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**Subject:** Re: Monday SM General Plan Land Use Meeting--Need your comments!

Dear City Council,

I moved from San Francisco to San Mateo in 2013 to escape the congestion, crime, skyscrapers and loss of sunlight that comes with building high buildings.

For this reason, I strongly suggest you vote in line with your constituents that voted for Measure Y, and three times to limit height.

My wife Naomi and I don't want 10 or more story buildings downtown or 16-20 story buildings at Hillsdale.

We reject:

Medium II (4-6 stories allowed; 8-12 with density bonuses),

High I (5-8 stories; 10-16 with bonuses), and

High II (6-10 stories allowed; 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.

I encourage you to vote with your constituents, and not with the building developers that have no long term interest in our beautiful city, and only care about profits.

Thank you.

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