

January 27, 2012

Attn: Michael VanLonkhuysen
City of Daly City, Department of Economic and Community Development
Planning Division
333 90th Street
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Subject: Comments on Administrative Draft of Daly City 2030: A Plan for the Future

Dear Mr. VanLonkhuysen,

First I'd like to thank the City staff for the time and effort it took to develop this detailed plan.

There were some community outreach sessions requesting input from residents. However the three main sessions that took place at the War Memorial Building were four years ago. Is it possible to delay the vote on this plan and hold more study sessions?

I have been to several meetings over the past two weeks discussing the General Plan with residents. The following are some suggestion I hope you will consider before the final vote is taken on this issue:

- Unbundled parking in residential dwellings makes units more affordable for those who do not drive and prefer not to own a car, or for those that own one car. This provides a real incentive for residents to consider alternative modes of transportation would reduce traffic and reduce our carbon footprint.
- The Daly City Dunes area is a very sensitive habitat for several rare animals and plants, including the endangered San Francisco Lessingia. It's my understanding that a developer has already submitted some paperwork to build eight large homes in this area. This development will include some new road work that will surly encourage further growth of this sensitive area. I'm asking that the city consider not allowing development in this area.
- Small businesses all over our country are suffering. I would ask the city to not allow any requirements (i.e. minimum size) in this General Plan that would have a negative effect on our small businesses in Daly City.
- It's indicated in this plan that I believe three school sites have been identified to be closed or are already closed and that these sites can be developed. I have attended several meetings regarding the development of the Christopher Columbus School site, which I strongly oppose for several reasons. This school is old and the buildings contain asbestos. At the meetings I attended with the developers, school board and city officials all agreed that there is no way they can contain 100% of the asbestos if these buildings are demolished. This will send asbestos in the air and surly have an effect on residents. Do the other the other sites have buildings with asbestos? I would ask that these sites not be demolished and that the city rent out the current buildings. This is being done successfully at other school sites including Christopher Columbus.

Thank you for considering my comments/ suggestions on the General Plan. I hope they will be seriously considered.

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