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WE WELCOME HITTERS BARBERSHOP TO THE 'HOOD!

Luis Ocon, Jr. is an impressive young business owner, moving his shop from B Street to 61 37th Avenue only recently. Open 10 am – 7 pm every day except Sunday, HITTERS is the place for an awesome haircut, specializing in popular fade styles. Walk-in or give them a call at 650-212-3233.

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GOOD-BYE BHNA BOARD

Did you know the BHNA spawned from resident concerns over development and building heights? Since then, it has given back to the community in countless ways. December marks the final month for the current Board. WHO WILL CONTINUE ITS GOOD WORKS?

Today, we see so much happening in our city. A new Board is essential to be the eyes, ears and voice of our residents. PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY to support and continue the efforts of this neighborhood association. If you don't, who will?

WHAT WE LEARNED ABOUT MEASURES K (TAX EXTENSION) & Q (RENT CONTROL) AT OUR OCTOBER SPEAKER SERIES

(Note: Measure K extends Measure A)

"Measure A was passed as temporary tax. Now we know it was proposed fraudulently. Time to end it! No on K." ~ Win Reis

"The big question on that K measure is why now? It still has 7 years to go. Why such a rush to extend it another 20 years now? Why not wait? I also feel they are always taking from us to fix their problems. Sales tax, measure S which was passed by voters, sewer lines, sidewalk repair are our responsibility now. When will it stop?" ~ Anne Wilson

"I learned that in the words of the person speaking for yes on Q, that this was crafted by a small group of people. There was no bi-partisan input. I agree that there should be some form of

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rent stabilization but forming a group of renters, property owners and local government officials to hash out a fair solution to this issue seems to me the way to proceed. I cannot vote for this bad, one-sided measure.” ~ 31st Avenue Resident

“My take away with Measure K is that it would help provide and secure programs, or unseen necessities, that improve the quality of life of everyone in the county.” ~ Belinda Chlouber

“I was surprised at the lack of substantive arguments from the Measure Q supporters. The opponents' main arguments have been so publicized that I was expecting the measure's supporters to pre-emptively refute them, either by directly addressing them or by weaving something into their presentation. There are lots of people who oppose Measure Q because of its perceived inherent flaws, not because of their lack of compassion and/or understanding of the problem.” ~ Rod Linhares

“In regard to Measure K, we saw the Civil Grand Jury Report which found that county officials were not forthcoming with the status of the county's financial condition back in 2012 when they asked us to pass Measure A (which Measure K would extend). We actually had a surplus and not a structural deficit. They were asking for money when it wasn't needed. Do they truly need it this time? We need some transparency.” ~ Lisa Taner

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE FALLOUT OF PLAN BAY AREA-STYLE DEVELOPMENT

On October 15th over 100 marchers from numerous Peninsula cities met in the heart of our region, Redwood City, to rail against traffic, business and resident displacement, gentrification, loss of affordable housing (especially with the Docktown closure in RWC), and a call for truly affordable housing over lackluster promises. Passionate marchers received plenty of support from passing vehicles with honks of agreement all along the route. Their numerous signs read:

“Quality not quantity!” “Stop displacement now!” “Jerry Hill, do not forsake your constituents to the nightmare of Plan Bay Area!” “Families over greed!”& “Balanced development, since Plan Bay Area development kills our quality of life!”

UPDATE: 74 UNIT PROPOSED PROJECT AT 28th AND EL CAMINO GETS GREENLIGHT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Q: When do 2,200 daily car trips to this proposed project equal ZERO daily car trips?

A: The planning department explains that the project's 2,200 mixed-occupancy trips per day could be counted as "less than zero," which allows the project to claim a "less than significant" traffic impact.

Mid-October, the Planning Commission voted 5 to 0 to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Hillsdale Terraces project as adequate, and 4 to 1 to permit 74 units at full proposed height. So, earlier resident concerns about traffic, parking, safety and building height were all but ignored. Most noteworthy is that associated new resident parking will require owners to pay extra for their own spaces. As locals feared, the alternative is to find street parking around

the area. Finally, there was no discussion at the meeting regarding how to handle traffic or parking for the building's intended on-site child care operation.

Following the meeting, Livable San Mateo leader, Walter Schwartz, sent a letter to our City Council. It read, in part:

“San Mateo's Planning Commission Handbook states the Commissioners' role as ‘balancing individual rights with the public welfare.’ The public knows this:

- When the project was proposed in 2014, the Commissioners expressed concern over density, height, parking and traffic of 68 units. The developer responded with 74 units. The site is zoned for 49 units.
- The voters passed Measure H and extended it with Measure P which, in 22 places, cites the building height limit of 55 feet. Not once did it explain that this is a “roof plate” height. No reasonably informed voter could know that it permits 63’ street walls and 71’ roof structures. I challenge you to search measure P, attached, and draw a conclusion other than 55 feet. Likewise, I challenge you to even find the city code yourself, like a voter would have to, to know about the roof plate explanation.
- The planning department explained how the project's 2,200 mixed-occupancy trips per day could be counted as "less than zero" but that is "just paperwork." It is not. It lets the project claim "less than significant" traffic impact. The project will generate 2,200 trips.

Where is the balance? The ultimate insult to the community will be if the developer is given a 51% density bonus, which is entirely at the option of the city.”

CONCERNS ABOUT CHANGES IN OUR CITY?

WRITE! Your city planners and council should hear from you!

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BUT DON'T STOP THERE- Plan Bay Area-type development concerns should be directed also to Senator Jerry Hill: <http://sd13.senate.ca.gov/send-e-mail> or call (650) 212-3313. * * * * *

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