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Subject: Support for High Density Rezoning on State St

Hi Alexis,

I'm writing to voice my full-throated support of the rezoning effort of the State and Eisenhower area. For reasons of economic development, pedestrian and cyclist safety, carbon emissions reductions, and so much more, this is the right thing to do for the city and its residents.

I hope to see buildings required to build right up to the sidewalk and put parking behind or below. I hope to see protected bike lanes, fewer lanes of car traffic, better pedestrian crossing options, incentives for affordable housing, walkable first-floor retail and restaurants (with rents that are affordable for local, small business owners - we really don't need more national chains in that area), protected / accessible bus stops, and more.

I particularly hope the City considers how pedestrians and cyclists will get across I-94 safely as well - there is no safe way to do so now, and increasing density in this area should include that as a priority so that the residents, visitors, and businesses on each side of the highway can safely access all the amenities in the area.

I also hope there is a plan for density on the Briarwood mall lot itself. Malls are dying, and the amount of parking lot in that area is absurd. I know that mall is hanging on by a thread still, but we should definitely be planning for what will happen when it goes.

I'm encouraged to see City Council moving this forward (finally).

Keep up the good work!

Andrea