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To: [City Council](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for a Balanced Distribution of Housing Element Sites
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To Whom It May Concern -

I'm writing to express concern about the current Housing Element Plan, which concentrates most of the new housing developments north of Nevada Street, an area with 2.3 times more housing units per acre than the areas south of Nevada. Further concentration of development in this area risks straining infrastructure, exacerbating traffic congestion, and reducing access to recreational areas. Additionally, the north side of Nevada Street is in a high wildfire risk zone, and concentrating housing here could expose residents to greater danger in the event of a fire. This could significantly impact not only the residents of these new developments but also the broader community, as evacuation routes and emergency services could be further overwhelmed.

I urge the City Council to consider a more thoughtful and balanced distribution of housing sites across Sausalito. In particular, I believe the city should explore opportunities south of Mollie Stone's in the Marinship area, city-owned properties like the abandoned firehouse on Spencer Avenue, and the underutilized buildings surrounding Le Garage. These areas hold great potential for development that could provide much-needed housing while supporting economic growth and revitalizing the working waterfront, all while addressing concerns about traffic, fire safety, and infrastructure strain.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing a more equitable approach to Sausalito's housing future.

Thank you,

Christopher Sander, A Concerned Sausalito Resident