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Subject: Support for Allowing Higher-Density Housing Options

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my support for easing restrictions on housing unit density, particularly to allow historically legal developments such as quadplexes, cottage courts, and pocket neighborhoods. Several members of our family and close friends would like to be neighbors in this way, but current zoning makes this impossible.

We are working professionals raising children while also caring for aging relatives, and the rising cost of housing has us feeling stretched thin - due to large mortgages, as well as the time it takes to maintain multiple households and commute back and forth between them.

Smaller, adjacent units would allow us to build community, care for each others' dependents, reduce our expenses, and achieve retirement incomes, without having to leave the city that we love.

Our elder family members want to downsize and live near their grandchildren, but there are few options for doing this in Ann Arbor.

We've heard concerns that denser housing would worsen traffic, but we prioritize biking and public transit where possible. The ability to safely get around without cars will improve with denser development, as cars will be less necessary due to shorter trips.

We believe zoning should reflect the needs of residents and the realities of the housing market. There is clear demand for modest, multi-unit housing—demand that is not being met under current restrictions. By allowing greater density, the city can provide more diverse, affordable options while supporting strong, connected neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan McGavock, Ward 5