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Comprehensive Plan Feedback - Pause the Plan

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I am opposed to adoption of the Comprehensive City Plan. First, I believe the city should conduct a new survey. Only residents should be consulted. A questionnaire added to the tax bill would reach citizens of the city. The survey was not conducted according to professional standards and the results are invalid.

Second, any comprehensive plan must address infrastructure as well as housing. There is no mention of fixing deteriorated roads, adding water and waste, or allowing for more vehicle, bicycle and foot traffic. At this time, it takes about 45 minutes to drive from downtown to US 12 in the late afternoon on Washtenaw Avenue. At what point will this be a safety risk because emergency vehicles cannot get through. We need to fix our roads and sidewalks, stop the Gelman plume and make developers provide low-income housing rather than put money in a fund, for a start.

Finally, neighborhoods are the lifeblood of any city. It is where residents (taxpayers) have a connection and a commitment to their neighbors, parks, schools and local businesses. The proposed plan will allow outside developers to build more student housing, pushing out those who support their town in order to benefit a transient population. Density can be achieved by working with the University, downtown employers and residents to identify what people want for this city.

Fix the roads before anything else.

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