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October 7 Planning Commission Meeting

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Although I acknowledge the time, effort and energy that went into preparing the Draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan I cannot accept the premise that it represents the "shared values" of our community because I question the authenticity of the polling.

For a question this large every citizen should have been contacted directly. However, this wasn't done due to the cost of individual mailings. Yet, we can have two special elections 3 months apart each dealing with a single question and costing, what, \$250,000.00!?

I also question the assumption that the 80,000 commuters who come into our area daily want to live here therefore we need to provide housing for them. Is it also not reasonable to assume that the message behind the message might be, "I wish that the trip was not so arduous"? In which case the problem might be a transportation issue that could be solved by solving the mass transit issue whether locally or regionally or both. This, then, calls into the question of the actual degree of densification that is needed. I also question the inevitable displacement of people, especially the retirees and older population, in order to accommodate others. Is not one of the tenants of the plan to repair the damages of the past? Or at least prevent them from recurring? (This echoes stories of the another past when college age students studying abroad couldn't return home to China because it had been acquisitioned by the government in order to make room for more people.)

What happens when "home" no longer feels like "home"?