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From: Judith Paton [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 8:44 AM

To: Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: New high rises downtown

Please take this opportunity to establish design standards for our downtown that add to the historic look, rather than allowing developers to build utilitarian façades that clash with it. In the long run it's good for business because people are drawn to neighborhoods that are attractive. You have already received several pictures of attractive buildings, of which the 101 Ellsworth project is one example. With this many new proposals in the works, this is the time to choose to make our downtown beautiful.

Thank you

Judith Paton

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From: Francie [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 11:14 AM

To: Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Building concerns-Planning Meeting

Dear Planning Commission,

I am a resident of San Mateo with concerns about the many new large developments that are coming to our downtown.

The Tomatina-Talbot's lot building has not enough parking, the design is not consistent with historical features of downtown - we have enough new modern square glass buildings - and the impact on traffic in the area is worrisome. Then there is the Donut Delite building...perhaps by the same developer with similar stark modern design features. Please try to support some of the beautiful features of downtown San Mateo. We don't need to be another Redwood City or industrial work complex!

Another comment about all of the important small businesses that are being pushed out. If we value those services...and I use many...the city could provide relocation service assistance while new buildings are being built and ensure business rent control is in place so they could actually afford to move in to a new space. We don't need another Station Park Green with only 2 viable business using the available ground floor biz space.

It's very sad to see what's happening. Please be mindful of all the impacts these new projects have for years to come for city residents and businesses.

Frances Souza

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