

Hello.

I'm writing to express my concern to the proposal to re zone Rancho shopping center to allow new mixed use housing. I believe there are other sites that would impact the neighborhood far less. Other smaller sites, when combined, can accomplish the housing requirements Los Altos now faces.

My family has lived nearby Rancho for 11 years. The retail businesses at Rancho shopping center are essential community resources in the area. The only one of its kind in Los Altos except for downtown. It is also a social center, our ides their bikes to meet friends and hang out there, adults see each other at the stores or at coffee, etc. It is a place that makes this part of town whole.

One mile south is a Luckys store with lots of empty parking all the time. Whenever I've gone there it has very light use. Rancho is packed all day. Woodland area as well is lightly used, I believe it's already under consideration. Neither of these are community centers like Rancho.

I'm confident there are other options to lessen the impact to the area and the quality of the neighborhood.

Best regards, Dan Binn Los Altos homeowner 1180 Russell Ave.

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