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There are two glaring omissions in General Plan 2040. First is that the word "contributor" was deleted from the definition of an historic resource. That needs to be put BACK into the definition, for reasons that have been outlined in other letters to the Planning Commission, but I'm too short on time to get into here.

The other is the continued loss of older homes in San Mateo, and there is nothing in the General Plan to address this. We need to incorporate language in the Historic Resources Element of the General Plan to protect our many pre-war (prior to 1945) homes, many of which are over 100 years old. An Historic Resources Evaluation (HRE) is not enough, as the bar it sets is so high that only homes of significance in terms of architecture, event, person, or builder are provided protection from demolition or major exterior alteration. The criteria used in an HRE sets the bar so high, that we will continue to lose fine examples of period architecture that define and give character to San Mateo's neighborhoods and make it a special place to live.

Thank you for your consideration and deliberation on these two important points.

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