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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 1B: Preserve Sausalito's Charm: Focus Housing on Empty Lots
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Dear Council Members:

As residents of Sausalito, we are writing to express strong support for amendments to the Housing Element that prioritize building in underutilized and empty lots, particularly in appropriate locations within the Marinship, rather than in our parks or historic districts.

We believe we need to distribute new housing more fairly across all neighborhoods, and thoughtfully developing housing in the Marinship is a far more sensible approach than encroaching on our valued public spaces. We urge you to consider updating our outdated ordinances, like Ordinance 1022, which currently impede housing development on these suitable vacant lots, and advocate for Community Development Agreements.

Furthermore, it is imperative that we pass the current Housing Element to avoid the undesirable "builder's remedy" scenario, which would strip our city of local control over development.

We appreciate your service to our community and your taking into consideration our views.

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