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To: <u>Yvonne Dupont</u>; <u>Public Comment - PC</u>

Subject: FW: Rancho rezoning.

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From: BillAmy Parkhurst-Wright <parkwright@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 10:37 AM **To:** Stephanie Williams <swilliams@losaltosca.gov>

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I am in general not opposed to increasing housing in some areas of Los Altos. Adding 200+ residences to the Rancho shopping center site seems I'll advised. To say there will be no environmental impact is also wrong.

if housing were to be allowed at this location, it should be modest while maintaining the retail shops on the main level. As a nearby resident, I rely on Andronicos Market for much of my shopping and appreciate the walkable neighborhood, Rancho pizza, restaurant, bagel store, etc.

Living on Springer St. I can tell you that there are 3 times a day when I can not pull out of my driveway to go toward Foothill Expressway, in the AM just before school starts, in the PM When school lets out, and around 5 PM when workers from Mountain View and beyond head home. I am able to avoid these times of day, but not everyone in the neighborhood has that flexibility. Exhaust fumes often fill my from yard as cars idle while waiting to get through the stop sign at Berry and the double light between Rancho and the expressway. I can't imagine what my exit strategy will be with over 200 people leaving Rancho at those times of day and others. Springer is constrained by housing from Berry to Cuesta making it impossible to widen.

Rezoning for mixed use without reasonable height limits as well as occupancy limits will lead to traffic congestions, not to mention added air pollution. I can't even imagine the infrastructure required for such a project.

Giving the current property owner carte blanche to use it for maximum profits will be a decision you will regret and neighbors will suffer the consequences.

Places for high density, high rise housing would be better situated near existing multistory buildings and public transit.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter. Amy Wright 707 Edge Lane Los Altos, Ca 94024