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Subject: Retain historic contributors to General Plan 2040

Dear Members, City Council of San Mateo,

I am writing relative to historic preservation and the General Plan 2040.

The charm and desirability of living in San Mateo is related to our neighborhoods and historic downtown. When that is stripped away, we become Anywhere USA. It is vital that we include historic contributors in the definition of historic resources in the GP 2040

Therefore I respectfully request that City Council reinstate contributors into General Plan Policy CD 5.3 Historic Resources Definition before it is adopted tonight. Retaining contributor buildings as important components of historic districts is essential to the long term economic and social health, vitality, and well-being of the Downtown and the city at large.

New construction can readily take place that compliments our lovely neighborhoods and downtown. It does not need to be big box eyesores.

I would be happy to take any of you on a tour of mid-town Sacramento that is comprised of multiple small historic neighborhoods, new residential construction that provides homes for all income levels and family configurations. Mid-town went from an economic waste-land to a highly desirable place to live and work. We can do the same, but it is imperative that you show leadership and reinstate contributors into the General Plan Policy CD 5.3 Historic Resources Definition.

Thank you.

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