

Subject: Support for 3-year rezoning approach

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Ann Arbor City Planning Commission,

Hi,

I live in Ward 1 near downtown, in one of our neighborhoods supposedly zoned for low-density multifamily that enables very little new housing because the current zoning is so much more restrictive than the historic context in which these neighborhoods were built. People love neighborhoods like mine, with mixes of housing typologies and uses so much so we've locked the built environment of the nearby Old Fourth Ward in time. We should make this kind of fine grained neighborhood legal everywhere and allow neighborhoods like mine to continue to grow and adapt to our changing city needs.

I am writing to ask you to adopt an implementation plan like the one proposed by Commissioner Adams. I like that the Adams approach prioritizes districts that could offer a lot of housing relatively quickly. I also like that this approach would allow us to complete zoning changes within the three year timeframe written in the Implementation Matrix.

The Comprehensive Plan already identifies areas that are "appropriate for rezoning" on its Future Land Use Map, and it calls for new zoning districts to implement this map. Now it's time to move forward and create the districts. Reopening questions already settled by the Comprehensive Plan, like which areas should be rezoned, could lead to years of unnecessary delay.

When our daughter finishes high school and moves out of our home in (hopefully) 6 years, my wife and I will want to downsize into a lower maintenance home that is also accessible so we can age in place gracefully. Currently, there are few options available despite the relatively high value of our home thanks to our housing shortage, and taxes alone make

many options unviable. Allowing more and more types of homes of all kinds will give us more options in the future.

Thank you for serving our city.

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