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To: [Neal Toft](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Concerns Regarding the Housing Plan Proposal
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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to you as an ***extremely concerned*** resident of Sausalito to express my opposition to the current housing plan proposals, particularly the inclusion of MLK Park as an opportunity site for residential development. As the City Council prepares to vote on the final housing sites and unit counts this Tuesday, **I urge you to consider the long-term impacts of these decisions on our community and to advocate for smart, balanced development that preserves our cherished public spaces.**

Protection of Public Spaces:

First and foremost, I request the removal of MLK Park from the list of potential development sites. Converting this public park into a residential area is not only unnecessary but also irreversible. This park is a vital part of our community's recreational and environmental heritage, and its conversion would deprive Sausalito residents of a valuable public asset.

Reinstatement of Local Building Control:

Furthermore, I strongly advocate for a revision of city ordinances, particularly Ordinance 1022, to reinstate local control over building regulations. The current approach, seemingly designed to meet state requirements, strips our community of its ability to influence and direct local development in a way that reflects our unique needs and values.

Specific Concerns with MLK Park Development:

- The proposed development disproportionately impacts the northern tip of Sausalito, with over 48% of new housing slated for this small area.
- The planning commission's recommendation for 80 units at MLK is based on clearly inaccurate data, which is concerning and indicative of a rushed or flawed planning process.
- The complete removal of essential facilities such as public park and school parking in favor of subterranean parking poses significant risks due to the high liquefaction and flood potential of the area.
- Although the plans specify buildings of 2-3 stories, the visual depictions misleadingly show only 2-story structures, which could misrepresent the true visual impact on the community.

In closing, I urge you to:

1. **Remove MLK as an opportunity site.**
2. **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 to this matter.

Sincerely,

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