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Support for Comprehensive Land Use Plan

From: Michelle Janowiecki**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 1:43 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>**Subject:** Support for Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Hi planning people,

I just wanted to send a message emphasizing my support for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, especially increased density for new housing around the city.

My husband and I have lived in Ann Arbor for three years in the southeast area near Washtenaw and 23. We bought our house in 2022, on the edge of affordability for us at just over 300k, and we know we are extremely lucky in this. We want more neighbors to be able to buy or rent affordably in Ann Arbor and would love to live in a denser, more walkable community.

We moved back to Michigan after spending 8 years on the east coast in Boston (3 years) and Baltimore (5 years) and we loved both of those cities for their walkability and community. Especially in Baltimore, where rowhomes are the norm, we knew everyone on our block within a year of moving in-- as it's almost impossible not to meet people who have a home directly adjacent to your own.

While I know that part of Ann Arbor's charm is in its smaller population, I think the city will still benefit tremendously in community and friendships that are encouraged in denser housing situations like rowhomes, townhomes, and small apartment complexes. I also believe the additional housing opportunities will help affordability and equality in the city.

Thank you!

Michelle Janowiecki