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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; City Council <CityCouncil@a2gov.org>

Subject: SouthTown Endorsement

To whom it may concern:

In November 2022, the citizens of Ann Arbor made a clear statement in their overwhelming support of the 2022 Community Climate Action Millage. With that initiative in mind, we were excited to hear about the Southtown development project proposed by Prentice 4M and the opportunities it presents to our city in housing, technology, and sustainability. However, we read an article in mLive stating that the city's approval of the project had been postponed due to zoning and sustainability concerns.

The idea that an all-electric, solar-powered, mass-timber development would be postponed or, potentially, rejected in the city of Ann Arbor is what is truly concerning.

The Southtown project meets and exceeds our sustainability aspirations not only in housing, building materials, and technological advancement, but also in reducing our carbon footprint in transit solutions. The higher density population in close proximity to campus and several bus lines creates housing accessible to alternative, public mobility options that reduce our miles traveled, reduce the cost burden of owning a car, and improve the demand on our bus system to further increase the frequency and quality of the routes.

Our community has a long history of caring about sustainability and environmental issues, and we feel the Southtown project aligns with the city's goals to achieve community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030. We ask the planning commission and city council to approve the Southtown project at the city council meeting on June 5, 2023, so that progress may continue.

Sincerely,
Emily Burns