

**Subject:** Comments on the Comprehensive Plan

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Hello Planning Commissioners,

I'm writing to share a couple of comments about the comprehensive plan revision. The two main points I want to convey are that I'm highly in favor of increasing density within the city, and that in my view, the revised comprehensive plan must incorporate goals with respect to decarbonizing our buildings.

I'm excited by the proposed changes to the comprehensive plan. My husband and I have owned our home in Lower Burns Park since 1995, and I also grew up in Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor has been changing and growing the whole time I've lived here. There are many things I love about my neighborhood. I appreciate the diversity -- young, old, students, parents, working folks, retirees, renters, homeowners and businesses. I love that we have easy access to downtown, public transportation and so many options for shopping, eating and other needs right within our neighborhood! I want other people to be able to live in this type of neighborhood. I hope that our new comprehensive plan expands the ability of small businesses and shops to exist in residential neighborhoods so that other areas might someday benefit from the ability to shop, work & play right in the neighborhood as we do. I also support allowing multi unit dwellings and small businesses within all residential neighborhoods. The main reason I support these changes is because they address both our climate crisis and our housing crisis.

The other issue I want to raise is the need to include reference to the carbon footprint of our buildings in the comprehensive plan. According to our city's greenhouse gas inventory, close to 70% of the city's greenhouse gas emissions comes from our buildings, and the largest fraction of these is from heating (both space and water) and cooling. If we are to achieve our goals of citywide net zero emissions, reducing emissions from our buildings is vital. I believe it's important for the plan to set goals for building efficiency, electrification and renewable energy sources.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Ginny Rogers