

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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I really hope that San Mateo County would distribute their government housing funds so that it was made available to long time residents like myself who has lived in Redwood City for 27 years contributing to my community in many ways. I am 54 years old & a full time employee at Sequoia High School having been w/the District for 18 years. I am in an immediate housing crisis, living in unhealthy conditions & have been searching for affordable housing close enough to my job so I can get there by 6 am which is the time required to start with my position being Lead of food Service. I do not own a car or a DL & never have. I have lived in a 2 mile radius in Redwood City for 27 years & am now at the doorstep of displacement which would result in job loss & financial devastation as I watch every other demographic filling up new housing that is being built & available exclusively for newcomers, homeless, people just out of drug programs or jail, and are within walking distance of My job, but I have been told that the only available affordable housing for my low income working class undervalued & underrepresented demographic are in communities that are many miles away from where I need to reside to continue working the 11 years left I have to retire, when these other groups that are not even working for the most part are given priority and housing in the exact area I require to continue my contributions to my community as I have done for more than 20 years. I would also like to be able to help these people in need but I am busy in survival mode. I was told I DID Not Make ENOUGH annually to qualify for Below market Rate AFFORDABLE Housing when I applied for one available that I found listed on Redwood City Website under Resource for Affordable Housing. And than I am told I Make TO MUCH to qualify for any Immediate Rental Assistance so I'm left stuck in The revolving door, a forgotten group of people who are working every day but have been excluded from access to Millions of Dollars in funds that were supposed to be helping Everyone but instead is creating the destruction of a group of people who have served this community for years without any consideration, respect or appreciation for the Benefit we offer to the community we live in. Why is there no priority in the preservation of people who are a positive additions & self sufficient in this city. Replacing us by filling up the housing with people who will be a long financial expense instead of securing people who actually are & have been working class taxpayers for many years & only need a bit of assistance w/housing because we are being denied & ignored by our local governments bad policy. How does this make sense please help me understand. I appreciate any attention that you might give to this unethical civil injustice that is being ignored & given no priority or the recognition that it deserves. This is A real American tragedy that should not be allowed to happen.

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