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Subject: General Plan and EIR

Dear Mayor Diaz Nash and Council Members:

Please do not approve the General Plan and EIR before making changes. These requests have been made in several previous emails and letters.

Historic District Contributors

Add contributors to historic districts back into the General Plan definition of historic resources:

Policy CD 5-3: Historic Resources Definition. Define historic resources as buildings, structures, sites, and districts, and contributors to historic districts that are listed in or determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or California Register of Historical Resources, designated resources in the 1989 Historic Building Survey Report, and resources found to be eligible through documentation in a historic resources report.

EIR Deficiencies Require Recirculation

Removing Contributors is a Significant Impact that was Not Addressed

Reducing the protection of historic resources by removing contributors from the definition of historic districts is a significant impact that was not addressed in the EIR. The EIR is deficient if the analysis is not included, and is subject to legal challenge.

Effects on the Yoshiko Yamanouchi House Historic District were Not Addressed

The effects of the General Plan on historic resources were not fully addressed. Specifically, the EIR did not analyze the effects on the Yoshiko Yamanouchi House Historic District at 1007 5th Avenue. The proposed project will cause substantial increased impacts from traffic on Humboldt, closer proximity of traffic and the associated noise, vibration and air quality impacts. The interior Katsura Fences along S. Humboldt have been damaged from the heavy truck traffic on the street. The proposed project will increase the impacts.

The following mitigation should be considered:

1. Extending the wall along S Humboldt with plantings to reduce the diesel particulates from heavy truck traffic.
2. Designating low residential or other non-truck land-uses should be considered along S Amphlett to reduce the impacts of diesel particulates, truck noise and tree damages to the Yamanouchi Historic Resource.

3. Alternate construction routes using State Highways such as El Camino Real, Interstate 92 to reduce the cumulative air pollution impacts to the Equity Priority Neighborhoods and the Yamanouchi House.

The silent majority of San Mateans value historic preservation. Please do not be swayed by the loudest voices.

Thank you,

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