

February 28, 2020

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Re: Housing in San Carlos

Council Members,

I recently attended the San Carlos community meeting on February 1, to discuss housing in San Carlos. In a word it was disappointing. The agenda was how San Carlos can solve the affordable housing problem in our community especially with regards to the state housing mandate.

Individuals were not allowed to speak and only the topics presented were discussed by the table leader. What was missing was whether the community wants any more housing, whether it is market, affordable or low income.

It is your job to represent and solve the problems of San Carlos as of a whole, not for certain groups of retailers or restaurants or to act as do gooders to solve a California problem. You may think housing is a moral issue, but you are supposed to get the feedback and eventually a vote of confidence by the residence of our community.

If the community wants to support affordable housing for retail establishments or teachers let them VOTE to pay for it, and build housing specifically for that group. I think the residents would be shocked that you are thinking of putting 183 extremely low, 98 very low and 107 low income housing in San Carlos.

Ask the question - does San Carlos want ANY more housing including market rate housing. I would wager that a majority of our residents would want a temporary halt on market rate housing as well wanting the city to join other bay area communities to fight the state mandated housing.

I worked very hard and sacrificed time with my family to afford to live in this community and do not want the problems that come with additional housing especially with a lower income group.

Sincerely,