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To: DiLeo, Alexis
Cc: Hall, Jennifer
Subject: Tonight's PC Agenda: AAHC Platt Rd Property Proposal

Hi Alexis,

I hope you can forward my email on to Planning Commission members in advance of tonight's meeting. I am sorry I will not be able to make the meeting in-person due to other commitments.

I am the Executive Director of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, a coalition of over 30 non-profit and government entities that work to prevent and end homelessness in Washtenaw County. I am also an Ann Arbor city resident in Ward 3, have a Master's degree in Urban Planning and Policy, and I serve on Ann Arbor's Housing and Human Services Advisory Board. I am urging Planning Commission members to approve the Ann Arbor Housing Commission's Platt Rd Property proposal to re-zone their property, located at 3451 Platt Road – just south of Packard Road, for the following reasons:

- We need more affordable housing units in our community and this redesign and construction of the Platt Rd. site will **add 28 units** of affordable housing to the city of Ann Arbor. Yes, we need affordable housing in every neighborhood in the city but this is an existing AAHC property that can be reimagined and redeveloped right now – we need to take action to help AAHC do just that.
- The affordable housing that will be built will provide a range of unit sizes so that if family compositions change over time, they could be accommodated to move to another unit on the site instead of having to move to a different location altogether.
- The units will be very attractive, energy efficient, and use green construction technologies. The proposal also moves all units out of the flood way, which I see as a benefit to residents, AAHC, and the larger community.
- There will be a community center on the site, something that will foster a sense of community for the residents and offer opportunities for service providers to be on-site to meet residents near their homes.

There are many other reasons Planning Commission members should vote in favor of this proposal. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about why the Washtenaw Housing Alliance – and I – are in support of this proposal. I really appreciate your time!

Thank you,
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