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Dear Council Members and Staff

Our city is under attack by state regulators that want to dictate higher density housing in Los Altos and every other city in California that will destroy our quality of life.

There are two radical state mandates that you need to thoroughly before blindly accepting:

- (1) The RHNA draft demands for 1,958 new affordable housing units which requires us to identify the land needed to reach this target. Is this need really justified or practical? Other towns are opposing their mandates so why can't we? If we must, please ask the city staff to identify public owned lands and/or commercial property for this purpose before spending any money or more time on this task. I think once you consider the facts it will become obvious that the council should appeal RHNA demands to better fit the needs of our community.
- (2) State Bills SB9 and SB10 that will take away local zoning laws supposedly protected by our state constitution and allow every residential lot to be split in two and then build 2 homes on each lot. Not to mention increasing ADU's from 1-2. Creating smaller residential lots with twice as much density on each in my opinion can only be met by creating multi-story high rise buildings. I do not want this to happen on my court and can reasonably assume that the vast majority of residents do not want to see this outcome. Before calling me a NIMBY remember that the reason I purchased my home in Los Altos was because of the larger lots and lower density that created our village concept.

Which council members if any, may benefit from either of the above actions? If so, shouldn't they be recused?

Scott Spielman submitted his public input on the questions you should address that I fully support.

Respectfully,

Frank Martin