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Dear Ursula,

You emailed asking for feedback regarding the Sonoma County webinar on Plan Bay Area 2050 held yesterday, August 5th, 2020. I don't think my submitted questions were answered.

I very distinctly heard Dave Vautin state that a nomination for a PDA should be discussed publicly multiple times. **There were no public meetings before the Springs Specific Plan was nominated as a PDA.** Shouldn't MTC take a closer look and evaluate the situation?

Everyone from Permit Sonoma who worked with Friends of North Sonoma, our neighborhood group, on the Springs Specific Plan in 2019, **Yolanda Solano, Kyle Rabellino, Amy Lyle and Milan Nevajda, have all since quit and no longer work for the County.** It convinces us that they were aware of the County's malfeasance.

MTC accepted the Springs Specific Plan as a PDA even though it is located outside an Urban Growth Boundary, even though it is in a documented high fire risk area and even though our water agency, the Valley of the Moon Water District, lost its back up water source to fight any fire emergencies. The County's application for the Springs Specific Plan was submitted without the required bus headways or green house gas reduction policies in place. **MTC now bears accountability because MTC voted to approve it.**

These were the questions I submitted, which have yet to be answered.

1. Wondering who, which person in particular, at MTC is responsible for making sure nominated areas meet MTC's criteria to qualify as a PDA?
2. If there were no public discussions or notice given prior to the County nominating an area to be considered as a PDA, what recourse do residents and homeowners have, other than litigation, to NOT have their homes and land included in a PDA?
3. Is there any vetting procedure MTC uses to make sure the County followed a democratic, inclusive process in their decision?

Thanks very much,  
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Friends of North Sonoma