

From: [Bethanie Murguia](#)
To: [Neal Toft](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Vote on Housing Sites, Tuesday February 25th
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Dear City Council,

I'm writing with regard to Sausalito's current housing plans. The bulk of the new housing is being planned in a small area at the north end of town. Looking at the proposed map and the numbers, I cannot understand how anyone would feel this is an equitable distribution. It will almost unilaterally impact residents in the north end of town with large-scale construction and associated congestion, upheaval, and noise for years to come.

For those of us on Buchanan Drive and nearby, we have already been living with massive construction, dust, and noise at the MLK Jr. Academy school site. This is a multi-year project. I support it—we need a campus that will serve our students. But if this current housing plan comes to fruition, we will have ongoing large-scale construction at the school, at the corporation yard (just a block away), at MLK park (another block away), and across Bridgeway (two blocks away). Quality of life for a large number of residents at the northern end of town will be severely diminished. There are other viable sites throughout Sausalito that would allow for a much more equitable plan. The northern end of town already has the highest density housing and the largest number of multi-unit developments. Please do not approve this extremely unbalanced, inequitable approach to the housing requirements.

In addition, I hope that you will revise city ordinances (particularly Ordinance 1022) to reinstate local building control rather than being locked into a closed-door plan created exclusively for state and HCD requirements.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Bethanie Murguia