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Hello,

We are Menlo Park homeowners in Suburban Park. We are concerned about impacts resulting in traffic in and around our neighborhood.

What mitigations are planned to address our worsening traffic issues? If the city is to add 4500 residential units, 400 hotel rooms, and as much as 2.3 million square feet of non-residential space (not to mention thousands of new employees), the already pressured and frustrating traffic situation along the Willow/Marsh/Bay Road corridors will likely reach a tipping point in which our neighborhoods are reduced to morning and afternoon gridlock. Suburban Park and surrounding neighborhoods are bearing the brunt of these massive new developments, both in terms of traffic congestion and visual encroachment.

I encourage the Planning Commission to consider these very real concerns when reviewing and making decisions regarding future developments. How do we protect our neighborhoods from extensive spillover traffic effects caused by development in an area that already pressures the Willow/Marsh/Bay Road corridors? How do we maintain that quality of life that was once the signature of Menlo Park life? Please do not rush to pass the General Plan Update without considering the future of our neighborhoods. We should not accept a plan that does not address traffic issues without real, effective mitigations.

In addition we are concerned about water usage, where will the water come from for all of this new development? Is this water source sustainable? Nearby East Palo alto recently had development plans put on hold because there was a disconnect between development planning efforts and Water supplies/allotments. We should not be committing to support large amounts of new development without sustainable sources of water identified. Let's not make the same mistake here!

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