

Subject: Rezoning the city of Ann Arbor

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Good afternoon planning commissioners and Ann Arbor City Council,

As a resident of this city for over 60 years and homeowner for 53 years I've watched the increase of high rises with alarm with reference to their negative visual impact because of height, lack of setbacks and are most often just too big for the surrounding area. Then there is the issue of traffic congestion/parking, infrastructure and air quality not to mention that most new developments are not affordable to middle income workers assuming they even want to live in a highrise. We need to preserve single family housing and the character of neighborhoods which can be/should be inclusive. If not preserved, what are now single family neighborhoods will lead to a lower level of a sense of community and safety.

Many months ago Erica Briggs suggested a slow approach to change which seems sensible to see what works. I agree.

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