



San Mateo, Santa Clara & San Benito Counties

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Via email to: [HousingElements@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:HousingElements@hcd.ca.gov)

Subject: Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter comment letters on the Housing Element process for certain cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties

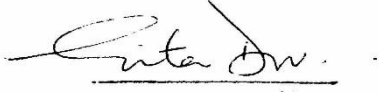
The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter's Sustainable Land Use Committee (SLU) advocates on land use issues in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Thank you for providing the opportunity for SLU to contribute input on the Housing Element submittals that HCD is currently evaluating.

- Attached is a copy of a typical letter (this one to San Jose on November 20, 2021) that SLU sent to several cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties (South San Francisco, Daly City, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Foster City, San Carlos, Redwood City, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Saratoga, Campbell, and San Jose) that are currently going through the Housing Element process. We request that HCD take the comments in the letters into consideration as you evaluate the Housing Elements submitted.
- Also attached are two longer letters specifically commenting, in detail, on the Draft Housing Element for Redwood City and City of San Mateo.
  - Redwood City letter of March 25, 2022
  - San Mateo letter of April 26, 2022

SLU views the need for more housing in proximity to employment in the transit corridor as a foundational environmental issue. The severe shortage of affordable housing in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties pollutes air and water basins with longer commutes, displaces low-income residents via gentrification from access to quality jobs, segregates school districts, and degrades the bay and open space as affordable housing is developed far away from job sites.

Please pass these letters along to the appropriate analyst. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gita Dev", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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