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I have been a resident and homeowner in Menlo Park for 45 years. I live on Menalto Ave between O'Keefe and O'Connor.

There is a lot of deserved criticism over the new plan. Is this really a **PLAN**? Have any of the planners actually driven 101, University, Willow or Marsh? Well, at times they can't. The roads are polluted parking lots.

Because those roads do not work, drivers use alternate routes through the neighborhoods - including the Dumbarton Express Busses. The fire department complains about not being able to get through in emergencies.

I live about 6 blocks from 101. It often can take us 20 minutes to get to 101! I, at times, cannot back out of my driveway due to cut through traffic.

Is the Menlo planning commission in the business of just accommodating others? It seems so. Certainly not the current residents. There is only one possible outcome of the proposed plan as it stands - it is going to make matters worse. An idiot can see that.

Am I just one "fruit cake"? NO!

My intended solution to the problem is to just move. I am not the only one. Others I know have already done so because the situation here has become unbearable.

A recent survey of bay area residents shows that 30% want to move away. It seems like the Menlo commission wants to increase that percentage.

Think about the CURRENT RESIDENTS of Menlo Park. Try to accommodate them and actually improve the situation.

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