

Mayor Lee,
Deputy Major Diaz-Nash,
Council Members Hedges, Lorraine and Newsom
October 30, 2023

Land Use Element of the SM General Plan Update

Please reject the proposed Land Use Element of the General Plan Update as presented tonight.

The proposed Land Use Element as drafted, proposes the MAXIMUM development alternative for building heights and densities (Alternative A); NOT Alternative C for more moderate growth.

Recently signed by Governor Newsom, Assembly Bill 1287 will allow developers to increase building heights by 100% over local regulations, in exchange for providing SOME very low, low, or moderate income housing units.

How will the City's current infrastructure – roads, schools, sewer, etc. - support this major increase in development proposed by Alternative A, and now modified by the State?

San Mateo residents have expressed their desire for more moderate height and density limits for new buildings several times; most recently by passing Measure Y.

Please respect and uphold the vote of the people. Reject the proposed Land Use Element of the San Mateo General Plan as presented this evening.

Thank You,

Dianne Whitaker
San Mateo

