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Subject: M2 Expansion

Hi,

I am writing in regards to the proposed general plan changes in the M2 area. I urge you NOT to allow ANY expansion of nonresidential space or hotel rooms in this area, until an effective transit route is put in place to get across the Dumbarton Bridge to the East Bay. The ONLY thing that should be allowed is housing.

I live on Durham St., just West of 101 off of Willow Road. The traffic on Willow Road in the past 8-12 months has drastically increased due to the expansion of FaceBook, because they have clogged up the only access to the East Bay, which is the Dumbarton Bridge. Cars are now lining up along our residential street daily, idling, waiting to get to Willow Road, to get to the Dumbarton Bridge. Emergency vehicles are unable to get down Willow Road for emergencies in our area or East Menlo Park, and I am unable to get out of or into my driveway from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on most weekdays. This increases pollution, is affecting health and well being, and is reducing safety in our community.

I was shocked to read that only 5% of the proposed additional Facebook employees would be living in the community. Adding 6,500 more jobs with only 5% of them living in the area means 6,175 of them will be commuting into Menlo Park to work. This is ludicrous! How can this not affect the traffic ever more drastically? This situation is systemically not sustainable, in a community where people are actually living.

For the health of our City and our citizens, I urge you please do not approve ANY expansion of nonresidential space or hotel rooms in the M2 area, until an alternate and effective route to get to the East Bay is put in place.

Thank you,

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