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Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 4:42 PM

To: Rampson, Wendy

Subject: N. Maple Estates

Dear Wendy,

I am the pastor of Northside Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, and I live at 2650 Pamela Ave., near the proposed N. Maple Estates. I am writing to encourage you to support this new affordable housing effort. I love my neighborhood because of its unique diversity- diversity that is not easy to find in Ann Arbor. My three year old son is in contact with children that are economically and racially diverse, and this is one of the most important ways that I want him to experience the world. When I see the children walking to Abbot Elementary, I am so proud of my neighborhood school because of its diversity. This is where I plan to send my child. I grew up in Tucson, Arizona, a city rich in economic and racial diversity. I still consider my early exposure to racial and economic diversity as one of the catalysts that led me to church ministry and my passion for immigration reform. I want the proposed affordable housing to go forward so that our neighborhood can continue to grow in diversity, and be a place where people of varying backgrounds can feel safe and comfortable. Please support this.

Thanks and peace,

Rev. Brooke Pickrell