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Cc: [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 1B: Smart Development: Focus Housing on Empty Spaces
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Dear City Council Members,

As a Sausalito resident, I encourage you to approve the current housing element to avoid triggering the builder's remedy, while also exploring opportunities to replace these sites in the future with locations that better align with our community's needs.

And I implore you to not resurrect the City Hall parking lot as a potential housing element site - this was resoundingly dropped in earlier meetings due to the understanding of the significant negative impact that would have to the local community that live close to City hall.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Marinship area. This area has numerous vacant lots, dilapidated storage areas, and underutilized office buildings, many of which were not included in the current Housing Element. These sites offer significant potential for development that is more compatible with smart urban planning. It is time to reconsider outdated regulations such as Ordinance 1022—originally designed in the 1980s to restrict office development—which now limit our ability to put housing in these more suitable areas.

I also ask that you urge the Planning commission to respect current Sausalito building height restrictions and the preservation of views for existing residents. As a home-owner facing an absurd, potentially view restricting building development in lot # 53, I feel strongly this is essential for the well being of the entire community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will make balanced decisions that foster responsible growth while preserving our cherished community spaces.

Appreciatively,
Mark Coleman, Sausalito resident

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