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**Subject:** Why you do what you do?

Council,

I wonder how you sleep at night? The Peninsula has been destroyed. Each town thinking it is an empire on its own island and now we can't move and there is nothing left of the quality of life that once existed.

Recently a realtor sent out a flyer saying how happy his client was to sell their home and move back to their hometown which was not covered by concrete like here.....great for them but this is my home. My family has been on the Peninsula since 1908....where do I go?

We needed housing and you built offices to increase the need for more housing. That makes no sense at all and has created havoc.....sorry the big plan of bike and work by your job just doesn't seem to have come to fruition and I don't think I'll see it in my lifetime.

And please plant some trees for all the open land we lost. Permits are given out to cut down heritage trees and no one is following up if they are being replanted. I know of dozens in my neighborhood that have been felled and are not replaced. The office building on S. Grant near Concar cut down nearly half of their trees and removed all the privacy wall between the homes and the offices along the creek. I just spent \$6,000.00 to plant 4 trees so I could have some privacy back....such a caring town San Mateo is. I called 3 departments and they all said too bad. The tree department actually told me they had better things to do than listen to me and hung up. Great services here...also my home had an attempted burglary and my alarm went off but the police don't come in San Mateo unless there is a two call set-up...well I have one phone. My mother's alarm in South City goes off and I barely have time to reset it before the police are there...well actually South City is very responsive to all needs. They are kind on the phone and get to things in less than a day. (Yes, I hear you...so if you like it better move there. I'm stuck here for now and that's what I feel is stuck...probably literally since our street is sinking.....oh that's another problem that just keeps getting worse and not fixed.)

Stop building until what we have is all filled up.

Please think it all through, it's such a mess

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