

**From:** [Karl Rosaen](#)  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Let's build  
**Date:** Sunday, August 17, 2025 10:19:12 AM

---

Hello Commissioners,

Please do not create a new Residential subcategory with a 3-unit maximum. Instead, keep the Residential category undivided without unit limits. We need the flexibility to allow growth where it is needed most.

I moved back home to Ann Arbor in 2009 and was able to find a home to raise a family in a great neighborhood close to Eberwhite and walkable to downtown. If I were the same age moving back home today, I *\*might\** have that option being a tech worker, but many of my neighbors with similar aged kids probably would not.

I can't say the possibility of more apartment buildings nearby doesn't give me some trepidation, but ultimately I believe we all need to move forward to catch up on the severe lack of housing in Ann Arbor. It's a shame that so many people who work in Ann Arbor don't feel they can live here. If we don't build, we will continue the path towards a cloistered community of the very well off and those fortunate to have moved here decades ago.

I also think that the drawbacks, such as less street parking, will be outweighed by the benefits, like having more families and kids around, and making it affordable to those who have not necessarily optimized their careers towards maximal earnings but make outsized contributions to the vibrancy of our city - artists, teachers, food service workers, small business owners, and more.

Again, keep the Residential category undivided without unit limits.

Karl Rosaen  
Ward 5