

"Opportunity Housing"

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I oppose "Opportunity Housing" in its entirety and don't think it should be considered until the City can provide enough police officers, enough code enforcement people, enough inspectors, enough parking, schools, and other resources, including environmental resources, to insure the quality of life for all the citizens of San Jose. This includes providing housing for San Jose's homeless citizens first!

I also feel any neighborhood that includes the majority of houses built before 1930 should be exempt from ANY development, as well as there should be protections for any other homes of historic or cultural significance, if and when the city can provide enough resources to adequately serve the existing community as well as those who will move in. This "exploration" should stop here, without any further waste of resources.

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I want to state my vehement objection to any plan of the City's that will degrade the beautiful and historical and diverse nature of the neighborhoods surrounding downtown.

There are other areas of San Jose that are on the rail lines and bus lines that could better absorb added high density housing with less damage to one of the few esthetic assets San Jose has, our old neighborhoods, big trees and strong sense of community. It's pitiful that San Jose is still trying to reclaim part of its past with replicas of the light tower, while still eagerly embracing destroying more of the past that adds so much value to the downtown experience.

I am for creating more housing and for helping low income and homeless people have a secure and pleasant place to live. To have ANY place to live, for that matter. However those of us who've lived downtown have fought long and hard to make this a livable place. We still deal with drugs and gangs and guns and speeding cars regularly. And we already have many duplexes and fourplexes mixed in our neighborhoods as it is, two - six on each block it seems. Personally, I have two duplexes next door to me already, and three fourplexes backing up to my neighbors across the street. And the impacts from these affect all of us who live here. Any more is unacceptable.

We are constantly battling traffic and parking problems (and don't tell me transit will solve that. Those of us who walk, which I do daily, anywhere near SJS are in constant danger of being run down by bikes, electric scooters, and electric bikes.) People will drive! They will own cars. This isn't just about going to and from work. How do you get to any of the wonderful places within the Bay Area - Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Francisco, without a vehicle? It's not doable. If any of you are thinking Uber... think again. A low income family couldn't afford to do that.

D3 has willingly absorbed the idea of Tiny Houses for the homeless, when every other district has fought it. It's time other areas take some of the load. NOT here. Not again.

Rental housing in my neighborhood has been the cause of most of the disturbances, 911 calls, and disruptions in recent years. We don't need more of this, either.

AND finally, but maybe not the least of importance, this plan hasn't been vetted by the communities it will impact. I want an absolute stop to this going forward with any incursion into the already existing neighborhoods running both North of and South of Santa Clara Street.

I do not want to see this go to staff. I do not want to see and EIR done, I do not want this to go forward in our area.

Sincerely,
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