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Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:27 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: New General Plan

San Mateo City Council,

Having been licensed and trained as a real estate agent and a real estate broker, and having worked for a land developer, I totally understand the concept of Highest and Best Use.

However, the people of San Mateo have consistently expressed their desire to live in a village community rather than a mini-San Francisco.

As a "representative," you have a duty to represent your citizens' desires.

Please reject this current proposal.

The State wants us to build more housing. Everyone agrees that this is a good cause. The State is saying nothing about needing more commercial space. I don't believe they are demanding we double our housing, either.

I suggest you look at encouraging our current homeowners to build more ADUs. Perhaps offer them an extremely "low-interest loan" to build funded through a bond, and offer them "no increase in their property tax" providing they rent it to long-term tenants for at least the first 10 to 12 years. I know I would build if I had the funds.

Represent the voters who put you in office. Please do your job.

Thank you.

All the best,
~ Philip Holsworth

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