

Santa Barbara's beauty exists in its scenic environments, its architectural character and, first and foremost, its culture and diverse population.

Patrons of the past have left their legacy making the city a better place. A few of these past citizens: Fleischman, Stork, McCormick, Park, Keck.

Citizens of all types, ethnic, age, income level and attained wealth are key to a city's sustainability and are important in maintaining our cultural institutions that are key to recording history, teaching, and passing knowledge.

The city will always be in transition and depends on all classes of its population to contribute time and resources to its cultural sustainability.

A city must incorporate housing for the mature, the youth, the workforce, as well as the patrons of the city.

Putting a cap on square footage is exclusionary. All cities are organic by nature and in constant birth and rebirth. Areas within our urban environment beautified by our architecture and design will encourage resettlement. Santa Barbara should not be captive to the few without vision of true sustainability.

A city of "likes with likes" does not create a place of opportunity for all, learning from one another; truly creating a ladder.

Housing of only 300, 400, to 1,000 sq. ft. will create a homogeneous fabric; it is imperative that we review past contributions from our generous base and allow entitlements which encourages a mix of wealth and workforce alike to dwell in our downtown area.

Market rate and affordable in the true diverse neighborhood should exist in the same dwelling structure and cannot be attained without public subsidies if the larger market rate units are not allowed to coexist.

Eyes and a presence on the streets create security and trust. Those with, those without, those that toil, those that give to make it better for all; the city will thrive with true diversity of all classes.

I have served on many boards, and have chosen to live downtown and choose to give as much or more than is prudent because of my passion for this city. We are moving towards a city with clusters of citizens living in homogeneous dwelling types without nurturing diversity.

Fear of change and the voices of the few are depriving our city of a wholesome future.

Please do not create a box we cannot climb from. Please rethink your objectives and create a future of balance and compassion by plan.

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