth is even and option.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Writing as a private citizen.

Tom Lease



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I am also struggling to figure out how the claim the True North survey is “statistically accurate” when that survey was only available to people who responded to email or text. That skews the results heavily and is a very dubious method of getting an accurate representation of San Mateo diverse demographic. Although possible to be statistically accurate, it seems a sample size of under 700 people in a city of over 100,00 seems pretty small.