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Letters to the Editor

Editor:

A picture says a thousand words. Not anti-development, but do agree with many others that the proposed Moraga Town Center Homes Project site is a poor location for this development.

Dylan Davis
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Editor:

When Robert G. Cleland published his classic book in 1941, about the Californios' California, he called it, "The Cattle on a Thousand Hills." If he came back today and wrote another, might he title it, "The Condos on a Thousand Hills?"

According to his August 13, letter to the editor, Fritz Stoop "nearly ran off Moraga Way" the first time he saw those giant tinker toys indicating the height of proposed buildings. Take a look at Lafayette where buildings have grown from two stories to three stories to four stories to . . . Well, nobody knows to what. Some of us remember when the 26-story "Telephone Company" headquarters building on New Montgomery Street in San Francisco was the be-all and end-all of high-rises in the City. Now it is rendered invisible, dwarfed by buildings many times its size.

And the traffic! I drove from Moraga to meet a friend at the Community Garden in Fort Mason, leaving our home at 10:30 a.m and arriving at 11:45 a.m. That's 75 minutes to travel 25 miles; average speed: 20 mph. Of course, drivers wanting to attend the last concert at Candlestick Park wished they could have sped along at 20 mph. They and thousands of other ticket holders riding "Monopoly Transit District" vehicles were rendered unable to "make it to the church on time" because of City traffic.

Meanwhile, Jerry Brown wants more people in California; more people in Southern California, more people in Central California, more people in Northern California, and, guess what, more people in Lamorinda. Who took the ranch out of "Sanders Ranch?" We all did. Forty million Californians did. Now, the adjacent hills are for sale . . . and unlikely to be purchased by a cattleman.

So Fritz, get used to it. Lamorinda tinker toys will get taller and taller and open space will get smaller and smaller . . . until America and California break their addiction to perpetual population growth.

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