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To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: City Clerk

Dear Council and City Staff,

I am writing to ask that General Plan will reinstate contributors into General Plan Policy. One of the greatest charms of our City is the incredible and nor replaceable wealth of historical buildings.

We owe the future to protect our past. We can provide housing without destroying our historical landmarks. The term "balancing" used in the Big Ideas regarding housing and historical assets should be removed.

Just because state laws have monetized housing so that investors and developers and build lowest first cost buildings, with inadequate parking, and limited landscape architecture and quality design does not mean we should allow that mentality into historic districts.

At minimum we should require the same design equivalent at The Trestle in San Carlos on El Camino or The Ashton on El Camino in Belmont. These have great design and scale, compare them to Station Park Green.

Once a historic building or neighborhood gets razed it is gone forever and we lose a piece of our history and our soul.....

Please keep our great historical beauty in tact and our San Mateo beautiful by reinstating contributors to the General Plan.

Thank you.

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