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Subject: TC1 comments from a Ward 5 resident

Dear Planning Commission and Staff -

I appreciate all the work that went into the proposed rezoning of the West Stadium area to TC1 and listened closely to the information share by staff on June 14th. My impression was that it made an area I live quite close to a lot more attractive and quite frankly, *more livable* and I was quite impressed with all the available options it presented. I'm a Gen-Xer with 2 children (a Millennial and a Gen Z) in their 20's who live with me because they can't afford to live on their own in this area. And they love it here. I shared with them this proposal and they were very excited with all it offers the area. Also, it appeared to give them hope for some change in Ann Arbor.

The memo titled "City-initiated Rezoning of Maple & West Stadium area" dated June 28, 2022, has really surprised me and put a damper on things. I'm so disappointed.

Time is passing us by.

We need these changes and we need to start making them now. I don't understand why we let louder voices prevail in these discussions when the reality is those objecting the loudest may not be impacted long-term by these changes and all of our children will.

If we need to be clearer in how important this zoning is to the area, tell me what to do and I will do it. Canvassing? Social media support? Bull horn?

Maybe the City can provide more information to folks objecting this, more research, more studies that show this will benefit EVERYONE.

I'm at my wit's end.

From your memo:

"In staff's opinion, there were four key points or themes heard at the public meetings:

- The area will benefit from consolidated zoning and prioritizing pedestrian- and nonmotorized-oriented, more dense development, but
- The area is not a single monolithic geography,
- The scale of development is very important in this area, and
- The TC1 district is currently not the right fit for the area."

All of this is going delay this unnecessarily and for what? So we can have berms and walls so current residents don't have to see other people moving in? What character is here now that's so distinctive? The large parking lots that are rarely more than half full?

I object to this delay and want to make my voice heard. I did not speak at the meeting but I am speaking now. Please keep moving forward with the TC1 plan and help residents understand that we are growing and we need to change with the growth. And soon.

Thanks for all your time and hard-work.

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