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Ann Arbor CLT Homeowner

From: Sophie Jaworski**Sent:** Saturday, May 3, 2025 1:51 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>**Subject:** Ann Arbor CLT Homeowner

Dear Ann Arbor City Planning Commission,

My name is Sophie Jaworski. I am a former Ann Arbor resident who has been priced out of living in the city that I grew up in. I am an early childhood educator, working at Gretchen's House as a teacher full-time. With my \$39,000 annual salary, I am one of many workers who contribute to Ann Arbor's community, yet am unable to live in the city that I help to serve.

On my twice-daily 55 minute commute from Howell, where I now live, I was introduced to the Ann Arbor Community Land Trust through a sign posted on the plot at 1535 S. Maple Road. After many applications, meetings and mortgage qualifications, I am now one of the 24 proud, inaugural buyers from the A2 CLTs 2025 lottery. With your help, my husband, Noah, and I will own our first home at 1535 S. Maple Road, 1.1 miles away from my job at Gretchen's House. Owning this home will change our lives! The daily commute will all but disappear, saving over \$350 each month in gas for our two vehicles, we will live closer to my family in the Burns Park neighborhood, and my husband and I will feel confident in starting a family in a community that we love.

The Ann Arbor Community Land Trust has provided my husband and I with a life-changing opportunity, one that the community of Ann Arbor is in desperate need of. Workers like myself are essential to the functioning of this city, yet we are not making enough money to thrive in the community that we spend so much of our time in. A2 CLT offers affordability, accessibility and community, all of which will only add to the vibrancy of Ann Arbor as a whole. Providing opportunities for critical workers like myself to put down roots in this city is one of A2 CLTs biggest goals. I need your help to make this happen, to expedite the zoning approval for my house, and for others like me waiting for their house.

Hoping to see how we can work together to change the future of housing in Ann Arbor,

Sophie Jaworski