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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demand Local-Controlled Housing in Sausalito
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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to urge you to consider the implications of the current Housing Element plans and to advocate for a more balanced, community-focused approach to development in Sausalito. With the final vote on housing sites and unit counts scheduled for this Tuesday, there is a critical opportunity to ensure that our city's growth respects our public spaces and leverages all available assets effectively.

The current proposal concentrates much of the development in northern Sausalito, including a significant number of low-income units slated for MLK Park. Meanwhile, vacant lots, RV storage areas, and empty office buildings—sites that could be repurposed without sacrificing public land—remain overlooked. This approach risks permanently altering a cherished community space when viable alternatives exist.

To that end, I respectfully request your support for two key actions:

1. **Remove MLK Park as an opportunity site.** Converting public parks into residential zones is an unnecessary and irreversible step. Our parks are vital to the character and well-being of Sausalito, and there are other underutilized properties that could meet housing needs without compromising these irreplaceable assets.
2. **Revise city ordinances, particularly Ordinance 1022, to restore local control over building decisions.** The current framework ties our hands to a state-mandated plan that was developed behind closed doors, limiting our ability to adapt to the community's needs. By amending these ordinances, the city can reclaim the flexibility to prioritize smart, sustainable growth that reflects Sausalito's unique identity and values.

I believe that with thoughtful planning, Sausalito can meet its housing goals while preserving what makes our city special. I urge you to vote in favor of these changes and to champion development that balances new housing with the preservation of our public spaces and local decision-making authority. Thank you for your time and consideration—I look forward to seeing the outcome of Tuesday's vote.

Sincerely, Kristin Cappelli 11 Stanford Way