

From: Jessica Waite [mailto:jessicarwaite@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 5:21 PM

To: Rob Rennie; Steven Leonardis; Marcia Jensen; Marico Sayoc; BSpector; Town Manager

Cc: anna@svathome.org

Subject: Affordable Housing

Dear Mayor Rennie, Vice Mayor Leonardis and Town Council Members Jensen, Sayoc, and Spector:

The median home sales price in Los Gatos is now \$1.8b million and median rent for all properties in the Town, including all unit sizes, was a staggering \$5,200 a month (Trulia, August 2018). These shocking costs are symptomatic of the severe shortage of housing that exists in Los Gatos.

On Tuesday, August 15th, you will have the opportunity to act to alleviate the housing crisis affecting your community and the entire Bay Area. North 40 presents an opportunity for the Town to meaningfully improve housing affordability in Los Gatos. I urge you to do so by taking the following actions:

- Allow a maximum of 455 new homes in the North 40 Specific Plan. North 40 has long been identified as an appropriate location for denser developments and more homes can only add to the vibrancy of the area. There is no justifiable reason for the specific plan to accommodate half of the residential uses allowed in the adopted environmental documents.
- Allow the moratorium on North 40 entitlements to expire. Delays caused by a moratorium only serves to make the housing problem worse and shifts your housing responsibilities to other communities.

Both these actions are critical to ensuring that Los Gatos does its fair share to address the regional housing crisis and I hope you will decide to act in a way that helps to ease the housing crisis.

Those who oppose affordable housing are simply NIMBYs. They say affordable housing comes with a 'certain type.' Although it shouldn't matter who needs housing because shelter is a human right, I will tell those who oppose affordable housing that I am a 23-year-old UCLA graduate who has spent nights lying awake thinking about the fact that although I work a full time, salaried position and always put at least 5% of every check into a savings, I will likely never be able to afford a home here, and within a few years, I expect to be forced to move due to the price of rent.

To oppose affordable housing is to hate the poor, to act mercilessly, and to ignore your own privilege. In a few years, it will be your children who can't afford to live in the Bay Area on their own paychecks.

Sincerely,
Jessica Waite

From: Kris Campos [<mailto:kcampos0101@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 1:46 AM

To: Rob Rennie; Steven Leonardis; Marcia Jensen; Marico Sayoc; BSpector; Town Manager

Cc: anna@svathome.org

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Sincerely,
Kris Campos-Flores

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August 10, 2018

VIA E-MAIL (Council@LosGatosca.gov; Manager@LosGatosca.gov; JPaulson@LosGatosca.gov;
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Los Gatos, CA 95030

Re: August 15, 2018 Town Council Meeting
Extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance 2262 for the North 40 Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Rennie and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Yuki family, I am writing to express our objection to extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance 2262 and respectfully urge the Council not to adopt it.

When Interim Urgency Ordinance 2262 was adopted last year, we raised the question as to whether there was truly a “current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare”, as required by Government Code Section 65858. Over the past year it has become abundantly clear that there is no real imminent threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Los Gatos as required by California law, but rather there is a desire to reconsider such issues as the number of housing units, additional open space, and building heights. All of these issues are without a doubt concerns of both the Council and the public, but they do not rise to the threshold required by Government Code Section 65858 in either nature or urgency. As stated by Councilmember Jensen, there is no present application for development of the remainder of the North 40 Specific Plan Area, thereby making the urgency of the matter nothing more than speculative. That being said, these issues are being addressed by the Council which appears close to reaching a resolution making the need to extend Interim Urgency Ordinance 2262 moot.

Please know that the Yuki family supports the actions being taken by the Council to create a project that best suits the needs of the community, but remains concerned with timelines that draw out the process. Extending Interim Urgency Ordinance 2262 does nothing towards reaching the common goal of establishing a plan that is supported by the majority of the community, and for that reason, the Yuki family opposes extension of the Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Katharine Hardt-Mason

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cc: Ed Morimoto
Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
Joel Paulson, Director of Community Development