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Subject: Stadium & Maple TC1 rezoning

Hey there planning folks,

I'd like to be kept informed on further TC1 steps, both for the Stadium area and for future TC1 zoning, as I support this fantastic move.

When I lived near this area and had the Kroger on Maple as my local supermarket, this whole area was terrible for me as a pedestrian. Not only was the Jackson & Maple intersection quite terrifying, but walking to any of the stores was a big slog, especially in the summer when these huge, wasteful parking lots would radiate heat.

Studies have shown that the styles of development TC1 encourages are far more environmentally friendly than the modes of development it will replace. This includes lower energy usage for apartment and townhouse style developments, less pollution through people walking to the store rather than driving, and less noise through the traffic reduction this allows. Therefore, from a climate change perspective, this TC1 is not only something we must do, but honestly not even reaching the bare minimum.

Not only is this good for the environment, but it's an accessibility win too. Many in our community cannot drive for a variety of reasons, including the enormous costs of car ownership, disabilities that prevent driving, or simply being under 16 years old. TC1 housing will be especially attractive to people who either can't drive for the aforementioned reasons or simply don't want to be forced to drive. By rezoning this district, we're making Ann Arbor more accessible to more members of society, which I can only see as a wonderful thing.

Finally, this is a win for housing affordability, since the primary thing driving our massive year-over-year housing cost increases is a lack of supply. By providing space for more housing to be built, the city will help to reduce these extreme increases, though with only these small areas it won't be anywhere near enough to actually start lowering rents like Minneapolis has started to see. We'll need far more TC1 throughout Ann Arbor for that.

My only wish is that the city would eliminate these restrictive height limits.

Keep up the great work, folks!

Thanks,

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