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**Cc:** [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 1B: Housing Element: Support Underutilized Lot Development  
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Dear City Council,

As a Sausalito resident, I'm writing to express my support for amendments to the Housing Element that would encourage building in underutilized and empty lots, especially in areas like the Marinship, rather than focusing on our cherished parks or historic districts. I understand that these discussions can be fraught with worry and concern about potential impacts on our community's character, and I share those feelings. I truly believe a more equitable distribution of new housing across ALL neighborhoods is essential for the future of Sausalito.

I feel strongly that we need to consider building housing in appropriate places in the Marinship, rather than in places like our parks, or open spaces. I understand that change can be unsettling, and I empathize with those who are worried about the potential impact on our community. I feel it is important to update our outdated laws that prevent us from even considering housing on empty lots, like Ordinance 1022.

I hope we can all agree that thoughtful planning and community involvement are crucial to finding solutions that benefit everyone. By focusing on underutilized spaces and updating outdated regulations, we can create much-needed housing while preserving the unique character and quality of life that we all cherish in Sausalito. I urge you to vote in favor of amendments that prioritize building in appropriate locations and encourage innovative solutions.

Sincerely,

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