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Hi Neal,

I've been a resident of Sausalito for the last 30 years and my husband has been a resident for over 50 years, and he and our daughter were raised in Sausalito.

While residential units need to be increased, MLK park and the recreational tennis courts are an important and necessary part of a community.

Giving up parks and tennis courts for housing development can have significant impacts on communities. Parks provide essential green space for recreation and community gatherings. They contribute to residents' mental and physical well-being and support diversity. Notwithstanding, there are two schools next to MLK park that use the park on a regular basis including summer camps. Replacing these spaces with housing may address housing shortages but can reduce community access to nature and recreational facilities, impacting quality of life, and create parking issues.

Sausalito is not known to be children friendly, and a decrease in parks and recreational areas in a community negatively affects children by limiting their opportunities for physical activity, leading to increased risks of obesity and related health issues. Children without access to parks are more likely to have no weekly physical activity, spend excessive time in front of screens, and suffer from inadequate sleep. Additionally, parks promote social interactions and community cohesion, which are essential for childhood development. Access to parks also supports mental health by reducing stress and improving mood, contributing to overall well-being.

Additionally, the traffic pollution from new developments can disrupt existing community dynamics. Balancing housing needs with preserving public spaces is crucial for sustainable urban development.

I urge you to reconsider keeping MLK park and look at other areas such as the old VA building by Schumacher.

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Sent from my iPhone