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To: [Neal Toft](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] What are you thinking?
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Dear City Council Members,

I am reaching out as a dedicated member of the Sausalito community and as a father who regularly enjoys MLK Park with our young daughters. With the City Council's vote on housing sites and unit counts imminent this Tuesday, **I implore you to reconsider the inclusion of MLK Park as a development site and to prioritize developments that maintain our valuable public spaces.**

Preservation of Community Spaces:

I am deeply concerned about the proposed conversion of MLK Park into a residential development. This park is not just a green space but a central hub for family and community activities. Losing it to development would irreversibly strip our community of a cherished asset, affecting many families, including my own.

Local Governance and Building Regulations:

Moreover, I am compelled to speak against the overarching state-driven directives that limit our local governance. The current adherence to state mandates, as encapsulated in Ordinance 1022, undermines our local autonomy. I urge a thorough revision of our city's ordinances to ensure that Sausalito retains control over its developmental destiny, reflecting our community's unique needs and values.

Issues with the Current MLK Park Development Plans:

- The concentration of nearly half of the new housing developments at the northern tip of Sausalito is alarming and disproportionately affects a single community segment.
- The recommendation to develop 80 units at MLK based on flawed data highlights significant oversight and demands reevaluation.
- The elimination of vital community facilities for underground parking, especially in an area known for high liquefaction and flood risks, is imprudent and hazardous.
- Misrepresentations in the height of proposed buildings could significantly alter the visual and spatial character of our neighborhood.

I am STRONGLY advocating for:

- **The removal of MLK Park from the list of development sites to safeguard our public spaces for future generations.**
- **The city revising its ordinances, particularly Ordinance 1022, to restore our community's authority over its development plans, ensuring they serve the best interests of Sausalito rather than state quotas.**

As a board member of the Rise Up 94965 educational foundation (for Sausalito's only public school), I am committed to the well-being and future of our community's children and families. I trust the Council will make decisions that reflect both foresight and a deep respect for our local environment and community values.

Thank you for considering these critical aspects as you make your decisions.

Warm regards,

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