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Thank you for your comments.

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In response to: http://sfmea.sfplanning.org/2018-10-10_NOP_Final_clean_signed.pdf

I'm writing to urge you to study a high-density housing option in the Balboa Reservoir EIR. San Francisco has a crisis-level housing shortage, so we need every unit of housing we can get, especially at this location near BART and City College.

The 1550-unit Additional Housing Option in the NOP is a good start (and should be studied!), but it's not enough. Environmental review processes take a long time, and the housing crisis is likely to get more dire in the meantime. We should not limit our future selves by studying an insufficient range of options like with the Central SoMa Plan, where the lack of housing-rich alternatives studied in the EIR years ago now prevents us from adding the housing we need without doing a second EIR. For that reason I urge you to include high-density alternatives for 3000 and 5000 units in the Balboa Reservoir EIR.

Supervisor Malia Cohen explicitly requested this be done, at the Board of Supervisors meeting where this environmental review process was initiated. She said: "Why haven't we studied a high density version of the project? 5,000 [units] to understand the full range. We have a shortage of affordable housing. Let's make it happen." I couldn't agree more.

Roan Kattouw