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Message: I am fascinated with the presence of nature in the plan. However, cities can and should go beyond sustainability and strive to be regenerative. 'Preserving nature as the foundation of the city' is absolutely necessary. On top of that, I envision a city that supports all stakeholders-businesses and communities of all species-by providing the most critical ecosystem services for the wellness of all. At Biomimicry 3.8, we learn from nature to create built environment projects that function like the healthy ecosystem next door (for San Mateo, this approach could mean learning from the wetlands and coastal redwoods design strategies to manage storm water, build healthy soils for food security, and create solutions for rising sea level-just to list a few critical functions). We work with Fortune 500 companies, including Microsoft and Ford, as well as nonprofit organizations. I appreciate the opportunity to present our proprietary methodology and project examples, and discuss how we can support San Mateo's General Plan.

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