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**From:** Angela Pallatto Hockabout <grenadinegirl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 1:43 PM  
**To:** Frank Matarrese; Malia; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Trish Spencer; City Clerk  
**Subject:** Main Street Plan

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I'm writing in support of the Main Street plan that is coming before council tonight. This should be a no-brainer. We're desperate for affordable housing, and this project replaces shoddy, run down old Navy housing with brand new affordable housing units, as well as market rate, and affordable by design "workforce housing".

I am hopeful that the city council will do whatever it takes to ensure that we build as many affordable by design units as possible. While I love single family homes and those homes would bring in a lot of money, such homes represent lost economic opportunity for moderate income families who want to live close to public transit. Fewer families can afford single family homes and fewer families would get housed than if we built more townhomes and affordable by design units.

If we are concerned about the traffic challenges that additional homes might cause, then we can address those concerns by working more closely with AC Transit and driverless shuttle companies to create transit solutions to get folks out of their cars. Solving traffic problems by preventing new housing only causes homelessness and reinforces the need for folks to commute in their cars. When every city under-builds, fewer people are able to live close to where they work.

The Main Street plan is an opportunity to prioritize affordable by design housing. We can get more folks out of the rental housing market, and more low income folks into stable permanently deeded subsidized housing. Please vote for a plan that houses as many people as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Angela Hockabout