

Subject: Please keep working for a more inclusive, accessible, and joyful future Ann Arbor

From: Sarah B

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 11:35 AM

To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>

Subject: Please keep working for a more inclusive, accessible, and joyful future Ann Arbor

Dear Dear Ann Arbor City Planning Commission and City Staff,

I hope this email finds you well. I have had the privilege of sharing my comments with you in person and via email in the past months. I have mentioned in my previous comments that through the CLUP's development, I have learned so much about housing policies, urban planning, and the civic process.

While I will be out of town for a conference on Wednesday, 2/18, I wanted to write once again to [1] encourage Planning Commissioners to approve the latest draft of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and [2] to be unhesitating in your work around zoning reform.

We know that Ann Arbor's history of exclusionary housing policy is ubiquitous and grounded in racism. While this is not unique to Ann Arbor, we can be unique in unequivocally rejecting the toxic intergenerational inheritance of exclusionary zoning and working hand-in-hand to design and build an Ann Arbor that is inclusive, just, community-oriented, abundant, and joyful.

We need your help to make this happen by helping to spearhead zoning reform without delay. We can choose to be a leader and innovator in inclusive housing policy. This is not just for Ann Arbor, but for many places and, most importantly, for the thousands of people who are housing insecure (as I have been in the past) and/or underhoused in our community. We can choose to strengthen our social fabric and connections with our neighbors. We can choose to make our community all the stronger for it.

Thank you you once more for your time and dedication to these critical issues.

Best,
Sarah

Sarah S. Bassiouni, MPH, PBT(ASCP)
[Ph.D. Candidate in Epidemiologic Science](#)
[Rackham Merit Fellow](#)
University of Michigan School of Public Health

Pronouns: [she/any](#). In the spirit of solidarity, I acknowledge and honor the [Meškwaḥki-aša-hina, Peoria, Anishinabewaki ḫo-ṣa-ñi-p](#), and [Bodwéwadmi \(Potawatomi\)](#) and all of the original Indigenous Peoples of the land upon which the University of Michigan stands and was [coercively ceded \(Whose land are you on?\)](#)