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To: [Public Comment - PC](#)
Subject: Proposed Rezoning of Rancho Shopping Center
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Dear Los Altos Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the pending proposal to rezone Rancho Shopping Center (RSC) for residential development. Such development would destroy dozens of thriving businesses and eliminate an even greater number of jobs. It would eliminate most of the current retail in South Los Altos, along with the walkability that makes this neighborhood special. The increased traffic it would bring would further damage quality of life in the neighborhood (not to mention property values).

The logical place to build high density housing in Los Altos is along the El Camino corridor (where such housing already exists and which is well served by transit) or in downtown Los Altos. If state goals cannot be met through development in these areas, Los Altos should consider zoning tweaks to certain single family zoned parcels located throughout the city, as was done in Los Altos Hills. At least in this manner the burden would be spread throughout the city, rather than putting a disproportionate burden on a single neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Leonard