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Thank you for providing the draft for review by the citizens of Los Gatos.
Here are my comments.

1) Parking

California is shutting down fossil fuel and nuclear power plants leading to inadequate capacity when the sun goes down and people need to charge their electric cars at home. In the future, car charging will need to happen during the day. To facilitate Daytime charging, parking lots should be roofed with solar arrays, with chargers in the parking lot under the arrays. We already see this happening, for example in the AMD parking lots on Union Avenue.

The draft doesn't mention solar panels over parking lots, it should. In fact, it should be a strong recommendation, instead of tree planting. Tall trees will shade solar panels.

2) Excessive regulation of Architectural styles

As I read the regulations pertaining to Architecture, I can't help but feel they will hamstring Architects, leading to bland architecture. Figure B.4.6 is an example of excessive regulation (IMHO, the suggested change of building materials is ugly as shown in the figure.) One has to ask, would the proposed regulations prevent another North 40, which has been almost universally panned as resembling a stack of shipping containers, or worse? Perhaps a better approach to architecture is to assemble a panel of architects to review and critique design proposals before they are built.

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