Measure P Limits to Remain During General Plan Update
Council to Consider Committing to Height, Density Limits During Community Process

San Mateo, CA – On Monday, the City Council plans to commit to keeping current building height and density limits in place while the community completes the General Plan Update.

Earlier this year, the Council expanded the General Plan Update process through as late as 2023, to provide significantly more opportunities for the public to participate in shaping the future of San Mateo. Extending the timeline meant updating the General Plan will no longer be completed before the voter-approved Measure P sunsets in 2020. Among other things, Measure P limits most building heights to 55 feet and keeps housing density to no more than 50 units per acre.

During its July 15 meeting, the Council will consider a resolution to keep the voter-approved provisions of Measure P in place until the General Plan update is finalized. This means all new development projects will continue to be subject to the existing height and density limits initially approved by voters in 1991.

The City is committed to providing the community with the most robust, public planning process for determining heights and densities in San Mateo. The Council is sensitive to concerns Measure P provisions could expire before the General Plan is completed, and is therefore taking this action to keep them in place until the community finishes the update process.

The General Plan is an overarching policy document that reflects the community’s long-term vision for San Mateo. It covers a wide range of topics including land use, urban design, transportation, safety, parks and conservation, housing and more.

Visit StriveSanMateo.org for more information about the General Plan 2040 Update.

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