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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
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Dear Commissioners,

I am an Ann Arbor homeowner, parent, and AAPS employee, and I am writing to urge you not to create a new Residential subcategory with a 3-unit maximum in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Ann Arbor is in a housing crisis, and I believe we should keep the Residential category undivided without unit limits.

One reason I support more density in our neighborhoods is because I believe greater density can help us meet our climate goals. A multi-unit building is almost always more energy efficient than a single house on a single lot, and hopefully we can also lessen our transportation pollution when more people who work in Ann Arbor can afford to live here.

Another reason I support multi-unit dwellings is to increase the economic diversity of our neighborhoods and therefore our schools.

I am also worried that the current enrollment of some AAPS schools is lopsided-- we are seeing fewer kindergarteners enroll. If this trend continues, it will force yet more difficult budget cuts and negatively impact the education of all children currently enrolled in the district. We simply must build more housing that is affordable for the missing middle and young working families, not just big houses on big lots on the edges of town.

Please do not add any more unneeded delays to addressing our housing crisis in Ann Arbor. I live in a residential neighborhood and I support small multi-unit dwellings.

Thank you,
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