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Hello,

Recently I've been trying my best to keep up with the latest on the comprehensive plan, discussing it as much as possible with friends and locals. I'm a lifelong Ann Arbor resident born and raised here, but as you probably already know the threat of getting priced out looms over my head and many others almost every day and especially close to when the lease renews.

I understand the plan is set to be finalized this month and some key edits would probably be beneficial to helping with the city's current housing issues. So I'm reaching out to support and encourage a few things set to be discussed today I believe.

First off- I support getting rid of flex zones/districts. I understand there's some consensus on this with the commission already but I figure another local voice might help push it further into the final. areas like south industrial would benefit a lot I think with more flexibility in building housing.

secondly- allowing more highrises downtown and allowing them in transition districts.

Unnecessarily stunting the city as it grows in workforce/students but not residents over the years seems to have only gotten us into this situation. I'm with many others in the notion that increasing supply drastically, rent and housing prices will eventually have to stabilize or reduce, and invite people to stay longer.

I'm hopeful this plan will put Ann Arbor in a good direction towards a healthy and diverse population that can stay for generations if they choose to.

Thank you for reading and the hard work you've put into planning so far!

all the best,
Matthew Oishi

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