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Dear Mayor Arreguin,

I am concerned about housing. Particularly in the bay area wealth has been concentrating and housing costs and homelessness along with dangerous illegal residences have been rising apace. At the same time while California (against federal resistance) has managed to improve fleet averages the housing crisis along with our booming economy have left people commuting farther and pushed per capita carbon emissions up. This highlights the need to increase both housing density and the popularity of public transit if we are to keep both the city and the planet livable. Adding housing near transit of course involves complex issues of control and lots of time - I basically only know what is covered in Alfred Twu's clever game - and there are many people trying with SB50, AB2923, SB375 and SB827 but we must not continue to delay.

Thank you for shepherding through a unanimous vote on the MOU with BART.

I am very proud to be a Berkeley resident and a large part of that derives from our sensible progressive government.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson