

Subject: No to changing R1 and R2 zoning

From: Lynda Asher
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 2:57 PM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
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Good afternoon,

My name is Lynda Asher. I am a fifty year resident of Ann Arbor. I went to school here, got married, had a career, raised children, retired and now am an active senior citizen, all in the same neighborhood. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed low rise residential plan that would apply to much of the areas in town currently zoned as R1 and R2.

While I understand the motivation to provide more housing in our community, I strongly disagree with the concept of removing R1 and R2 zoning from historic Ann Arbor neighborhoods. These neighborhoods, particularly those that abut the downtown and University, are what give Ann Arbor much of the charm, neighborhood feel and beauty that make Ann Arbor great and attractive to current and prospective Ann Arbor residents. This change of zoning will enable developers to purchase, demolish and replace beautiful vintage housing, with 3 or 4 story poorly designed and built apartments and condos; negatively impacting the neighborhoods.

If the planning commission is going to allow additional development through zoning changes, please consider a more targeted plan (along main corridors where such buildings already exist) and not a broad change to remove single family zoning from entire historic neighborhoods.

While very few people seem aware of this proposal, every person in these historic neighborhoods with whom I have spoken strongly opposes your plan. Please do not approve removing R1 and R2 zoning from the old neighborhoods that are walking distance to the University and Downtown.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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