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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 – two key strategies to make the region more equitable and accessible.

As a member of the Bay Area, I am a strong advocate for more housing and development around our transit stations for all cities. We must grow together as a region to make the Bay Area an affordable place to live and reduce our reliance on driving, which will lower greenhouse gas emissions.

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.

Bear in mind, densification of transit areas should also be coupled with permanent open space protections surrounding communities so that densification does not drive more sprawl!

Sincerely,  
Baty Family

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