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Subject: Re March 20th planning commission

Dear Commissioners,

I took what little I had in life savings as a single Mom and moved back to Ann Arbor with my preteen son 2 years ago.

Ann Arbor had become my home when I was a student here and worked at University of Michigan Medical Centers and married my college sweetheart .

Although he joined the military and our marriage had some tough trials and failed, we both ended up back in Ann Arbor separately because we know what an amazing, inclusive and vibrant community Ann Arbor has always been.

It is with sadness as I watched commissioners discussing alleged crime in apartment dwellings and listening to a young new Mom come with a petition asking they not build this apartment complex for fears and prejudices they had against apartment dwellers who MIGHT increase the crime rate.

Just as in parenting , it depends on the landlord. This type of a stigma in an incredible city with university and grad school students , single parents like myself, elderly residents deciding to retire here, new couples who have perhaps only one or two children is absurd and belongs in the past century not now in Ann Arbor. It reeks of discrimination and those of us who cannot afford a house, have just as much a right to live in. Ann Arbor and have their kids attend the nationally ranked schools as anyone else.

I had to move twice due to landlords and their lack of care and commitment to residents like the Bleznak corporation which bought Woodland Mews claiming to have deep roots here and then selling within a year for millions. They allowed apartments to disintegrate and ignored any accommodations for the disabled .

I now live CLOSER to a major highway (another argument presented) I-94 at a McKinley property and the care is night and day. We have a quiet friendly community at Meadowbrook Village 1-2 bedrooms and amazing landlords who care and cater to their residents . The noise of the highway is disappointing with the apt we chose but for the caliber of residents and safety and quality of life we have here, it Is tolerable. The wait lists are 2-6 months long here and understandably so.

As far as crime, ZERO. McKinley also property situated right into the neighborhood behind us and everyone respects one another.

I hope you understand how insulting and inconsiderate it was to even consider this appeal for the reason of FUTURE POTENTIAL crime. I applaud all of you who also felt concerned with this and spoke up against discriminating towards future apt dwellers whose background you know nothing of.

I am now disabled from a car accident and I can assure you they have accommodated my disability needs and the next time you choose to take concerns the petitioner "would guess at" , please reconsider.

Thanks for your time.

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