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To the general planning staff of San Jose,

When I learned about the vision task force 2040 board item related to community engagement I was initially underwhelmed by the language. I understand that the update to the community engagement language may or may not actually have the level of impact I would want; however, the messaging appears lackluster and demonstrates a misunderstanding of what community engagement is actually about. I read something more focused on budget than inclusion.

My intent is not to be dramatic and apologize if this comment is deemed as such. My intent is for my message to reach this group and persuade readers to think outside the box when dealing with this issue. Residents need the city to be on the side of its community, developers, and consider the future of municipal activation. Community is not just made of anti-housing, pro parking, and those that frequent council meetings. Developers are not just profiteers.

The messaging for San Jose community engagement should be focused on getting maximum input from the most stakeholders possible.

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