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**Subject:** Transparency and Clear Height Limits in the General Plan

Dear City Council Members,

The General Plan needs to be transparent on potential heights of new buildings that reflect the new density bonus law that allows for up to 100% height increases with the right mix of low and moderate housing. Please respect the San Mateo citizens who voted to limit building heights in San Mateo and reject:

Medium II (4-6 stories allowed, but could be 8-12 with density bonuses),  
High I (5-8 stories, but could be 10-16 with bonuses), and  
High II (6-10 stories allowed, but could be 12-20 with bonuses)

for both residential and mixed use designations in the General Plan land use section.

The General Plan and EIR should not be approved until the new density bonus law is addressed in the Land Use Element and Housing Element of the General Plan and the EIR. The new law will likely substantially increase the number of units in the City because of the increased density; therefore, it is not necessary to include 6-10 story buildings in the General Plan.

The citizens voted three times to limit height and density, and the recent survey showed little support for 10+ story buildings.

Please limit the allowable stories to Measure Y levels given the housing density bonus laws could double the allowable heights.

Thank you,

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