

Mayor Diaz-Nash
Deputy Major Newsom,
Council Members Hedges, Lorraine and Lee
March 4, 2024

STRIVE San Mateo General Plan 2040

I urge you to consider the following changes to the proposed Community Design Element of the General Plan Update as presented tonight.

Please return the phrase “contributors to historic districts” in section CD 5.3.

The California State Office of Historic Preservation and the National Historic Preservation Act both recognize “contributors” as important components of an historic district.

Removing “contributors to historic districts” from the definition of historic resources in the 2040 General Plan was a policy decision made by staff, the implications of which were not fully explained to the City Council. This decision To eliminate contributors will greatly reduce the protection of our existing historic resources.

I quote from the Vision 2030 General Plan:

“Other areas of the City may contain buildings of exceptional architectural interest or capture the flavor of local historical periods. In consideration of future historic districts, specific regulations to maintain historic character shall be developed.”

Please respect and uphold the vote of the people. Revise the proposed Community Design Element of the San Mateo General Plan as presented this evening.

Thank You,

Dianne Whitaker
San Mateo

