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Subject: re: 05/18/22 Meeting - re: Draft Housing Element

Honorable Chair Cranston and Environment Planning Commissioners:

How the State will perceive Mountain View's Housing Element is anyone's guess, but I find it very comprehensive in methodically addressing the gazillion requirements spelled out by the State.

I have a few comments I wanted to share with you:

1. The data in the "Access to Education" rubrique seems to ignore all Mountain View elementary school students attending schools in the Los Altos School District (some located in Mountain View like Springer Elementary and an upcoming school in the San Antonio Precise Plan).

The draft states that: " Most of Mountain View is served by the Mountain View Whisman School District which has approximately 4,400 students enrolled up through eighth grade". There are also over 1,000 Mountain View students enrolled through eight grade in the Los Altos School District (more if you include Mountain View students attending Bullis Charter School).

As a result of that omission some of the maps like (Figure 69: TCAC Education Domain Score, Mountain View) seem erroneous. For example, it's unlikely a Mountain View neighborhood (like mine) in the Springer Elementary (or Almond or Santa Rita or Covington) attendance area would get the lowest Education Domain Scores -as shown in figure 69-.

I feel you should revise this rubrique to get a better picture of Education opportunities in Mountain View.

For reference, here are the Los Altos School

District boundaries: https://www.lasdschools.org/files/user/1/file/Adopted_attendance_boundaries_6_18_07.pdf

2. I agree that the Village Centers have good potential for housing. I would like the City to emphasize the need to preserve a significant amount of local serving businesses as they play a key role as the commercial hearts of our neighborhoods (including future Village Center residents).

3. I am still surprised to not see more opportunity sites downtown Mountain View (the area of Mountain View with the most to offer in almost every aspect); especially since the Downtown Precise Plan is being revised.

4, I am not certain the speculations on a possible Mountain View Whisman ballot measure should be in the Housing Element. As far as I know, that proposal is not moving forward (at least not this Fall).

5. I'll defer to the consultants' expertise but I feel that for new developments, the projected ratio of very-low/low/moderate vs. above moderate seems optimistic.

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte