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Subject: Alternatives to Unlimited Height Buildings

Dear Staff, Council People and Committee Members

Hope you are enjoying an excellent holiday weekend.

We are so lucky to live in a place that has not (yet) felt the worst of the climate changes that are upending everything that most people knew about the limits of our environment to absorb the excesses resulting from our current economic system.

Here is an article from CityLab that proposes a different and better long term solution to climate adaptation other than unlimited height buildings packed densely together.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-08-25/to-cut-carbon-think-low-rise-buildings-not-skyscrapers>

And from the Guardian:

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2020/jul/11/skyscrapers-wasteful-damaging-outmoded-time-to-stop-tall-buildings>

I encourage you all to consider the implications of these messages. It is tempting to skip over articles and ideas like the ones offered above. I hope you will be able to overcome any implicit bias against this new, alternative way of thinking.

Respectfully,

Julie Ritter