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Dear Public Comment,

MTC Commission,

I am writing to strongly urge you to vote YES on the Transit Oriented Communities Policy. This policy promotes density and active transportation infrastructure like sidewalks and bike lanes near our transit stations to reduce reliance on the automobile and to make development along transit corridors more affordable and accessible. This will also help our community reduce greenhouse gas emissions from new housing, and encourage others in our community to push for safer walking and biking.

As our region continues to suffer from more extreme heat and wildfires connected to climate change, as well as rising inflation and lack of affordable housing, the time to pass the TOC Policy is now. The TOC Policy will make a meaningful impact on climate change, housing affordability and racial and social inequities, problems that continue to get worse without coordinated regional and local action. Thank you for your work to prepare the Bay Area for a more equitable future.

Bill Kirsch

Sincerely, Bill kirsch