From: Kellie Dumas Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:03 PM To: Planning <<u>Planning@a2gov.org</u>> Subject: Planning Affordable Housing Needed

## Hello,

As a case manager with WCCMH, I see a high need for housing with our clients for affordable housing. Most of the people we work with receive less than 950 per month and they have no access to increase their income. I have some people living outside in a tent, others in and out of the shelter and some just don't have anywhere to go due to mental health and not being able to stay in an environment such as a homeless shelter. I have others who are "couch surfing" and their housing situation plays a big part into their overall mental and physical health. I would like to advocate for more affordable housing in Washtenaw County, but more specially in Ann Arbor. It is a great need in our community. People who have benefited from affordable housing in Ann Arbor have waited sometimes years before being called. I have a case load of over 60 client's and about half of them do not have their own permanent housing due to not being able to afford housing options currently available and I am only one of many case managers who work with WCCMH. This is a great need and I hope it is strongly being considered.



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